

REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE

Hebrews 11:13

All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

Our college choral director had a saying that he would use when his singers were going away. "Remember who you are, and don't be gone long." That's very good advice for God's children. "Remember who you are."

The description of the patriarchs applies to us as well. We are "strangers and exiles on the earth." Lest we be offended by the word "exile," consider this definition. An exile is "someone staying for a while in a strange place." The dictionary cites Hebrews 11:13 as well as 1 Peter 1:1 which was addressed to "those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia. . ."

"Remember who you are," I like that advice. To follow it, I have to truly understand who I am. As God's child, I am "someone staying for a while in a strange place." We often sing sentiments such as "this world is not my home," but do we truly embrace that notion?

To quote the KJV, we are "pilgrims" in search of a better place. While we live in this world, may we always be the light of the world, reflecting the image of Jesus to those around us. But let us always remember who we are. We belong to Christ and long for the day when we will come to our true home. While that time may not come today or tomorrow, it will not be long.

--Ron Harper--

Two Things Are Certain: Death and Taxes

“Is it lawful for us to give tribute to Caesar, or not?’ But he perceived their craftiness, and said to them, ‘Show me a denarius. Whose likeness and inscription does it have?’ They said, ‘Caesar’s.’ He said to them, ‘Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’” Luke 20:22-25

I’m a tightwad with my money. I rarely spend large sums of money on one thing, and I’m constantly looking to sell certain items that I’ve acquired through various deals. I know money. I know the power of money and the need to earn a living. I also know that none of us want the IRS to show up at our door for an audit. Like the title to this article says, only two things in life are certain...death and taxes.

These verses are often used by ministers to show the need to obey the law and live peaceably with the governing authorities while still being pleasing to God. However, it’s not the “tax” part I wish to discuss. I want to discuss the most certain thing we will face: death.

Render to Caesar what is Caesar’s and render to God the things that are God’s. What things are God’s? What must I do to pay my taxes (so to speak) to God? Among other things, we must be obedient to the Lord and his word. This means obedience in the way we evangelize, live in our homes, and conduct ourselves in the workplace or school just to name a few. Seems simple enough, but we forget to render to God what he deserves. Ultimately how we live our life will determine what happens at the point of our death. The certainty of death is the beginning of life with the Lord or the second death in Hell.

Sometimes we think that we shouldn’t give God any part of our life because it seems God has done nothing for us. At times, we have stress and sadness and even anger at God. We feel like he doesn’t care so, why should we? Here’s why. God sent his son to Earth over 2,000 years ago, to live as our example and die so we can have forgiveness of sins. We can have hope. All he asks in return is obedient faith. Render to the world what is the world’s and give to God what is God’s. Our lives should belong to God.

Joshua Houston

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Selma Boyd, Ernestine Taylor, Margaret Taylor, Sue Reeves, Odell Grissom, Nora Fann, Virgie Leonard, Lester Clark, Shirley Tenpenny, Kaylie Joy Pendgrast, Laura Wiser, Wayne Mobbs, Chris Berry, David Davidson

SHUT INS:

Rita Reed, Mabel Robertson, Houston Henry, Oleta Bullard, Tommy & Shirley Bibb, Dan & Lorene Stephens, Melba & Jeanie Young

NURSING HOMES & ASSISTED LIVING:

***MEMBERS**

ADAMS PLACE: Nora Fann*

DIVERSICARE OF SMYRNA: Jean Nickens*

NHC: Lizzie Bush, Sue Reeves*

STONES RIVER MANOR: Margaret Davidson*, Jeweldean Hall*, Virgie Leonard*, Ernestine Taylor*, Laura Wiser*, Lillian Whitworth, Edna Vance*

SMYRNA: Geri Melton*

CREEKSIDE AT THREE RIVERS: Nina Summer*

MILITARY:

Tony Berry

*Mr. & Mrs. Ken Malone and
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Pitman*

Request the presence of family and friends to witness the marriage of *Hannah Olivia & Nickolas Ross* on Saturday, March 25th at 2pm, Salem Creek church of Christ, with reception to follow.

MISSIONS FUND

We have received donations to the Nicaragua Mission Trip Fund in memory of **Marie Fleming** by the following:

***Keith & Cindy Vick**

***Judy Robinson**

NEWS & NOTES

- Welcome to Salem Creek – **Dale, Shuvonia, Lena & Daelyn McGhee.**
- **Visitation Team 2** will meet today.
- **Men's Devo** at the home of Jim Hatfield with Ron Harper leading the devotional tomorrow, March 20th at 7pm.
- The **Salem Creek Youth and College groups** will have a joint lock-in on March 31st – April 1st beginning at 9pm on the 31st. We will have a devotional along with the lock-in that will serve as our devotional for March. Please also plan to bring food and write what you plan to bring on the sign-up sheet.
- A **Senior Saints meal** with a speaker is planned for Saturday, April 8th at 5pm at Salem Creek. The meal will be catered and the cost will be \$10 per person. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. Please see Keith Short or Larry Benson if you have any questions.
- **Ladies' Day** at East Main on Saturday, April 8th from 8:15 till 12 noon. Lunch will be provided. More information on bulletin board in foyer.
- There will be an **Easter Egg Hunt** on April 15th at 2pm here at Salem Creek.
- **All December & May graduates** please submit 20-25 photos or digital pictures on disc by April 16th. Photos that are submitted will be returned to you in May.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday

Morning Worship

9:00 am

Bible Classes

10:15 am

Evening Worship

5:30 pm

Wednesday

Ladies Morning Bible Class (Sept-May)

10:00 am

Evening Bible Classes

6:30 pm

ELDERS

B.K. Ham
Jim Hatfield
Jon Holland
Andy Mitchell
Randall Phifer
Keith Short

MINISTER

Ron Harper

ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Joshua Houston

DEACONS

Rick Acklin
Larry Benson
Michael Bowman
Craig Buckner
Joe Byars

Rick Corum
Andy Melton
Brian Melton
Alan Pepper
Wendell Wilson

FOR THE RECORD

March 12, 2017

Sunday	AM worship	182
	Bible classes	142
	PM worship	143
	Contribution	\$4,232.00

Wednesday PM Bible classes **159**

Wednesday AM Ladies Class (Sept-May) **15**

When county schools are closed due to inclement weather A.M. Ladies class will be cancelled

To Our Honored Guests...

We are happy you chose to worship with us today! Please stay after our assembly so that we can get acquainted with you and your family. We invite you to come back as often as you have opportunity!

We were honored by your presence!

GREETERS

*Please be at the door
30 minutes prior to service*

March 19

Keith & Margaret Short

March 26

Greg & Debbie Sells

