

MT. VERNON

Messenger

Mt. Vernon church of Christ

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A "church" set on a

hill cannot be hid!



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Our Services of Worship

Sunday School 9:30 am

Morning Worship 10:30 am

Sunday Night 6:00 pm

Wed. Bible Study 6:00 pm

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Johnny Gentry

Mark Key

Brad Knight

T. G. Neville

Larry Self

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January 29, 2023

Wrong Prayer

by Steve Higginbotham

One of the advantages of growing up next door to the church building was that I was able to sleep in longer on Sunday mornings than others who had to drive to the building.

One morning, I was running really close, and I was shoveling in my "Quisp" or "Quake" cereal (those were my favorites). When I finished, I ran next door, went down the steps and into the teenage class, and as I walked in the door, the teacher asked me to begin the class with a prayer. So I started praying. In fact, I had just finished a prayer moments earlier, just before I gobbled down my cereal. I guess it was because I had just prayed a prayer for my food, I started the prayer this way, "Dear God, Thank you for this day and the blessings in it, and thank you for this food we are about to partake of..." (then followed a long pause)."

In my rush, I had said the wrong prayer. I had thanked God for the food we were going to eat, but I was sitting in my teenage Bible class. I was stuck. I was embarrassed. I didn't know how to recover from this misstatement. I just cleared my throat and hurriedly ended the prayer.

When I ended the prayer by saying, "Amen," the entire class burst out laughing at me. I was humiliated. But then, out of nowhere, I was rescued by my teacher. He told everyone to be quiet and then said, "I'm surprised that none of you caught on to what Steve just did. In fact, I found it rather insightful. We're about to study the Bible, and that can be compared to a 'feast.'" He reminded the class that we even sing a song that says, "All things are ready, come to the feast." He then thanked me for my insight and perspective, my peers quit laughing, and he began teaching the class.

I must admit, I didn't hear what he was teaching at that moment. I was still trying to figure out what had just happened. I went from "laughing stock" to being "insightful." I wondered to myself if the teacher knew I wasn't really that insightful, but had just made an embarrassing mistake.

Looking back, of course he knew I had made a mistake. But this man decided to protect me. He took my foolish words, and turned them into a spiritual lesson. He lifted me from being an object of ridicule to being a person who was insightful. That act of kindness has remained in my memory all these years, and it challenges me to return the favor to others. We all need to remember that love seeks to protect the weaknesses in others, not expose them. Give it some thought.

"He who covers a transgression seeks love, But he who repeats a matter separates friends." (Proverbs 17:9)

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Good morning! We welcome you to the worship services here at Mt. Vernon. We want you to know you are Jesus' honored guest, and we invite you to come back and worship with us whenever you have the opportunity. Please give us the chance to meet you and visit with you today. We would also request that you fill out a visitor card found in the pew in front of you and drop it in the collection basket so we may have a record of your visit! It is our prayer that we are an encouragement to you because you are an encouragement to us.

Prayer List

- **Lynn Neville** - continued health struggles
- **Linda Darst** - Sister-in-law of Sarah Hampton diagnosed with stage 4 liver cancer
- **Donna Clines** – Barren Co. Rehab Facility Rm. 52
- **Cristal Bliss** - mother of Jim & Janelle Marshall's neighbor, battling cancer.
- **Heather Schuler** – Member at Horse Cave in need of a liver transplant
- **Nicole Jones** – daughter of Sherri Dockery dealing with seizures
- **Vickie Isenberg** – Friend of Virginia Neville battling breast cancer
- **Hal Garland** – Health Issues
- **Colin Knight** – United States Marine stationed in Okinawa, Japan.
- **Larry Hourigan** – Sarah Hampton's Brother-In-Law, liver cancer & dealing with severe pain
- **Rebecca Jones** - friend of Sarah Hampton, breast cancer is doing well
- **Jacob Daniels** – Son of Sherri Dockery
- **Michael Price**, nephew of Sarah Hampton, continues to battle colon cancer
- **Terri Hooper** – Sister of Beth Brown - 6130 39th St., Lubbock, TX 79407 - dealing with another serious infection in a wound.
- **Tracy Tarter** – Daughter-in-law to Linda Madison – Breast cancer

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Pat Vincent will be celebrating her birthday on Tuesday Jan. 31st. Larry Self will be celebrating his birthday on Saturday February 4th.

Mission Donations

Monetary donations for Honduras Missions may be sent to the address on the informational sheet hanging in the back or given to Brad Knight. Please keep Brad in your prayers as he goes to Honduras doing this mission work.

Ladies Bible Study Thoughts

This Bible study has been completed. Ms. Janelle would like to thank all the ladies that participated in the study. Ms. Beth will have info out soon about the next study.

Care Package

Items are being collected to send a care package to Colin Knight. Colin is currently serving in the U.S. Marines and stationed in Okinawa, Japan. Items may be placed in container at the back of the auditorium. If you have any questions, please see Amy Fox.

Scheduled to Serve

Sunday a.m. [01.29.2023]

Greeters – TG & Lynn Neville

1st Script. & Prayer – Jimmy Fox

Announcements – Brad Knight

Song Leader – Larry Self

Scripture Reading– Joseph Neville

Opening Prayer – Brad Knight

Communion Comments – Shannon Hurley

Communion Reading – Johnny Gentry (Matt. 26:26-29)

Communion Prayers – Roy Fox

Serving Communion – Jim Marshall, Jimmy Fox, Jackson Pace, & T.G. Neville

Lesson – Joshua Dorris

Closing Prayer – Mark Key

Sunday p.m.

Song Leader – Larry Self

Communion – Jimmy Fox & Shannon Hurley

Scheduled to Serve

Sunday a.m. [02.05.2023]

Greeters – Shannon & Janie Hurley

1st Script. & Prayer – Eric Hampton

Announcements – Mark Key

Song Leader – Jimmy Fox

Scripture Reading– T.G. Neville

Opening Prayer – Nick Pace

Communion Comments – Jimmy Stephens

Communion Reading – Johnny Gentry (Matt. 26:26-29)

Communion Prayers – Larry Self

Serving Communion – Jackson Pace, Brad Knight, Lee Fox, & Shannon Hurley

Lesson – Nick Pace

Closing Prayer – Joseph Neville

Sunday p.m.

Song Leader – Jimmy Fox

Communion – Mark Key & T.G. Neville