

Galatians 6:10 *“Therefore as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those of the household of faith.”*

July 24, 2011

Remember in your prayers:

- **Laura Andrews** will have her surgery tomorrow in Huntsville. She is facing a very long recovery time. **Marguerite Thompson** is still in need of our prayers. Tim's aunt, **L.V. Wadsworth**, had successful surgery on Thursday and was able to go home yesterday. **Laura Russo** has placed membership at Elliottsville. **Rhonda Knowles** continues to need our prayers.
- **Tacoda Goshee, Bessie Sides, Xabien Hall, Paul Odom, Conard Rice, Lea Cooper,** and **Marvin Dryer's mother,** as they battle cancer.
- **Heather Flowers,** who is away at college. **Robert Langley, Jeremiah Hughes & all of our servicemen** who are defending freedom. **Our nation** and its leaders. **Those that preach and teach the gospel;** especially those who labor under hardships.

BLACK CREEK UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Men's and Ladies Classes:** Monday, August 8th and 9th.

Area Gospel Meetings: We did not receive any notices this week



THE FUTILITY OF LISTENING TO SERMONS

Some years ago a reader complained to the editor of the London Times that listening to sermons and Bible reading, was as exercise of futility. For all the time that was spent in listening to sermons and reading the Bible they remembered little. Someone wrote to the editor with some great remarks. My wife and I have been married over thirty years and she has prepared approximately three meals each day for 365 days each year. Mathematically, that is 30 X 3 X 365 for a total of 32, 850 meals. However, out of those 32,850 meals prepared and eaten over the years, very few of them can I remember. The question was then asked, *"Does that mean that eating those meals was an exercise in futility?"* Could you imagine what would have happened if he hadn't eaten regularly for thirty years? Even though he could not remember each meal did he not receive nourishment from each meal?

Bible reading and sermons are presented for the very purpose of making ourselves approved of God (2 Timothy 2:2, 2:15). God has chosen what man calls foolishness, the means of reaching the lost (1 Cor. 1:19-24). Paul said that faith came from hearing the word of God and that was to be accomplished by the preaching of the gospel (Rom. 10:13-17). So open your mind and heart and allow the gospel to be preached and study diligently the unadulterated truths that will set you free. (John 8:31-32). By **David Lanius**

The Banner of Truth

Black Creek church of Christ
1235 Alliance Rd; Alliance, Alabama
436-4477

“You have given a BANNER to those who fear you, that it may be displayed because of the TRUTH. “ Psalms 60:4

Editor:

Van Cooper

Schedule of Services

Lord's Day
9:30 A.M. Bible Classes
10:25 A.M. Worship

Wednesday
7:00 P.M.

5:00 P.M. Worship

Elders

Philip Jacks 436-3055
Truman Wallace 483-7016
Van Cooper 491-9695

Deacons

Keith Chaney 491-1596
Roger Key 491-3723

Evangelist

Sammy Bynum 368-3511

Who We Are: The Black Creek Church of Christ is simply a group of Christians dedicated to serving God. We believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God and it is to be our sole guide. We are committed to preaching the gospel of Christ, which is man's only hope for eternal life.

We are interested in helping anyone who is searching for the way to God. We welcome the opportunity to privately study the Bible with you. If you would contact us, we would be happy to meet with you. In addition, you are invited to visit one of our public assemblies (information is above). At our public Bible studies, we have classes for adults and children of all ages. If we can help you in knowing more about God and His Word, then please visit, call, or write us.

(Visit us on-line at (WWW.blackcreekchurch.com)

TO HAVE OR TO HOLD?

A successful businessman and his friends were talking and laughing together and enjoying their success. The businessman told of his childhood of poverty. Someone had once given him a big coin. To have a coin was rare for children then, and his little sister begged to hold it. He laughed over the memory of all the chores he could get her to do for him just to get to hold the coin. He told of a day when she minded the cows all day for the privilege of holding the coin, only to have to give it up at the end of the day. All of the men laughed again at the childishness of the sister.

Just then, one man (not laughing), reminded the businessman that all he was doing now in labor and service was the privilege of holding onto a few possessions for a limited amount of time. "The end of the day is coming, and you will HAVE to give them up... just like your little sister did."

The Scriptures state: "Do NOT love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever" (1 John 2:15-17).

Jesus said, "Do NOT lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal" (Matthew 6:19-20).

The Apostle Paul wrote: "For we brought NOTHING into this world, and it is certain we can carry NOTHING out" (1 Timothy 6:7). Friends, we need to be focusing primarily on those things that are eternal. The things of this world are temporal, and we can't take them with us!

Eternal life with God is promised to those who do His will. This life has been made

possible through the sacrificial death of Jesus, God's Son, who paid the price for our redemption (Ephesians 1:7). He will save those who respond to Him in faith (Acts 16:30-31), repentance (2 Corinthians 7:9-10), confession (Romans 10:9-10), and baptism (immersion) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). God will reward those who continue to follow Him all of the days of their lives (Revelation 2:10).

Jesus said, "Where your TREASURE is, there your HEART will be also" (Matthew 6:21). Where is your treasure? Is it in the things you can see and touch which are temporary? Or, is it in those things that are eternal – the things of God?

Look around you! Take an inventory of all of your possessions. Remember, "the end of the day is coming, and you will have to give them ALL up." Don't wait for DEATH to tear these earthly treasures from your heart's grip. LET GO of things that you cannot keep - in order to gain what you can never lose!

Have YOU placed your hope in things eternal? Why not do so

TODAY through your trusting obedience?- By *DAVID A. SARGENT*

QUOTES WORTH PONDERING

"The man who does as he pleases, seldom pleases the Lord."

" Always tell the truth and you do not have to remember what you say"