

A Little Story About A lot of People

As Joe entered the store, John was leaving. Joe spoke pleasantly, but John looked the other way, and pretended not to hear. John thought, "I guess that will show him his place." Joe thought, "Poor John, seems so distracted these days. He must be worried about something."

As John walked toward the bank, Joe started across the street. John turned about abruptly, and went into the drug store instead. He thought, "I'll not do business in the same building with that Joe." Joe thought, "I believe John is ill. He did look a bit pale."

So Joe skipped the bank, and started into the drug store. John saw him coming, and feeling trapped, he turned his

By Robert F. Turner head stiffly to one side, pushed his nose high into the air, and walked out to his car. He thought, "This will burn him to a crisp."

But as John fumbled for the door handle, Joe sprang forward and opened the car for him. "Sorry to learn you have that crick in your neck," he said. "I'll be happy to drive you home if you wish."

That night John rolled and tumbled fitfully. He even felt sick:

JOE SLEPT WELL, THANK YOU.



Sick			
Brad Marshall (Allie Hosey's Cousin)	Owen Mauldin (Seth and Summer Mauldin's Son)	Frank Hand (Laura Humphrey's dad)	Sandlyn Fultz (Davis Fultz's Sister)
Gloria Detmer and Carol Dickerson (Toni Herd's Sisters)	Don Lanier (Father of Greg Lanier)	David Hartsell (Holly and Brad's Father)	Kate Miller (Daughter of Brandon and Erin Miller)
Betty Mcareavey (Mary Ann Roberts' mom)	Neal May (Manna Jones' Mother)	Mark Dean (Father of Logan Dean)	Jerry Foropoulos (Anna Jean's Uncle)
Jon Jon Henderson (Suzanne Stagner's cousin)	Quinton Addison (April Jerkins Grandfather)	Danny Weldon (Rusty Weldon's brother)	Bob Cannon (Friend of Holly Law)
Gerald White (Christopher, Anna and Wesley's Father)	Amy Baswell Hall	Emily Stallings (Anna's sister)	John Marvin Rhodes (Toni Herd's cousin)
Lisa Carter (Josh and Luke Carter's mother)	Joe Perkins (Scott Perkin's Dad)	Toni and William Herd	Tom Davis (Walker Davis' Uncle)

December Birthdays

- 2 - Brady Peek
- 4 - Justin Padgett
- 5 - Rusty Weldon
- 5 - Charlie Johnson
- 5 - Drew Ogles
- 5 - Allie Hosey
- 7 - Michaela Walton
- 8 - Macy Johnson
- 13 - Dave Hosey
- 13 - Will Bruce Harris
- 14 - Beth Lingerfelt
- 16 - Cliff Parsons
- 17 - Joseph Miller
- 18 - Tin-Yau Tam
- 20 - Chris Zeannah
- 20 - Meredith Reid
- 20 - Micah Waters
- 21 - Holly Johnson
- 22 - William Herd
- 22 - Laura Abell
- 22 - Carter Burns
- 24 - Ryan Yates
- 24 - Jessica Yates
- 27 - Jacob Neeley
- 28 - Ebony Morrison
- 28 - Turner Stephens
- 28 - Gabby Borden
- 29 - Christian McGee
- 30 - Holly Law
- 30 - Justin Miller

News and Notes

- ☒ - Lets keep in our prayers our expectant mothers, Laura Humphrey, Brittany Bagents and Jana Hall!
- ☒ - Jeff Cobia (Daniel's father) continues to remain in the hospital.
- ☒ - Wade Winslett's grandmother died this week. funeral today at 2:00 at Concord Baptist church in Notasulga.
- ☒ - Remember Tim Morton in your prayers as he is deployed to Afghanistan.
- ☒ - Jennifer Dean from the Flint Hill congregation died and was buried last week.
- ☒ - David Hartsell is recovering well from sinus surgery. The family is waiting to learn more about the new tumor.
- ☒ - Congratulations to Jason and Li in the birth of their son, Aiden, on Thursday!
- ☒ - Laura Abell
- ☒ - Brooks Pender had successful surgery on Monday. He will have an evaluation in a few weeks.
- ☒ - Update on Allie's cousin, Brad. He was unable to have the surgery due to low white blood cell count and is on new antibiotic.
- ☒ - There will be group meetings tonight!
- ☒ - Let us remember the many who are travelling during the holidays.

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Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

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It is better to tell the truth and face the punishment, than to lie and face the consequences.

Thoughts to Ponder

Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another. (Ephesians 4:25)

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES Sunday

Bible Class9:30 AM
Worship10:20 AM
Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday
Bible Classes.....7:00 PM

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Simple Honesty

By Dee Bowman

Honesty. A time-honored word. A concept of righteousness. A forgotten requirement among far too many people. It is replaced in our day by convenience, just enough truth to get by. My dad said, "He'd lie for a check when he could get cash for telling the truth!" How sad.

