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“And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you...” (1 John 1:5)

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The Inheritance of the Child of God

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Sunday

Bible Classes..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes..... 7:00 p.m.

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Christians are referred to as the children of God. John says, “Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God” (I John 3:1) Paul, writing to the Romans, says, “The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ” (Romans 8:16, 17).

We are told that as children of God we are heirs. An heir is one who receives the possessions of someone else. The inheritance of the Christian is special because the inheritance comes from God. The idea of inheritance is interesting because, normally, to be called an heir, one must have died to make this possible. This is true in the inheritance of a Christian. First, Christ died so we could enjoy the relationship as a child of God. It is our faith in Christ and His sacrifice for us that causes us to humble ourselves in obedience to the will of God and be baptized into Christ. Paul writes about our baptism in Romans 6, “Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into his death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life” (vs. 3-4). Then, in verse 6 Paul writes, “Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.” In Galatians 2:20, Paul refers to the crucifying of the old man of sin as he had done, as he says, “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.” Obviously, the inheritance we receive as a child of God is the result of a death, but not of someone else, but our own death to sin (Romans 6:2).

As Peter is writing to the children of God scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, he reminds them of this inheritance of God as he says, “an inheritance incorruptible, and

undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you” (1 Peter 1:4). This inheritance is not subject to decay. It is as beautiful now as it will be a thousand years from now. How do I know this? Because Peter said it is “incorruptible” and “fadeth not away.” In verse 3, Peter says the basis of the hope for this inheritance is in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the gospel is preached and we obey the commands of God, we then have a living hope of the inheritance “reserved in heaven.” It was this assurance that Paul had as he neared the end of his life as he wrote to Timothy, “Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them that love his appearing” (2 Timothy 4:8).

Do you have a hope of this inheritance? The only way to have this inheritance is to be a child of God. If you are not a child of God, why are you waiting? The blessings of the inheritance await God’s children.



Our Humble King

David B. Hartsell

Think back to when you first obeyed the gospel of Jesus Christ. Remember how you felt? Love, zeal, courage, commitment, obedience, and prayers all ran together to make you determine to follow Jesus wherever He led (1 Peter 2:20-23). However, time did what it always does, passes quickly. Now you are older. While you still love and serve The Lord, a cooling of your zeal and dulling of desire for His word comforts you now. How can such a saint renew his loving commitment that once completely controlled his life? It all begins with going back to Christ and one’s decision to imitate Jesus’ life as best he can. Jesus perfectly exemplifies many wonderful Godly qualities. One in particular hovers above the rest, humility. Without humility one cannot become a disciple, much less live fervently in faith throughout his life. Let’s develop a better understanding of the humility that pervades the reign of our King Jesus Christ.

Who is Jesus of Nazareth? During His earthly existence many answers were offered: John the Baptist (Matthew 14:1-2), a deceiver (Matthew 27:63), a poor carpenter’s son (Luke 4:22), or one of God’s prophets (Matthew 16:14). Many today acknowledge Him as a great religious teacher, but not a divine being. What did Jesus say about Himself? “He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’ (Jn. 14:9). God’s word verifies this truth. “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation” (Colossians 1:15). Jesus was in the “form” of God but took the “form” of a servant when he came in the likeness of a man (Philippians 2:6-7). The word “form” means the specific natural and the very essence of what it is compared to. Simply, Jesus is God who humbled Himself, not just to be a man, but a servant. At first, Jesus’ closest disciples didn’t understand this truth but later they saw it clearly. The apostle John writes, “but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name” (John 20:31).

Christians must strive to develop Jesus’ humble spirit. “Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself” (Philippians 2:3). When genuine humility dominates our lives human relationships drastically improve. Marriage, families, church leadership, and peace among brethren result from “esteeming others better than ourselves.” One who never looks you in the eye and always seems to give in on every issue is not always humble. They could be insecure and fearful. The best definition of humility is submitting to God’s Will (John 8:29).

Friend, Jesus could go no higher when He was in heaven; He was God! But Jesus, the Son of man, shows how to follow His Father’s will in all things, especially the death of the cross (Philippians 2:8). Each person must humbly bow to God through Jesus Christ because each one will stand before our Judge, Jesus Christ based on our earthly lives (2 Corinthians 5:10-11).

~via *The Northwood Messenger*; Northport, Alabama.

Remember Our Study Periods

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Come and Join Us As We Study Together

The Price of Success

Shane Williams

Just imagine if you were able to do anything you wanted without having to be concerned with costs or consequences. It is what many people deeply wish they had. You could have success without risk or sacrifice; a perfect marriage with little effort; the finest education without exams or expense.

We all realize though that this is not the way life works. To know the joy of success, we must pay the price of commitment and learn from our failures.

Right before Jesus was arrested and put on trial, Peter expressed his devotion to Him by saying, "Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death" (Luke 22:33). What a great utterance of devotion to the Lord! Yet when that noble intention was put to the test, Peter's resolve melted under pressure. He denied three times that he knew Jesus (vss. 56-60 - "I do not know Him."; "I am not one of them."; "I do not know what you are talking about"). Fortunately his failure wasn't final.

