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FROM KEN TO YOU...

It was truly good news to hear the announcement that the mortgage on our property here has been completely paid off. This accomplishment represents sacrifice on the part of some, and glad participation by most all of you. I want to commend this church for reaching this milestone. We now need to look ahead toward other challenges and be ready always to respond with eager hearts when opportunities to do a good work are presented.

When a family pays off the mortgage on their dwelling, they ordinarily need to do some sprucing up—it may be a paint job, new carpet or appliances. It may be that this church will need to do some similar work; but with such willing and generous people, this will be a “piece of cake,” don’t you agree? This church has such an attractive, serviceable and inviting piece of property and I know we are all thankful for God’s rich Providence that has made all this possible.

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A very old man lay critically ill in his bed; death was expected in just a day or so. (He and his wife had been married for years, but their relationship lacked a little something). He suddenly smells the aroma of his favorite—chocolate chip cookies! He gathers his little remaining strength and lifts himself from his bed. Leaning against the wall, he slowly makes his way out of his bedroom toward the kitchen. With labored breath, he leans against the doorframe, gazing at the table. Were it not for death’s agony, he would have thought himself already in Heaven. For there, spread out upon newspapers, were literally hundreds of his favorite cookies. Was it Heaven? Or was it one final act of heroic love from his devoted wife, seeing to it that he left this world a happy man? Mustering one great final effort, he throws himself toward the table. His aged and withered hand, shaking, makes its way to a cookie at the edge, when suddenly he is smacked on the hand by a spatula. “Stay out of those,” his wife said, “they’re for the funeral!”

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We have just one more Sunday with you before we head northward toward our home in Mississippi. Our plan now is to leave here on Monday, April 2. Thank you for loving us, for being so good to us during our 2-months stay.
-ken joins

We would like all of our Guests to join our members in filling out an attendance card so that we might have a record of your visit.

There are two things that we would like to explain to you about our worship service. Our singing is *acappella* or *without accompaniment*. Although instruments of music were used by the Jews in the Old Testament, they are conspicuously absent in the church of the New Testament. We are told to, “Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord.” (Ephesians 5:19)

We partake of the *Lord’s supper* or *Communion* every Sunday as the early church did (Acts 21:7). The partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine is a weekly memorial that reminds us of what our Savior did for us. (I Cor. 11:23-26)

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.”

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.



Prayer List

- ❖ **Carmie Green** requests prayers for her continued health problems.
- ❖ **Ben Shepard** is having 2 weeks of therapy on his neck and then will then be re-evaluated to see if surgery will be necessary.
- ❖ **Dale Spung** is at home and doing well. He is no longer on antibiotics but his immune system is low.
- ❖ **Dwain Chambers** is waiting for approval for more surgery.
- ❖ **Marvin McElwain** is in back at Royal Care Nursing Home in Avon Park and welcomes visits and phone calls. His cell # is 644-9129. Please call after 9pm and anytime on weekends.
- ❖ **Don Ware Sr.** will probably have to have a stint replaced soon.
- ❖ **Harlen Drew** had a stroke and is in the VA hospital.
- ❖ **Helen Piety, Don and Elizabeth Ware** our shut-ins.

EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

- ❖ **Lane White**, a neighbor of Betty Abrams has terminal cancer.
- ❖ **Major Key**, grandnephew of Gwin Barnum has regained some of his eye sight. He is 2 years old.
- ❖ **Glenda Friend**, sister of Carol Johnson, is at home.
- ❖ **Cindy LaForte**, sister of Mary Welsh, **Rita Bridges**, sister of Linda Bridges, **Bob Loush**, friend of Bob Marie, **Becky Gates**, and **Jim Lawrence**, a friend of John Roberts, are all undergoing treatment for cancer.
- ❖ **Andrea Barret**, sister of Helen Underwood and her husband, **Euwing**, both have health problems. Also her another sister, **Nancy Craddock**, has had a skin cancer removed on her neck.
- ❖ **Raymond Vaneau**, a friend of Evelyn Parnett and Karin Heath, needs prayer for strength to get through some difficult times.
- ❖ **John Stanley**, brother of Mary Jo Miller, is back in rehab after suffering a fall.
- ❖ **Alisa Adkins**, daughter of Carl and Nancy Adkins, is having problems with her neck and does not show much improvement.
- ❖ **Lisa Hartman**, niece of John Roberts, is having a difficult time with a pregnancy.
- ❖ **Rich Vendel**, nephew of Donna Roberts, had a brain tumor removed. Tests will indicate whether it was cancerous at later date.

MISSION EFFORTS

- ❖ **Anil Tejpaal and family** in Guyana.
- ❖ **Vovo Shoot and family and Dema Galook and family** in Chernovtsy.
- ❖ **F. H & Becky Gates** in Brazil

Reminder

Group 3 will hold its monthly prayer meeting for men and women at 5pm on Sunday, March 25th.

Our Record: March 18, 2007

Bible Study	95
Sunday AM Worship	161
Sunday PM Worship	117
Contribution	\$3326
Wednesday Bible Study	99
Building Fund	\$736
Ukraine Building Fund	\$110
F.H. Gates	\$0
Special Mission – Guyana	\$0
World Bible Translation (Ladies Class)	\$0
Clothing Room/Pantry 03/22	49



Marvin McElwain	03/25
Forest Ritenour	03/25
Tracey Stalter	03/26
Paul Talbert	03/26
Frank Parker	03/27
Jeanette Smith	03/27
Shannon Gibbs	03/30
Rachel Capps	03/30
Tori Gurganus	03/30
Don Yost	03/31



Dale and Martha Spung	03/31
Marvin and Patty Massey	04/03

Visitors for March 18, 2007

Charles and Shirley Oatts	Stan and Barb Dvorak
Cam and Charlotte Usher	Jared Keefe
Dale and Joyce Shrull	

Controlling Worry

You can't control the length of your life--but you can control its width and depth.

