

Happy Birthday

Keith Stifflemire July 22nd
Jack Wall August 20th
Cindi Wall August 26th

Happy Anniversary

Connie & Mike Mallett July 19th
Valerie Jorge Garza July 25th

**TAKE
RESPONSIBILITY**

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(Phil. 2:12; 3:13, 14; 4:13)-
Blaming others, parents, or the
environment for one's
difficulties or experiences in
life is unreasonable (Ex. 32:22-
24; Luke 14:28). Failing to
accept the consequences of
one's behavior is immaturity
(cf. 1 Cor. 3:1-2; 13:11; 14:20).
One should own up to taking
responsibility for changing
weaknesses into strengths.
N.B. Hardeman said, "The best
place to pray for potatoes is at
the end of a hoe handle." What
was his point? Prayer is more
effective when coupled with
action.

Those to Serve

(B) Mike Mallett
(FV) Jack Wall
(O) Doug Pruett
(A) Jorge Garza
1st prayer Judd Wall
2nd prayer Mike Lovell
Announcements: Calvin Burks
Singing: Kevin Grant

July 28th

Noon Fellowship

August 4th

Mission Sunday

August 11th

Mens Business Meeting

August 12th

First Day of School

August 25th

Noon Fellowship

September 1st

Mission Sunday

Prayer List:

Letha Sheldon
Jorge Garza
Joyce Windham
Dora Martinez
David Jones
Tammy Parker
Anita Adams
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personnel

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Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."

Sunday Worship:

9:30 am Bible Study

10:20 am Worship

12:30 pm Afternoon

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

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Who Has Access to My Information?

By Bill Brandstatter

There is a lot of concern today about people having access to our personal information. We don't want our Social Security numbers or bank account numbers to fall into the wrong hands. We do, however, want God in our life. We want Him to know all about us. The following are some reasons we want God to have access to our information and our life.

I have a lot of stress. Paul wrote, "Be anxious for nothing, but in prayer a supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God." (Phil. 4:6) There are a lot of situations that create stress in my life. If I let God handle those situations, my stress will be gone. There is nothing too big or too small that God cannot handle.

I have troubles in life. Everybody has problems. Job wrote, "Man who is born of woman is a few days and full of troubles (Job 14:1). These troubles are different for everybody. For some the troubles regard health. Others have financial troubles. Some people have marital troubles. Whatever troubles you the Bible says, "Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you" (1 Pet. 5:7 NKJV).

I have needs that must be met. We often worry about the basic needs of life. God can provide. He did for Joseph. He did for Paul. He will for us. God works through providence to provide what is needed in our lives. In the sixth chapter of Matthew, Jesus speaks of those who were worried about the basic needs of life. Their thoughts were occupied with the need to know what they should wear, eat, or drink, or what clothing to wear (Matt. 6:25). Jesus stated, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be added unto you." (Matt. 6:33) We should be concerned about providing for our families (1 Tim. 5:8). Jesus is referring to an over amount of anxiety that is not necessary. If I become a Christian, and put God first, He will provide the basic needs of life. I can't always know how he will do it, but He will.

I have a need for wisdom. Sometimes life is full of things we just can't figure out. We don't know the solution, and no hope seems in sight. James tells us that if we lack wisdom, we should ask God for it in James 1:5, 6. We must not doubt, but pray, trusting that God will help us. Wisdom of the world often leads to problems (Prov. 14:12). Wisdom from God always leads to success. I want God to <http://marionchurchofchrist.com/> hear me when I pray. If I am a Christian, I have the assurance of God hearing (1 John 5:14). James wrote that the effective fervent prayer of a righteous person accomplishes a great deal (Jas. 5:16). Do you want God to listen? I do. I will, therefore, do everything I can to make sure my life and status with Him is where it ought to be. I want God to listen and to answer and to help me in life. He has all our information. Aren't we glad He does?

No Divisions Among You

By Joe Chesser

Satan is a most vicious and subtle adversary, especially with those who are not fully in his camp. He doesn't have to be overly sneaky with them – he's already got them and they aren't going anywhere. But for those of us who believe in Jesus and have the desire to live for and die with Him, Satan's cunning is creative and devious. He'll twist the scriptures and make promises he can't possibly deliver (Matt. 4:1-11). He'll hunt you down like a lion (1 Peter 5:8). He'll attack you like an enemy (Eph. 6:10-18). He'll even alter his appearance to seem trustworthy, like an "angel of light" (2 Cor. 11:14).

He'll make you feel good about your choices, yet all the while encouraging you to sin in other ways. For example, he allowed the Corinthian Christians to enjoy listening to the preaching of Peter, Apollos, and Paul, while subtly encouraging them to divide into splinter groups preferring Peter or Paul or Apollos. He had quietly diverted their attention away from the message and on to the messenger, turning something good into something evil. That's why Paul had to sternly appeal to them in the name of Jesus, "that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you" (1 Cor. 1:10). There's nothing wrong with different preaching styles, or even with preferring certain styles or methods over others. Peter, Apollos and Paul differed in their preaching styles due to their experiences, education and personalities. But even though they each taught the same gospel, Satan convinced the Christians to begin quarreling and dividing among themselves over these preachers. They all loved Jesus, but when their love for each other eroded into fights and quarrels, Satan was happy. Among the other things Paul listed as acts of the flesh (sinful nature) are "hatred, discord ... dissensions, factions ..." and he concluded, "those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God" (Gal.5:19-21). Satan wins when Christians quarrel and divide. Keeping some, while breaking others, still makes you a lawbreaker (James 2:8-11). Jesus prayed for unity (John 17:20-21).

Of course, it's not just over preacher preferences that Satan gets Christians to divide; it can be over any preference or optional matter. It could be ...

... politics (Republican/Democrat/Independent – liberal/conservative)
... worship styles (traditional/contemporary – lively/meditative)
... race (black/white/oriental/Hispanic)
... education (Vo-Tech/State University/Christian College)
... holidays (how to observe Christmas/Easter)
... church programs (missions/Bible classes/visitation/worship times)

When it comes to doctrine, we must all take a firm stand to turn neither to the left nor to the right (Josh. 23:6-7; Rev. 22:19), but be submissively obedient. However, personal views and opinions must never be the cause of division. It's OK to have preferences. It's not OK to divide the body of Christ over them. Prayerfully read Romans 14.