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Please Join Us As We Pray For:

Sister Zee Mink Fuller and Family, Her son's Bryan Armstrong and Hunter Hackie, Daughter Shannon, and Brother Philip Thornsberry, Johnnie Stephens, Alecia Stephens, and children, Buckie Thompson, Frank & Sonya Trusty, Frank & Dawana Reigel, Diane & Smoke, Andrew Preston, Larry & Martha Mollette and Her Family Juanita her daughter, Lana Paul, Tyrell Loyd, Ted O'Bonion, Larry Mollette II & Family, Kerry Adcock, Kim Reich, Tyler Castle, Danny Mollette, cousin Kayla, Lee & Mary Mollette, Joshua Kidd, Ronnie and Sarah Henderson, Ronnie Henderson Jr. & Children, Ricky Henderson and Family, Velma Hammond, Don Hammond and Families, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Nathan Fails, Jacob Ramsey, Jerry Hughes, Gina and Kirk, Brother Kelley and Sister Hinson, Patricia Hinson, Jim and Linda Meier, Keith Johnson, Vickie Adkins, Shirly King - Son David - and family, Elder Robert and Sister Jennifer Keller, Little Cam Works, Sister Ann McSwain, Roselyn Pardillo and Family and those that work with her, Hailey Beaver, Brother Justin Bookout and family, Little Weslynn McClelland, Dakota Sutton, Sister Velma Hammond, Brother Jack Stone, Missionary Dan and Sunny Sullivan the work in Thailand, Elder Raul and the work in Romania, Elder Sergej Mochalov and the Churches in Russia.

Thoughts from our Pastor:

Purchase and Secure the Truth.

"Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding." Proverbs 23:23

God is Truth, Jesus is Truth, to properly worship them can only be done in truth. *"God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."* John 4:24 God does not accept worship in any other form than Truth, God does not accept anything that isn't done in Truth. The truth of the bible is a revelation from God the Spirit or the Holy Spirit, no one just learns the truth. *"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."* John 14:26 So we must all praise God that He has allowed us to understand the truth we do understand. As Christians we must search the scriptures daily to seek more truth, and if we fail, we will not be blessed with more truth. People that fail to attend church is also failing in their feeding of God's sheep. Jesus created the church as an institution of biblical learning, and a place of proper worship. Jesus told His disciples just before His crucifixion these words, *"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you."* John 16:13 - 14 The truth is not what you believe truth is, it is what God teaches you it is. No one believes the entire truth, that is why we never stop searching, studying, and learning with much prayer.

What does the Lord mean when He says, *"Buy the truth"*, He means to purchase it at any cost. He doesn't mean with money because money buys you nothing with God. He means to acquire it at any cost and pay any price to get it. But if you can't buy it with money then how can you buy it? You buy with dedication, hard work, much prayer, and attending church. God said, *"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."* 2 Timothy 2:15 The word "study" means - *to make effort, be prompt or earnest* - The thought is this the workman needs to be diligent in his labors of their study so that they will not be ashamed when his work is inspected by the Lord. Biblical lazy people, people with not enough time to study and attend church is not being diligent in his labors of study. They will lack the truth and be biblically ignorant. Then God says once you learn the Truth, *"and sell it not"* which means never surrender it. We must

cleave to it and guard it, even at the risk of thy life, also at any cost. A biblical education in Truth is as glorious as our salvation because both were given to us by God through the power of the Holy Spirit. The difference is we can lose one but not the other. There are so many ways a believer can surrender their gift of truth. One way is to stop going to church, another way is to stop giving time to studying, another way is to listen to false teachers. I have seen so many Christians lose their belief in the truth simply by listening to false teachers. It has been said, "if you play with fire one day you will be burnt" and it is so true. God warned us, "*Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.*" 2 John 1:8 Adam Clark said, "*Be on your guard against these seducers; watch, pray, love God and each other, and walk in newness of life.*" False teachers are everywhere, and Satan is using them to mislead you into false doctrine. If you are not guarding yourself against them, they will take your truth, you will sell it for their lies. Listen to God, "*If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.*" 2 John 1:10 – 11 You will sell the Truth for the lies of Satan and lose the blessed gift of God of believing and walking in Truth. Folks, I have seen it in Christians and Pastors alike, do not believe Satan, you do not owe it to hear what they have to say. You are not to be open minded, and if they teach a little truth today, tomorrow will be full of lies. Remember this, Satan was very subtle with Eve, very sly, He know how to get you, so walk very careful and never sell the truth.

Fear of God—or man?

By John Flavel

The ungodly person fears man—not God.

"The transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, that there is no fear of God before his eyes."
Psalm 36:1

The strong Christian fears God—not man.

"And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause." Job 2:3

The weak Christian fears man too much—and God too little.

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." Ec. 12:13

Quotes From Charles Spurgeon:

"If you profess to know Christ, have nothing to do with a sinful world. Shake off the viper into the fire, for it will poison you and destroy you!"

"He who counts the stars and calls them by their names, is in no danger of forgetting His own redeemed children. He knows your case as thoroughly as if you were the only creature He ever made, or the only saint He ever loved!"

"My longing is that the churches may be more holy."

Church News:

Happy Anniversary to Pastor and Sister Rebecca Johnson, Saturday November 05

Do not forget your clocks will fall back one-hour next Sunday November 06