You can't control the contour of your face—but you can control its expression.

Why worry about things you can't control when you can keep yourself busy controlling the things that depend on you.

Consider these:

- "Doing beats stewing."
- "When you become wrinkled with care and worry, it's time to have your FAITH lifted..."
- "A lot of people who are worrying about the future ought to be preparing for it."
- "True patience means waiting without worrying."
- "A problem not worth praying about is not worth worrying about."
- "If you can't help worrying, remember that worrying can't help you either."
- "Worry can't change the past, but it can ruin the present."



Preaching Schedule

3/25 Ken Joines AM & PM
4/1 Ken Joines AM & PM

Ladies Class Schedule



March 27th the teacher will be Marie Barber.

Clothing Room

On Thursday, 9-11am, the clothing room is open for the community. **On the last Thursday of each month the time will be changed to 4-6pm.** If you have any furniture or household items to donate for use in this ministry, please let Betty Abrams or Harry Johnson know.



Searching For Truth

A new supply of copies of World Video Bible School DVD *Searching for Truth* has come in and copies are available on the tables in the back. The elders encourage everyone to use these DVD's and share them with friends, family, and those in the community.



Communion Sign-up

The sign up sheet for 2007 for communion preparation is on the bulletin board in the foyer. **Your help is needed. There are still some months that still need people to be willing to do this.**



CEO

The CEO will meet on Friday, March 30th at 5:30pm at Paul's Harbor Side Restaurant in Sebring. All are invited to attend.

Building Debt

The balance on the building loan is now at \$0. The elders would like to thank all of you that had a part in making this possible. We will soon be having a mortgage burning party.

Correction

Dale and Martha Spung's address should be 3219 E Pebble Creek Drive in Avon Park.

From the Elders

On March 11th, Doug Yates and his wife Judy were here for Doug to try out for the preacher position. The position was offered to him by the elders. At this time we are waiting to hear from him as to whether he is going to accept this position. Please continue to make this a matter of prayer.

Thank you

Dear Church Family,
We would like to thank you for the prayers, calls, flowers and cards that we received during our uncle Edwin's illness and death. Your acts of love and kindness are deeply appreciated.
In Christian Love,
Olin and Brenda

Fellowship

On Sunday, April 1st we will hold a finger food fellowship following the evening service to say Good-bye to the Joines and have a mortgage burning party. Bring soups, sandwiches, desserts and drinks.

A Contradiction in Terms

Luke 12:16-21

It is an incontestable fact that worldly goods cannot keep the soul alive—not even in abundance. Life is primarily spiritual. It is not a question of what a man has but what a man is. What does one mean when asking, "How much is he worth?" Man is distinct from his possessions. They are one thing, he is another. It is possible to buy books and still be illiterate.

The story suggests that the farmer's biggest problem was where to invest his money. He apparently had not read the "prospectus" of Proverbs 19:17 **"He who is gracious to a poor man lends to the Lord, and He will pay him for his good deeds."**

The farmer had a "worldly-wise attitude." Note that he consulted no one. What he had was not a godsend but a windfall. To what do we object with the man? Not with his production. Ships should be in the water, but not water in the ship. Not with his prosperity. Success is a great test. He showed industry and diligence.

His error was in providing only for the body. Too many give themselves to money, athletics, pleasure, business success but there is no spiritual satisfaction. Bodies die, souls never do. He mistook time for eternity. He could lay up goods for time but not for eternity. Though he had more than adequate resources for time, he had given no thought or preparation for what follows death.

There lies his mistake. How about you?

Charles Jackson

SHEPHERDS

Harry Johnson.....655-3386
(Evangelism/Membership Directory/Membership Fellowship Clothing Room)

Dave Marcum385-8899
(Treasurer/ Administration)

Olin Shinholser382-1060
(Worship Services/ Education)

Paul Talbert.....385-3756
(Building & Grounds/ Benevolence/ Membership Services)

DEACONS

Bill Benton453-6002
(Treasurer/Visitation)

Chris Fowler386-4661
(Youth Director/ Services Director/ Substitute Teacher Assignments/Sound Room)

Roger Gurganus453-3939
(Building & Grounds Maintenance (Outside)/ Transportation/ Communion)

Tracey Stalter471-9736
(Building Maintenance (Inside)/ Membership Directory/ Pews)

BJ Thomas385-7270
(Building Maintenance (Outside)/ Benevolence, Clothing Room)

Don Ware.....382-0194
(Special Mission Efforts/ Timothy Class)

To Make a Rainbow

There is nothing more beautiful than a rainbow, but it takes both rain and sunshine to make a rainbow. If life is to be rounded and many-colored like the rainbow, both joy and sorrow must come to it. Those who have never known anything but prosperity and pleasure become hard and shallow, but those whose prosperity has been mixed with adversity become kind and gracious.



SCHEDULED TO SERVE		ORDER OF SERVICE FOR MORNING WORSHIP																
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