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WHO WILL REMEMBER US?

From the Pastor's Desk

Remembered

Have you ever had the opportunity to set a reading schedule? As a minister it is important that I continue in reading and growth even though much of my scholastic pursuits are behind me. So I try to stick to reading throughout the given weeks and months even though I may be busy with other activities that tend to take up my time. Recently I chose to read two books that have given me pondering thoughts of the past, present, and future.

The first one is *Classic Sermons on the Names of God*. It is part of a sermon set that I have recently acquired and I have been able to sit down and read sermons from men who have passed away over the past two hundred plus years. Most of them are good sermons and some have truly spoken to me. One thing though – it is surprising to me that I have not heard of many of these men and I do not remember studying them at the Seminary.

The second book that I picked up to read is *A History of Preaching* by Edwin Charles Dargan. He wrote this composition of 577 pages back in 1905 while he was a professor at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. This is a pretty good volume of work in which he tediously works his way through the early church period to the Reformation. In it he details the work of many ministers and their sermon techniques and styles of writing and speech.

Now I know that, to many of you, that subject does not sound too interesting. To be honest with you, ten years ago it probably would not have interested me either. Yet, as I have read both these works, one thing has stood out more than anything and that is, no matter how small or great you are, you will be remembered. Now historians might not write about you and, for everyone who is remembered, chances are there are five who are forgotten. What I want to drive home in this message is this: You will be remembered.

Now just because you will be remembered by some does not mean you will be remembered by all. As I already mentioned from the reading of the first book mentioned, there are names of men I have not heard before. In this second book you could double that figure. Dargan mentions numerous names of men I do not recognize as well as the

Upcoming Events and Meetings

Feb. 7, 7:30 a.m. – Men's Breakfast

The men share a meal, then dive into the book of Mark.

Feb. 7, 10:45 a.m. – Lord's Supper

Feb. 13, 5:30 p.m. – Valentine's Dinner

Feb. 21, Noon – Christian Chicks

Feb. 28, Noon – Church Council

Planning activities and events for the next several months

big ones who are mentioned with great honor and remembrance. It is a sobering thought though to know that no matter how much you might do for the Lord you may not be remembered as highly and greatly as you might think.

Like many of the names of ministers that I have not recognized, you and I might end up being no more than a footnote in the history of Christianity and that is if we are fortunate to be remembered at all. As for me this is okay for what I do for the Lord, but what about you? Will you be one who is known at all for His service or will you be known for other things apart from your walk with God? This should challenge each and every one of us to do more for Christ while we are living our lives on this earth.

There is a passage that comes to mind when I think of all the names in history that have been overlooked or even forgotten in the annals of men's minds. The passage I am thinking about is found in Revelation 20:11-15. In this passage John wrote:

“Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, the great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire.

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Remembered (from p. 1)

“This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire (NASB).”

The message and final outcome of this passage can be a deep sobering thought, but what I want to focus on is this. Although the world might forget what you have done and you might be just a footnote in history, Christ has you written down in the book of life and you are saved in Him and He will not forget what you have done, nor will He forget to reward you with eternal life with Him.

These men that I have been reading about and the works that they have written are not forgotten. When the day in which all the dead, great and small, are called forth for judgment we who are saved in Him will be with Him for all eternity. We will not face the second death, which is separation from His grace and goodness for all eternity. So as you go about your day and as you do things for the Lord, remember that you will always be remembered – maybe not by man – but definitely by the Savior who loves you.

God bless,

✠ Pastor Jim

Christian Chicks

The ladies will be meeting on Sunday, Feb. 21 at midday for devotions and other activities. This will be our first get-together of the New Year. Please let me know if you do plan to attend.

✠ Michelle Robertson

Men’s Breakfast

The guys will meet on Sunday Feb. 7 at 7:30 a.m. for the second Men’s Breakfast of the year. Mike is the chef this time and he has one or two ideas for some good grub.

We also have a great time of fellowship and an engaging time of Bible Study. We’re currently working our way through the Book of Mark and always walk away with new understanding and insights. As the Christian narrator, Max McLean, says, “Read the Bible, it’s good for the soul.”

