### MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

# **Northside Church of Christ**

"God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." John 4:24



### Encourage Someone By Joe Barnett

Cassandra Warren wrote the wrong address on a wedding invitation. It came back to her with this handwritten note: "I wish I knew you-this is going to be a blast. Congratulations-go have dinner on me." A \$20 bill was enclosed.

Cassandra had no idea who the mystery note-writer was. But it came at a time when she was overwhelmed with the details of planning her wedding.

She wrote the incorrect address on another envelope-this time on purpose-and addressed it to "Kind Stranger."

"Thank you for the note and taking the time to send it," she wrote. "Not many would have done that. I am thankful that people like you are still in the world." And I'm thankful, dear reader, that people like you are still in the world.

You can't encourage everyone, but you can encourage someone. Proverbs 25:11 [11] A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM 5:00 PM

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### MARCH 22, 2020

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Family Bible Study 7:00 PM No Bible Study This Week



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"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

### MARCH 22, 2020

## **I Need Your Help**

### **By Joe Chesser**

There is often a fine line about which most of us have to be very wise and cautious ... the line that separates independence and inability. Supervisors and managers face it every day at work. Teachers face it in the classroom. Parents face it at home. Supervisors and teachers and parents who are wise allow others to try to solve problems and accomplish tasks on their own without interference. Stepping back and silently watching others struggle when you see they need help is difficult. But it is very rewarding for you and for them when their struggle ends in success.

However, there are times when problems can't be solved, and tasks can't be accomplished without help. It's also reward- ing when workers and students and children recognize their need for help ... and ask for it!

"I need your help" are some of the sweetest words ever spoken. At the same time they admit limitations in themselves and strengths in others. They express humility with a desire to grow. They acknowledge that God did not create us for independent living. He created us to both need help and give help.

The Ethiopian treasurer admitted he needed Philip's help while reading from Isaiah 53 (Acts 8.30-31). When the prodigal son came to his senses, he recognized he need help from his father (Luke 15.17-19). One of the thieves crucified with Jesus knew he needed Jesus' help (Luke 23.40-43). The tax collector praying at the temple begged for God's mercy (Luke 18.13). God has created within us the need to confess our sins to each other and pray for each other (James 5.16).

Just as important as recognizing our need for help is giving help to others. Philip willingly taught the Ethiopian. The father immediately restored his son. Jesus promised a blessing for the thief. God answered the tax collector's prayer. Wise supervisors and teachers and parents cherish the words, "I need your help." God wants, even expects, those who are skilled and knowledgeable to train and educate others so they, in turn, can train and educate more. "And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be able to teach others" (2 Tim. 2.2). "By this time you ought to be teachers" (Hebrews 5.12). Fathers are to instruct and train their children in the Lord (Ephesians 6.4). Christians are to help bear each other's burdens (Galatians 6.2). And the list goes on.

We are not left to the resources of our own strength. God has the power to do "immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine" (Ephesians 3.20). Yet, in His wisdom, God patiently waits for us say, "I need your help." Read 2 Peter 3.9.

### **Prayer Requests This Week**

- Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments (Howard Hall, Serrie Smith, Millie Williams, Donna Hill)
- All those affected by COVID-19

### **Communion Preparation**

- Sign up sheet for 2020 is in foyer
- March Montgomery
- April Rowell
- May -

### Announcements

• No Sunday Bible Study or Evening Worship or Wednesday Night Bible Study Next Week

### March Birthdays & Anniversary's

- 26th Ken Williams • 6th - Mark Potts • 13th - Larry Montgomery • 30th - Don Thrash
- 20th Robbie Cooper
- Greg & Maxine Powell

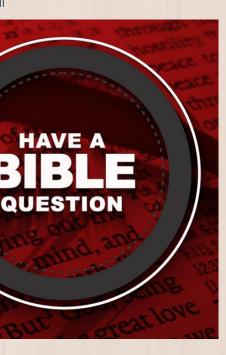




### **Men to Serve**

### **Sunday Morning**

Announcements/Opening Prayer - Tristan Rowell Scripture Reading - Psalm 27 Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell Head of Lord's Table - Larry Montgomery Scripture Reading - Luke 22:17-22 Assist on Lord's Table - Donald Montgomery David Cradic Shay Cooper Closing Prayer - Don Potts **Sunday Afternoon - No service** 



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