

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

April 10, 2016

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS---

- **Jimmy Parker, Terry Langley, Eric Heddon, Roger Key, Sue Whitehead, John Ozley, Sara Ozley, Aladean Jacks, Kynethia Kelley, Amanda Kelley, Myra Garrison, Stefani, Kate Miller, Johnny Richardson, Tim Craven, Mickey Aldridge, Beverly Craven, Tuesday Pierce, Faye Wilkinson Goodwin, Sarabeth Upton, Rhonda Knowles.**
- **Sawyer Jones, Jeremiah Hughes, Robert Langley, Ana Reichelderfer & all of our servicemen and women** who are defending freedom. **Our nation** and its leaders. **Those that preach and teach the gospel;** especially those who labor under hardships. **Ben Brownfield, Shannon Brown, and Terry Tatum** (Christians’ at Donaldson) and **Robert Gibson and Walter Aldridge** (released Christians who are struggling).

BLACK CREEK UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Matt Burns** will preach for us at 3:00 PM this evening.
- **Men’s and Ladies Bible class** meets tomorrow night at 6:00 PM.
- **Donaldson Bible Classes** Every Wednesday @ 10:00 & 11:30

Area Gospel Meetings:

Shannon church of Christ.....Tim Ruffin.....Fri.-Sat..7:00 P.M.
North Gardendale church of Christ....Andrew Roberts.....Fri.....7:00 P.M./Sat. @ 6:00 P.M.
Moody church of Christ.....Banning/Marrs.....Mon.....7:00 P.M.



Those Needing our Prayers.....

Kynethia Kelley has successful surgery on Thursday. She came home on Friday and is recuperating there.

Kelly Stanton (Lance’s sister-in-law) had surgery on Tuesday and all reports came back cancer free. She is recovering at home.

Carl Franklin continues to improve at home.

Tammy Andrews who is susceptible to high blood pressure and complications arising from that during her pregnancy.

Jake Talley, Brandon’s friend who was lost an arm in a car accident and is now facing other possible surgeries.

Sara Ozley as she suffers from multiple hernia’s.

Ruth Parsons (Ann’s aunt) remains in UAB, no change in her condition.

Roger Key has changed medicine for pain and hopefully this new medicine will be more effective.

Becky Oglesby, Melanie’s friend, who has breast cancer) as she has weekly chemo treatments

John Ozley in Golden Living; has his test for determination on his foot this Tuesday.

Ronald Wood, Mike’s father, has back to back chemo treatments once a month.

Black Creek Banner of Truth

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

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Schedule of Services

Lord’s Day

9:30 A.M. Bible Classes

10:30 A.M. Worship

Wednesday

7:00 P.M.

4:00 P.M. Worship (3 PM on the second Sunday of every month)

Elders

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

Deacons

Jeff Swindle 475-3043
Matt Carter 491-0414
Roger Key 491-3723
Mike Wood 522-5703
John Powell 641-5181

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)

EXPERIENCE TEACHES... SOMETIMES

Experience is, without doubt, a wonderful and effective teacher. A child learns very quickly, sometime with just one experience, that a hot stove burns. It should not take fifty, one-hundred, three-hundred such experiences to teach a child with normal or even slightly sub-normal intelligence that it is not wise to touch a hot stove or anything that is hot.

As people mature physically they often lose this ability to learn from experience. Oh, some adults can still learn some things from experience, but some of us, even members of the Lord's church, cannot (or will not) learn from our own experiences.

It should not take many times for a mature, intelligent adult to learn how long it takes to drive from his home to the place of meeting to worship God. It should not, but evidently experience is not sufficient to teach some of my brethren to the degree that they can arrive at services in time to be in class when the class begins, or in the auditorium when the first song is sung.

If a person left his home at 9:40 AM on each Lord's day morning for seven weeks and was three to five minutes late six or all seven times he should, being an intelligent, mature adult, realize that if he left home at 9:30 AM he and his could be at Bible study and in Bible class on time.

They would not miss anything, nor would they be a distraction to others.

The real problem may not be one of intelligence or of maturity (of a physical nature), but one of will. They may intend, consciously or sub-consciously, to be late. Problems can arise (broken water pipe, flat tire, etc.) that will cause one to be late occasionally, but being late week after week after week is the habit of one who intends to be late, or quite frankly, is not sufficiently wise to learn from personal experience.

“But seek ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness...” (Matthew 6:33)
(via “The Lincoln Bible Reader”)...
Submitted by Truman Wallace.

I WAS SICK AND YOU VISITED ME NOT

Jesus says that one of the factors of judgment will be whether or not we visited HIM when He was sick. He then proceeds to say this is done when we do or do not visit the least of our fellow Christians (Matthew 25:31-46). If we are truly people of Christ, we are a caring people. Jesus said in another place that others will know whether we are truly His followers by observing the love we have for one another. Do we really care?

When one of your brothers or sisters is sick, do you visit them? Do you call or

write or e-mail them? Do you do anything to show you care for them? It would be such an encouragement to them in more ways than one. Encouraging them in dealing with their ailment, encouraging them in knowing they are not alone, encouraging them in their faith. Brethren, we cannot truly claim to be the Lord's brethren and not care for HIM (others) when He is sick. **By Whit Sasser.**

"BUT HE WAS ANGRY AND WOULD NOT GO IN"

Later in the story we read of an older brother who is angered by all the rejoicing upon his brother's return (Luke 15:28). His reaction is typical of many. We cannot rejoice with the repentance of another because we want them to get their "just desserts" and not to simply be pardoned. This attitude is of the devil.

God is ready to forgive and so should we. He is ready to forget and so should we. He does not hold our forgiven past over our heads and neither should we another. He does not repay us according to our iniquities, so why should we feel that vengeance be meted out to another, though forgiveness has been granted. We rather must learn to rejoice with those that rejoice. **By Whit Sasser**