Dishonesty is far too widespread in our age. Cheating, they tell me, is an almost common occurrence in many of today's schools, both in the lower grades and at graduate levels. Lying is viewed among political aspirants as acceptable conduct, just as long as you get elected. Many employers suffer substantial losses because of employees who steal from the company; rather than do much about it, they merely build it into the profit factor. How sad.

It is not always easy to tell the truth. In fact sometimes, it is downright hard. But to do less is to incur the disfavor of God, to erode spiritual character, and to make life a little more difficult for whatever is involved in the lie, whether it's telling or its reception.

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a last resort. But the more subtle forms of untruth are used at random and constitute the large majority of this disrespect for integrity. These forms include such things as misrepresentation, innuendo, half-truths, plagiarism, misquotation, exaggeration, flattery, and perhaps the most subtle of all untruths, excuses.

Half-truths are one of the most effective of the Devil's devices. He has always used them with great effectiveness. It was a half-truth that got Eve into trouble. It seems to me that almost all sin is involved in some way or the other in half-truths. They offer the best of both worlds --enough "truth" to salve the conscience, but mixed with an excuse so as to allow you to do what you want. Actually, half-truths are not truths at all--not even half. They are merely error dressed up like truth.

Truth and honesty relate to all areas of life, even the smallest matters. It is just important that you tell the truth about little things as about big things. Honesty must prevail in areas of the insignificant just as it does in areas of the important. To lie about small matters continually is a dangerous business--a very bad habit --one bound to cause pain and heart-ache eventually. There is no place where integrity does not fit, where it is acceptable to appeal to what is not so. And the notion that situations--no matter their size--alter truth nips at the very heart of righteousness. Situations have nothing at all to do with what is right or wrong.

Truth and honesty are products of the heart (**Luke 8:15**). From that seat, they must radiate into every area of life--the home, the family, the community, the church (**Rom. 12:17; 2 Cor. 8:21**).

The husband-wife relationship is dependent on trust for its survival. I verily believe that dealing treacherously with truth is behind every divorce I ever heard about. Trust and truth are kin; one cannot exist without the other. And trust is what makes happy marriages.

Most of the problems encountered in the family have to do with someone's mishandling of truth. There just cannot be peace and harmony in the family when there is untruth. On the other hand, peace will reign admirably when the scepter of truth is at her right hand.

Politics have gotten a bad name. Not all politicians are bad. But crooked politicians are just that--crooked.

And it would literally shock some of us if we knew how truth is poorly managed when brethren have problems. Preachers have been known to mis-quote, mis-apply, leave false impressions, all in the name of "exposing" some brother with whom they disagree.

Honesty is the badge of the Christian. It is necessary for his own personal peace (**Heb. 13:18**). It has a profound effect on those who are in his sphere of influence (**Col. 3:9**). For the follower of Christ, honesty is not just the best policy, it is the only policy.



Musings About Death

By Jere E. Frost

Death does not seem as stark and harsh to me as it did in the days of my youth. There are several reasons for this, but two of them tower above all the others.

The first and foremost is that the righteous will dwell in a better place and be clothed with a better body. Hence, it is only a doorway, a change of worlds. We know little about the place to which we go, or the body that we shall have. But we do know that (a) there will be joys forevermore and the former woes of death, disease and disappointment will be no more (Psalm 16:11; Rev. 21:4), and that (2) our bodies will be like His (**1 John 3:2**).

The second is that so many who were near and who still are dear to me have passed on. What form recognition will take, I do not know, but that there is such is inherent in the idea of being acknowledged and confessed by Jesus (**Matthew 10:32; Luke 12:8**). Even the angels have their individual identities, such as Gabriel and Michael. Abraham and Lazarus had their identities beyond death in the scene Jesus gave us (**Luke 16:19f**). The idea of being an anonymity among the anonymous is foreign to the very idea of intelligent beings who are but a little lower than the angels. In a single word, I fully expect to see and know dear ones from the past as well as the great and good of other ages. Why should I not want to be there?

This last mile must be haunting and bleak to those who must travel it truly alone, who have no fellowship with and therefore no sustaining comfort from the Lord at all. But the comfort the psalmist felt is common to all who trust in His person and promises; "I will fear no evil, for thou art with me."

It is the passage -- death -- the thought of which is so painful. To some, it is altogether sad and forbidding. It is a passing into the unknown. It is a leaving behind of the earthly body and all earthly possessions and ties. Therefore the last steps of this passage are likened to a walking through a valley of shadows (**Psalms 23**). "We are going down the valley one by one." This last mile

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So let be for us that "to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (**Philippians 1:23**). Let us live until we die, and may we hold this life dear until the end. And then, as those embarking on a great voyage and waving to well-wishers on the shore, whose ship that will carry them on the same journey is even now to be seen approaching on the horizon, let us say, "Until we meet again."

"Farewell, mortality, Jesus is mine! Welcome, eternity, Jesus is mine. Welcome, O loved and blest, Welcome, sweet scenes of rest, Welcome, my Savior's breast, Jesus is mine!" (Catharine J. Bonar)

