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Clay Balls

A man was exploring caves by the seashore. In one of the caves he found a canvas bag with a bunch of hardened clay balls. It was like someone had rolled clay balls and left them out in the sun to bake.

They didn't look like much, but they intrigued the man, so he took the bag out of the cave with him. As he strolled along the beach, he would throw the clay balls one at a time out into the ocean as far as he could.

He thought little about it, until he dropped one of the clay balls and it cracked open on a rock. Inside was a beautiful, precious stone!

Excited, the man started breaking open the remaining clay balls. Each contained a similar treasure. He found thousands of dollars worth of jewels in the 20 or so clay balls he had left.

Then it struck him. He had been on the beach a long time. He had thrown maybe 50 or 60 of the clay balls, with their hidden treasure, into the ocean waves. Instead of thousands of dollars in treasure, he could have taken home tens of thousands, but he had just thrown it away!

It's like that with people. We look at someone, maybe even ourselves, and we see the external clay vessel. It doesn't look like much from the outside. It isn't always beautiful or sparkling, so we discount it.

We see that person as less important than someone more beautiful or stylish or well known or wealthy. But we have not taken the time to find the treasure hidden inside that person.

There is a treasure in each and every one of us. If we take the time to get to know that person, and if we ask God to show us that person the way He sees them, then the clay begins to peel away and the brilliant gem begins to shine forth.

May we not come to the end of our lives and find out that we have thrown away a fortune in friendships because the gems were hidden in bits of clay.

May we see the people in our world as God sees them.

“Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.” Philippians 2:3

“If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself,’ you do well; but if you show partiality, you commit sin...” James 2:8,9

~the above was member submitted ~

WELCOME VISITORS:

We are so glad you decided to be here today! It is always such a blessing to be able to meet you and be encouraged by your presence. Thank you for coming our way.

FOR THE CHILDREN:

Children's Worship Bulletins are available at the back for ages 3-6 and ages 7-12.

Attended Nursery for infants through age two. Parents may leave their children in the nursery before the worship service begins.

A Training Room for parents to use anytime during the worship service is also provided across the hall from the attended nursery.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE:

Hearing aid devices are available and may be received from the attendant in the sound room at the rear of the auditorium.

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

HEAR (Luke 11: 28)

But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

BELIEVE (Mark 16: 16)

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."

REPENT (Acts 2: 38)

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit"

CONFESS (Matthew 10: 32)

"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven."

BE BAPTIZED (Acts 22: 16)

"And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

Members/Visitors Card



Please fill out the appropriate side on Sunday morning. On one side, it has the member attendance information and on the reverse side, it has the visitor's information. This allows us to have a record of your attendance.



Dedicated Funds Envelopes



On the backs of the pews, you will find envelopes marked Dedicated Funds. When donating to the building fund, special mission efforts, special medical missions, or other specially dedicated funds, please check the appropriate box on the envelope.

Timothy Class

The Timothy Class will be speaking during this Evening Worship Service. Please make plans to attend and to encourage them. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the hall, if you would like to host the Timothy Class.



Area Wide News



Flyers, flyers and more flyers keep coming in the mail for upcoming area events. These flyers are posted on the bulletin board across from the offices under "Area Wide News." We encourage you to stop by and see what events are going on in the area.

Pantry

We are in need of the following items for the pantry. We have had a few emergency requests the past few weeks.



Tomato Soup	Carrots
Vienna Sausages	Pork n Beans
Chicken Noodle Soup	Canned Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables	Canned Meats
Toilet tissue	Shampoo
Conditioner	Femine Products
Peanut Butter	Peas
Flour	Sugar
Whole Canned Tomatoes	Crackers

Christian One Liners

Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pews.

Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisors.

It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.

When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.

People are funny; they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church.

Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on your front door forever.

Quit griping about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.

If the church wants a better preacher, they only need to pray for and work with the one they have.

God Himself does not propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should you?

Some minds are like concrete: thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.

Peace starts with a smile

I don't know why some people change churches; what difference does it make which one you stay home from?!

A lot of church members who are singing "Standing on the Promises" are just sitting on the premises.

We were called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges.

Be ye fishers of men. You catch them - He'll clean them.

Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.

We don't change the message, the message changes us.

Don't put a question mark where God put a period.

