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FRIENDSHIP

"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity" (Prov. 17:17). "Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so does the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty counsel" (Prov. 27:9). "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do whatsoever I command you" (John 15:13-14). "A man that has friends must show himself friendly; and there is a friend that sticks closer than a brother" (Prov. 18:24).

It must be a lonely feeling not to have one friend on this earth. Yet some claim that they have no friends that they can trust. One thing is sure - these people have never known the Christ. The friends that we have give us strength when the hours are heavy. I am sure that we thank God daily for the friends that we have and the comfort that we share together. I know life has been easier for me because of the friends we have. When we need help in this life it is great to have some that we can depend on, whether its an emotional problem or we just need someone to lift the other end of the sofa. Of course, we're not speaking of "fair weather" friends, but those that will stand with you to the end.

Have you ever stopped to think of the friends that God has? Not the ones that change with the winds nor those who only serve when the "mood" is right. When we narrow the group to the honest, to the dedicated and sincere, to the loyal and to those who stand for the truth the circle is rather small. For this reason we should make a very special effort to be a friend of God. He gave His Son for us and to repay this kindness by being a friend seems like such a small thing that we can do.

*"Virtue ((friendship) requires self-restraint instead of self-assertion, respecting and helping one's fellows, instead of ruthless assertion, helping them instead of trampling on them and thrusting them aside."
(Thomas Huxley)*

"In a materialistic society which denies the existence and authority of God, the appeal for human brotherhood and friendship is a curious contradiction in terms." (Clarence Manion)

"A friend wants nothing from you except that you be yourself."

Bulletin Board

Sermon Notes:

AM Lesson - Jack - "Call Her Blessed"
PM Lesson - Steve - "Balancing Your Life"

Please keep the following members in mind who have difficulty being with us due to prolonged illness: **Dee Boyd, Doris Norman, Billie Glitsch and Don Hurd.**

NEWS AND NOTES: Well, life is filled with excitement, sometimes good, sometimes not. Much good here. David Davila Jr. and his new wife, Carmen, offer their thanks to all who participated in the ceremony. We wish them much happiness.

On another note, if not by today, at least by Tues. Deban Becker (Pharris) and Rona Gorski will both have new babies. Busy, as well as exciting times.

We'll have many of our young folks out of town today since it's mother's day. Celebrate well and drive safely. Mike and Linda will be going to Dallas on Monday for the new baby. Anita and I leave late next week to visit with our Kentucky family.

If you have news you want posted, please let me know.

"The peak years of mental activity must be between the ages of four and eighteen. At four we know all the questions; at eighteen we know all the answers."

"Giving advice does not qualify as loving one another."

Assignments for today

Sunday, May 11, 2014

Morning Service

Announcements.....	Jack	Smith
Hymn Director.....	Weston	Hodge
Scripture Reading.....	2 Cor. 13:4	
Scripture Reader.....	Austin	Miles
Opening Prayer.....	Rudy	Black
Closing Prayer.....	Jack	Smith

Evening Service

Hymn Director.....	Greg	Williams
Opening Prayer.....	Dan	Kimbrough
Closing Prayer.....	Jack	Smith

When 900 Million People Are watching

Ninety-percent of all people deal with some level of stage fright. How do you feel when all eyes are on you? Do your palms get cold and clammy? Do you become nervous and anxious? Do you blush, tremble or feel nauseated?

There is at least one stage where the vast majority of people feel no fright at all. This stage is Facebook. Potentially, depending on your privacy settings, up to 900 million people are watching what you say and do. Many who would be very careful in front of a crowd may post on Facebook with reckless abandon.

God has called His people to be different (1 Cor. 6:9-11). He has called us to be light in darkness (Matt. 5:14-16). The question for us is, do our Facebook, Twitter, etc. accounts reflect this?

What Do We Say and Post?

What People and Activities Do We "Like" (support)?

What Pictures Are on Our Profiles?

Remember, 900 million people are watching on earth, and One is watching from heaven.

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Schedule of Services

Sunday:

9:30 AM Worship
11:00 AM Bible study
5:00 PM Worship

Wednesday:

7:30 PM Study and Devotional
Minister and editor
Jack Smith and Steve Garrett

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