

The church of Christ at Luverne

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Assembly Assignments for June, 2009

The Lord's Supper

Larry Wyrosdick / Dale Sanders / Joe Noble / J. W. Furr

Announcements

Steve Sanders

Building Duties

Larry Hoffman

Greeters

Jim Johnson
Joe Noble

Nursing Home Duties

Jace Sanders
John Frost

Lord's Supper Preparation

Freda Wilson

Scripture Reading

Steven Frost

Privileged to Serve on June 28th

Morning Prayer

Steven Frost (opening)
Rodney McCartha (closing)

Evening Prayer

Jim Johnson (opening)
Steve Sanders (closing)

Song Leader

Dale Sanders

A/V Equipment

John Frost

If you are unable to serve, please contact Danny Rolling – 429-0055/335-3030
All announcements need to be written and turned in before each assembly!

The Messenger



Services

Every Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Evening Worship 5:00 PM

Every Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 PM

From

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WHO AM I?

Raymond Elliott

I customarily read the obituaries in the local newspaper and one morning I observed something unusual. A lady who recently died and in mentioning her kindred, the point was clearly made that she was the great, great, great granddaughter of George Washington. It was evident that her family members wanted the fact of this lady's ancestry known.

It seems that a basic need we have is to know who we are and where we came from. Alex Haley's deep desire to know his family's ancestry led him over an extended period of time to do much research and travel. He then wrote the book, "Roots". We have known individuals who were adopted as children who made every effort to know the identity of their biological parents. While these people loved and appreciated their adopted parents, there was a real longing in their hearts to learn of their family background.

Even in biblical times we learn of the Jews' great pride in being the offspring of Abraham. They would proudly exclaim that "Abraham is our father" (John 8:39). They seemed always to be involved in tracing their lineage back to the great patriarch. Paul warned Timothy not to give heed to "endless genealogies" (I Timothy 1:4).

The most important family relationship however is not the physical but the spiritual. Most of us cannot gloat in a 'blue blood' ancestry. By faith, having been baptized into Christ, we are the children of God (Galatians 3:26, 27). "And if you ye are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to promise" (Galatians 3:29). Jesus is our elder brother and we are "joint-heirs" with him (Romans 8:17). It is more important also to know where we are going than to know where we came from. This earthly pilgrimage will soon end and eternity will be before us. The question might be asked, "Where will you be a million years from now?" The child of God possesses confidence through faith that he will be with his Father. However the person who has not been born of "water and the Spirit" cannot manifest that hope (John 3:5). Only eternal darkness, despair and destruction await that individual (Matthew 25:41). We must understand that the end is better than the beginning. If one dies in Christ he will live with the Lord throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity (Revelation 14:13; Matthew 25:34).

The person who is only a pauper in this life but who is rich in faith in the Lord Jesus Christ will have laid up treasures in heaven and will inherit the crown of righteousness that is promised to all who have fought the good fight, finished the course and kept the faith (Matthew 6:20; II Timothy 4:6-8).

The blood of Jesus Christ that washes away our sins is much more important to us than the blood that might be found in our ancestry (Revelation 1:5). The apostle Peter states this truth in I Peter 1:17-19, "And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."



In Our Prayers

- Lynn Beasley – consultation re: treatment 6-29
- Doug Furr – recovering from heart surgery
- Joe Griffin – general health
- Bobbie Sue Henderson – cancer
- Sarah Hoffman – health problems
- Cecil Kelley – COPD; general health
- Chris Kyser – serious health problems
- Susan Martin – health problems
- J. T. Owens – lung cancer
- Lindsay Turner – continuing recovery

In Luverne Nursing Facility:

- Frances Burgans Margaret Hall
- Allene Mount Edwina Rolling
- *Pray for those who have lost loved ones.*
- *Pray for soldiers overseas: Kevin Singleton*
- *Pray for missionaries, for leaders, for our congregation, and for our efforts to carry out God's will.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pick up your **Shoebboxes for Panama**. Spanish material is already in the boxes. Approximately 70% of the boxes remain.

Our **Vacation Bible School** will be on Saturday, August 1, 2009 from 2:00 until 5:00 and there will be a congregational fellowship following.

AREA HAPPENINGS

Homecoming & Gospel Meeting - Sardis church of Christ – June 28th – July 1st. Singing 1:30 on Sunday following noon lunch, afternoon worship 2:00 p.m. 7:30 nightly Monday through Wednesday; different speakers each night.

"Come On, Let's Go!"

A little girl with shining eyes,
Her little face aglow,
Said: "Daddy, it is almost time
For Sunday school. Come on, let's go!
They teach us there of Jesus' love,
Of how He died for all,
And saves those who on Him call."

"Oh, no!" said Daddy, "not today.
I've worked hard all week;
I'm going to the creek,
For there I can relax and rest,
And fishing's fine they say.
So run along; don't bother me.
We'll go to church someday."

Months and years have passed away,
But Daddy hears the plea no more-
"Let's go to Sunday school."
The childish days are o'er.

And now that Daddy's growing old,
When life is almost through;
He finds time to go to church—
But what does Daughter do?

She says, "O Daddy, not today—
I stayed up almost all last night;
I've just got to get some sleep.
Besides, I look a fright."

Then Daddy lifts a trembling hand
To brush away the tears,
As again he heard the pleading voice
Distinctly through the years.

He see a small girl's shining face
Upturned with eyes aglow,
She says, "It's time for Sunday school—
Please, Daddy, won't you go?"
Copied from House to House, Heart to Heart

"Fathers . . . bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" – Ephesians 6:4