~the above was member submitted~

Our Record: March 12th, 2006

Bible Study	132
Sunday AM Worship	214
Sunday PM Worship	n/a
Contribution	\$3754
Wednesday Bible Study	n/a
Building Fund	\$135
Ukraine Building Fund	\$110
F.H. Gates	\$0
Special Mission Efforts	\$0
World Bible Translation	\$25
Domestic Violence Shelter	\$88

Upcoming Birthdays



Marilyn Sweeton	3/20
Joanne Wooter	3/22
Bill Weaver	3/24
Forest Ritenour	3/25
Marvin McElwain	3/25
Tracey Stalter	3/26
Paul Talbert	3/26
Frank Parker	3/27
Rachel Capps	3/30
Shannon Gibbs	3/30
Don Yost	3/31
Richard Haddad	3/31

Anniversary

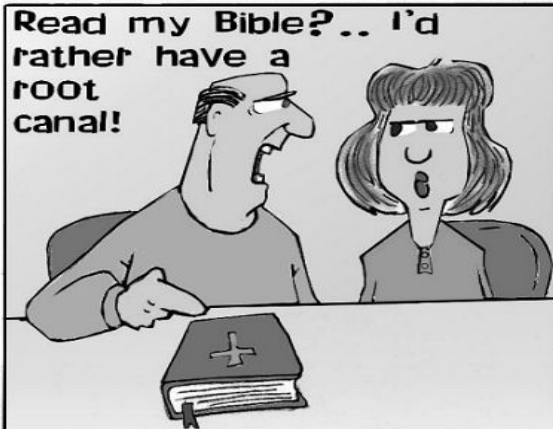
Dave & Sandy Marcum 03/20/1971

New Address

Karin Heath
2780 Duffer Road
Sebring, FL 33872

lakaheath@earthlink.net

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



The Word of God is a roadmap to a happy life. Reading it should NOT be treated as a BURDEN. Ps 119:9, 11, 16, 105 Jo 1:1, 8:11, 31, 51

Prayer List

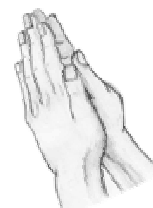
- ❖ **Dwain Chambers** is awaiting authorization for another back surgery to trace the 10T nerve.
- ❖ **Sandra Powell** will have an Upper Gastrointestinal Endoscopy test on April 4th. This will help determine why she has difficulty with swallowing.
- ❖ **Laura Ware** is being checked for Glaucoma.
- ❖ **Frank Henry** continued health concerns.
- ❖ **Al Overfield** is at home and doing well.
- ❖ Several members have been under the weather with allergies and illness.
- ❖ **David "Butch" Parson** is in the hospital in Anderson, Indiana with double pneumonia.
- ❖ **Ronald "Doc" Horton** underwent testing on his eyes.
- ❖ **Kristal Burgess** is doing better after foot surgery.
- ❖ **Edison Green** is recovering from a minor surgery.

EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- ❖ **Olive Anderson**, aunt of Wayne Anderson, is recovering from heart bypass.
- ❖ **Lorraine Nix**, Billy Nix's mother, is in the hospital in Murray, Kentucky.
- ❖ Son of Glen and Joanne Wooters is recovering from cancer surgery.
- ❖ **Buel Piety**, health concerns.
- ❖ **Gary Taylor**, son of Kathryn Taylor and brother of Betty Abrams, is at home recovering from surgery.
- ❖ **Mae Dorst**, 96 year-old-mother of Patty Massey, continued health concerns.
- ❖ **Jim Casey**, friend of the Barber's, continued recovery from heart transplant.
- ❖ **Debbie Vigar**, Marjorie Vandivor's sister is currently taking chemotherapy.
- ❖ **Katherine Farmer** continued health problems.
- ❖ **Dorothy McCracken**, health concerns with cancer in both lungs.

MISSION EFFORTS

- ❖ **Anil Tejpaal and family and Javeed Ally** in Guyana. (Concern from criminal activity preceding this year's elections.)
- ❖ **Vovo Shoot and family and Dema Galook and family** in Chernovtsy.
- ❖ **F.H. & Becky Gates** in Brazil.



SCHEDULED TO SERVE		REMINDER:																
THIS SUNDAY	NEXT SUNDAY	<p>If for some reason you find that you cannot serve as scheduled in the monthly assignment schedule, please call Chris Fowler as soon as possible so that a substitute can be selected.</p> <p>Those serving are asked to be here at least 10 minutes before the service starts.</p> <p>Those who participate Sunday morning are asked to wear appropriate dress attire, preferably, though not required, a dress shirt and tie. At other services casual sport shirt and slacks are acceptable; no T-shirts or shorts should be worn while serving the congregation.</p> <p>Thank you for your cooperation.</p>																
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