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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, Missionary Dan and Sunny Sullivan the work in Thailand, Elder Raul and the work in Romania.

Thoughts from our Pastor:

Who Gave Himself...

"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; (14) Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." Titus 2:13 - 14

God's Love, what a blessing to everyone who has or will be saved. Because of Love, look what God did, He elected us to be redeemed, He adopted us to be His children, He sent His very own Son to be the Redeemer, and through His Son, He purified us. God has "cleansed" us through the blood of the Lamb. 1 Peter 1:18 - 20 *"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; (19) But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: (20) Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,*" Then our adoption, *"According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: (5) Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will," Ephesians 1:4 - 5 Making us heirs of God, *"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: (17) And if children, then heirs: heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together." Romans 8:16 - 17. This is our blessed hope beloved, this is what every believer should be looking for, *"...the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ". Because we will forever be with our Lord and Saviour Jesus. What a day that will be when all of God's chosen are at home together. God said, "...purify unto himself a peculiar people..." To be purified means we are sanctified or made holy through the blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Romans 8:29 says we are "...conformed to the image of his Son..." which means we are jointly formed or fashioned like unto His own Son. Now, if that thought does not excite you then you're not saved! God, with His mercy and grace has elected to redeem a remnant of souls and to form them to be fashioned like His own Son Jesus and what it will be to be like His Son some glorious day! Since God has purified us, we ought to walk with God, walk in the Holy Spirit which is to walk in His word. While we cannot purify ourselves, we are to purify ourselves as we can, by living for the Lord, using the grace of God to live for the Lord and steadily look for Jesus. *"Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and****

*spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.” 2 Corinthians 7:1 This means to live like Christians and to walk like God’s Children. People that are not living for the Lord are missing the blessing of looking for Jesus. Christian, we have been purified by God through the blood of Jesus, let us live like it! “**The fear of the LORD is to hate** evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.” Proverbs 8:13 John Gill said it like this, “All evil in general, evil thoughts, evil words, evil actions, evil company, evil worship, and evil doctrines; and by “the fear of the Lord”, which shows itself in an hatred of evil, because of the loathsome nature of it, and being contrary to God and his will...” Evil in any form is of Satan and not of God. The Psalmist wrote, “Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked. Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.” Psalms 97:10 – 12 God sent His Son in love, He died in love, we were saved because of love, made righteous because of love, no child of God should have evil in their heart, or anything in their hearts that makes them contrary to what God has made us. Jesus made us redeemed, purified, sanctified, because God made us a “peculiar people” and because of that we ought to be “...zealous of good works.” and “Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;”*

Quotes of Truth

From Horatius Bonar 1808 – 1889

*“It is not opinions that man needs—it is truth.
It is not theology that man needs—it is God.
It is not religion that man needs—it is Christ.
It is not literature and science that man needs—but the knowledge of the free love of God in the gift of His only-begotten Son!”*

“The gospel is the proclamation of God's free love—the revelation of the boundless charity of God. Nothing less than this will suit our depraved world. Nothing else is so likely to touch the heart, to go down to the lowest depths of depraved humanity, as the assurance that the sinner has been loved—loved by God, loved with a righteous love, loved with a free love that makes no bargain as to merit, or fitness, or goodness.”

“Have I then no work to work in this great matter of my pardon? None! What work can you work? What work of yours can buy Divine forgiveness—or make you fit for the Divine favor? What work has God bidden you work in order to obtain salvation? None. His Word is very plain and easy to be understood, “To him who works not—but believes in Him that justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness” (Romans 4:5). There is but one work by which a man can be saved. That work is not yours—but the work of the Son of God. That work is finished.”

“We are forgiven—that we may be like Him who forgives us!”

“Upon a life I did not live, upon a death I did not die—upon another's life, another's death, I stake my whole eternity!”

Church News:

Happy Birthday to Brother Frank Reigel Sunday November 13th

Happy Anniversary to Brother Ronnie and Sister Sarah Henderson, Saturday November 19th