He later reaffirmed his love for the Lord (John 21:15-19). On the day of Pentecost, Peter became a bold witness of Jesus and His resurrection (Acts 2:12). Ultimately, Peter dies for the cause of Christ (2 Peter 1:13-15); John 21:18-19).

Our Commitment to Christ will be tested as well. We may falter and need to be restored. Sometimes we will have to pay a price – consequences, rejection or loss. However the only way to know the joy of Christ's approval is to give our lives wholeheartedly to Him. When we do, He will work through us. Just as Peter had many failures, he was still able to be such an asset to Christ and the church. So can we.

Are we willing to pay the price? Are we willing to do what's necessary to be faithful to the Lord, not just when times are good but when they are bad also? We cannot have a relationship with God except through Jesus, so...it is a choice we each have to make (John 14:6). We CAN be successful through Jesus!

~via *The Lilbourn Light*, Lilbourn, Missouri

Remember Our Service This Evening at 5:00.

Radio Program

Every Sunday Morning

on WVNN

770AM – 92.5 FM

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

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News & Notes

THE SICK:

Mary Will Johnston	Betty Pepper
Albert Bowers	Frances Bowers
Hazel Toone	Nancy Abernathy
Earl Davis	Wynell Casteel
David Gardner	Jane Meredith
Mary Ruth Gardner	Yvonne Sherbert
Ewell Smith	Ruth Lawson
Faye Cary	Charles Burns
Matt Poff	Ava Brooke Campbell
Joe & Sarah Collier	Betty Faye Holt
Hailee Walton	Peggy Wolf
Kenneth Pressnell	Angeta Andersen
Brent Lowman	Una King Currier
Barbara Ogles	Gladys Sandlin
Phillip Harwell	Paige Phillips

In The Hospital:

David Rice; Huntsville Hospital, rm. 1641
Eli Williams; St. Jude's Hospital, – Memphis, Tenn.

Limestone Health Facility:

Janet Berryhill, rm. 65 Annie Mae Bragg, rm. 57
Albert Norton, rm. 107 Rosella Pugh, rm. 74
J.D. Clanton, rm. 11E

Limestone Lodge:

Martha Rice

Windsor House- Huntsville:

Rachel Grubbs, rm. 300

Shut-In:

Reba Adams, at home
Lola Colwell, at home
Polly Davis, River City Care, Decatur, rm. 74
Ruby Davis, Valley View Health, Madison, rm. 51-A

MILITARY SERVICE: Remember all those that are serving on foreign soil in the military for our country. Those who are among us or have connections to the Market Street church are:

Andrew Deen; Japan

WORK GROUPS: Work Group two will be meeting tonight after our evening service. If you are in group two, remember to meet with your group.

GOSPEL MEETING: There is a gospel meeting beginning today at the *Westview church* in Athens. The meeting will continue through Wednesday with services at 7:00 p.m., Monday through Wednesday. The speaker in this meeting will be *Phil Robertson*.

OUR SINGING FRIDAY NIGHT: Let us all remember our singing that is scheduled for this Friday, February 24th at 7:00p.m. Remember to tell others about the singing. Remember to come early and greet those that will be visiting with us.

OUT OF TOWN: *The Wilsons:* *Stuart, Molly, Caroline, and Sam* have been on vacation this week in Florida... *Marliyn Bradley* is in Texas... ***The Rogers:*** *Mark, Kim and Peyton* were in Vernon this past week

NURSING HOME SINGING: Remember the singing at the Athens Convalescent on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

THE RECORD: *For the Week of February 12th*

Sunday: Bible Classes..... 126
Morning Worship 161
Evening Worship..... 101

Wednesday:
Bible Classes..... 100



Congregational Singing

Friday, February 24, 2012 — 7:00p.m.

Songleaders:

Jim Deason, Steve Klein & Mark White

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Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, February 19th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Jerry McGlocklin
Song Leader Stuart Wilson
Prayer Dwaine Allfrey
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Tommy Coblentz
Assisting Kenneth Smith
Serving Marion Mitchell ... Russ Wulfekuhl
..... Maurice Dollar Will Chumbley
Closing Prayer Joel Hamm

Evening Worship

Announcements Jerry McGlocklin
Song Leader Hunter Cox
Prayer Marcus Morris
Preaching Jordan Lovell
Lord's Supper Tommy Coblentz
Closing Prayer Nathaniel Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, February 19th:

Usher Delmer Carter
Work Sound System Danny Johnson

Wednesday, February 22nd:

Song Leader Hunter Cox
Bible Reading..... (Isaiah 38:1-8)
..... Nathaniel Adams
Prayer Larry Michell
Invitation David Cox
Closing Prayer Dan Reed

Sunday, February 26th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Tommy Coblentz
Song Leader Joel Hamm
Prayer Marcus Morris
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Marion Michell
Assisting Larry Mitchell
Serving Marion Pepper Landon Adams
..... Keenon Currier Marvin Putman
Closing Prayer Kenneth Smith

Evening Worship

Announcements Tommy Coblentz
Song Leader Stuart Wilson
Prayer Todd Williams
Preaching Song Service
Lord's Supper Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer Benton Ball

Other Assignments for Sunday, February 26th:

Usher Danny Johnson
Work Sound System Marty Adams