Fellowship Events

On February 13, a **Valentine’s Dinner** is planned for all interested parties at 5:30 p.m. This annual event allows the men to serve the women by doing the shopping, preparing a special dinner, setting the tables, serving the food, and cleaning up afterward.

Please let Pastor Jim know that you plan to attend this special event.

Property and Space Patrol

A couple quick notes from Property & Space for the month: The beat goes on. The new kitchen cabinets have been built and installed. We are now waiting for the countertops to be delivered. Look for moving day from the old kitchen to the new kitchen shortly after the first of March. There will be a big time of sorting out and equipping the new cabinets. [This

will be a good time to dispose of kitchen gear we never use. -editor]

The building belongs to the Body of Christ and we are to be good stewards of that which we have been entrusted. In mid-January on a below-zero day with high gusting winds, I came into the building to find it very cold and a big wind blowing in the downstairs hall. On inspection of the children’s room, I found the lower sash of the window unbroken in the middle of the floor with the wind blasting through the opening. The window had been left unlocked and, since these are take-out sashes, the wind took it out. Since then I have been regularly checking the windows and frequently find them unlocked and sometimes partially open. Come on folks, it’s winter!!!!

✠ Pastor Al

Taking the Plunge

On Sunday Jan. 31 we had the pleasure of witnessing the first two baptisms of the year. In the dead of winter to boot. Baptized were Juliette Robertson, 8-year-old daughter of Pastor Jim and Michelle, and Hannah Engelhartt, 8-year-old granddaughter of Shirley Upton.

Church attendance swelled noticeably since family members of both girls attended this special blessed event.

Praise the Lord for two more souls written down in the Book of Life!

What Is Up?

This FYI from Pat Mountfort hit my e-mail box recently. I added the examples from the New Testament.

You lovers of the English language might enjoy this. There is a two-letter word that perhaps has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that word is UP.

It’s easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP?

At a meeting, why does a topic come UP?

Why do we speak UP and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report?

We call UP our friends.

And we use it to brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver; we warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen.

We lock UP the house and some guy fixes UP the old car.

We put UP with someone even though they put us DOWN.

At other times the little word has some really special meanings.

People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses.

To be dressed is one thing, but to be dressed UP is special.

A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP.

We open UP a store in the morning but close it UP at night.


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Up (from page 2)

We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP!
 To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look the word UP in the dictionary.
 In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4th of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions.
 If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used.
 It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more.
 When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP.
 When the sun comes out we say it is clearing UP.
 When it rains, it wets the earth and often messes things UP.
 When it doesn't rain for awhile, things dry UP.
 In the New Testament (NASB version), an online search turns UP 479 instances. Here are some examples from the four gospels.
 "...an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get UP!'" Matt 2:13
 "After being baptized, Jesus came UP immediately from the water;" Matt 3:16
 "Do not store UP for yourselves treasures on earth..." Matt 6:19
 "I say to you, get UP, pick UP your pallet and go home."
 Mark 2:11
 "For nation will rise UP against nation..." Mark 13:8
 "The dead man sat UP and began to speak." Luke 7:15
 "The sea began to be stirred UP because a strong wind was blowing." John 6:18
 "And I, if I am lifted UP from the earth, will draw all men to Myself." John 12:32
 One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP, for now my time is UP, so ... it is time to clam UP!

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Hillside wishes a happy, happy, happy birthday to the following people who are celebrating a birthday this month:

-  2/12 Leon Bubacz
- 2/21 Charlotte Hastings
- 2/25 Michael Russo

Hillside also wishes God's blessing on the following couple celebrating a wedding anniversary this month:

-  2/15 Michael & Gail Frascinella

Prayer Requests

If you need us to pray for a physical, spiritual, financial, marital, or other need, contact Pastor Jim, Pastor Al, Dale Greenly, or Michael Frascinella and they will get the word out to the membership. It will be our duty and privilege to lift you up in prayer to Jesus our Lord.

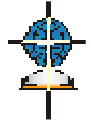
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Happy Valentine's Day!



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