



Central Church of Christ

November 15, 2009

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY:

MARY TUCKER is going to have surgery Wednesday, November 18th, in Amarillo. **ANNA LEATHERMAN'S** step dad **Jerry Jones** is home and doing better. **Sandra Johnson's** mother **Shirley** had surgery Thursday, November 12th. Our sympathy to **Carmelita Gage** on the loss of her mother **Carmen (Etha) Hall**. She passed away Tuesday, November 10th. Services were Friday, November 13th. **JAY WEDDELL** had a eye check-up on Friday, November 13th. **IRENE PRUITT** fell and broke a rib. **KENNETH & VICKI LITTLEFIELD'S** granddaughter **Kinsly Littlefield** is undergoing extensive testing.

Also keep these people in your hearts and prayers:

Bettie Smith, Clayton Williams, Myrtle Jennings, Paul Cox, Evelyn McCrary, John & Frankie Brookins, T.A. & Gene Hayhurst, Jay Weddel, David Tucker, Alvis Miller, Linda Hayhurst, Mabel Sadler, Steve Dickey and Jimmie Scott.

MISSION

SUNDAY 2010

December 6th. Our goal is \$32,500.00. Please pray and plan on how you may be able to help.

Morning Service

Singing-Toby

Song

Song

Song

REFLECTION & LORD'S SUPPER WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION

Song

Song

Prayer

Song

-Bruce-

"God's Leader"

Song

Announcements

Kenneth Littlefield

Courage for Today and Forever

Youth Corner

Christians have every reason to live courageously. After all, the ultimate battle has already been won on the cross at Calvary. But even dedicated followers of Christ may find their courage tested by the inevitable disappointments and fears that visit the lives of believers and non-believers alike.

When you find yourself worried about the challenges of today or the uncertainties of tomorrow, you must ask yourself whether or not you are ready to place your concerns and your life in God's all-powerful, all-knowing, all-loving hands. If the answer to that question is yes- as it should be- then you can draw courage today from the source of strength that never fails; your Heavenly Father.

Don't be afraid, because I am your God. I will make you strong and will help you; I will support you with my right hand that saves you. Isaiah 41:10

Our Annual Christmas Party
And Talent Show
Is set for December 6th. There
is a sign up sheet on the
Activity Table for anyone
wanting to show off
their talent.

Records for 11-08-09

Bible Class: 110 Worship: 137 Contribution: \$3,600

A Word from Bruce

When I was young I used to sneak into to my sisters room and try to open their diaries, not to read, because it was too mushy! I wanted to get a reaction out of them – it worked. They didn't want people to look at either what they had been doing or what they were thinking behind the exterior. Checkbooks are like diaries – they reveal the who, what, when, and where of the important items in our lives. In the checkbook you find not only the account but you see story, possibly the emotional connectivity – the why of the account. After reading Matthew 6 and Luke 16 and then looking at the diary of our financial lives may cause us to feel a little embarrassed and uncomfortable. For many, there may be a love relationship in between the lines and it is not with the lover of our souls.

I am not discussing money to guilt trip you into giving more to this congregation but to simply look into the relationship we have created with money, to look into the eyes of money and tell it the relationship is over, the affair has been exposed and we're not seeing each other anymore.

Godfrey Davis, who wrote a biography about the Duke of Willington, said, "I found an old account ledger that showed how the Duke spent his money. It was a far better clue to what he thought was really important than the reading of his letters or speeches."

How we handle money reveals much about the depth of our commitment to Christ. That's why Jesus often talked about money. One-sixth of the gospels, including one out of every three parables, touches on stewardship. Jesus wasn't a fundraiser. He dealt with money matters because money matters. For some of us, though, it matters too much.

J.L. Kraft, head of the Kraft Cheese Corporation, who had given approximately 25% of his enormous income to Christian causes for many years, said, "The only investment I ever made which has paid consistently increasing dividends is the money I have given to the Lord."

J.D. Rockefeller said, "I never would have been able to tithe the first million dollars I ever made if I had not tithed my first salary, which was \$1.50 per week."

I don't think we ought to give so that we can get more ... however; we really can't out-give God. God really did say, ""I the LORD do not change. So you, O descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. Ever since the time of your forefathers you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you," says the LORD Almighty.

"But you ask, 'How are we to return?'

"Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me.

"But you ask, 'How do we rob you?'

"In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse—the whole nation of you—because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit," says the LORD Almighty. "Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land," says the LORD Almighty. Malachi 3:6-12

Happy Birthday!!!

19th-Vivan Newsom

Nell Finney

20th-Donald Adams

21st- Jerry Young