

A CLOSER WALK

How To Be Blessed In A World That Is Stressed

“Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered, Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him and whose spirit is no deceit.” (Psalm 32:1-2 NIV). David was a man who could make this statement from the arms of experience. He had felt the deep cleansing power of God’s forgiveness. Paul quotes this Psalm in Romans chapter 4 to show that in Christ, these words apply to us.

All who are in Christ, loving Him, trusting Him, should know the reality of this “blessed” state. Joy comes from accepting the forgiveness of the Lord. The power of Christ involves:

Forgiveness-What a powerful truth to know that no matter what our life has been like, God is always ready and willing to forgive. And the reason is because Christ died for us. *“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.”* (Eph. 1:7) Forgiveness is something we all need, and God’s grace provided it. The throne of God is a fountain of forgiveness for the sin-stained soul. We must believe that God’s grace is real, and we must take Him at His word when He says that He has forgiven us in Christ. *“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from our unrighteousness.”* (1 John 1:9).

Faultlessness-David also says, *“Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against Him.”* All of us sin out of weakness, ignorance and error, but if we are in Christ, those sins are continually cleansed by His blood (1John 1:7). In Christ we stand faultless—absolutely perfect before God. As sanctified believers we are “perfected forever” because God’s “covenant” with us is that He will not remember our sins and lawless acts. (heb. 10:14,17).

Faithfulness-Blessed is the one *“in whose spirit is no deceit.”* This too points to the working of God and what He has done for us. But God’s forgiveness, leading to our faultlessness, should certainly lead to our faithfulness. Those who have been forgiven should be diligent to express appreciation to God by living lives that glorify Him. In view of God’s mercy toward us, we should offer our lives to God (Rom. 12:1-2).

Words can scarcely describe the wonders of God’s amazing grace. He is always ready to forgive the one who trusts in His Son. In a world that has a tendency to stress us, God is always willing to bless us.

In Christian Love,
Louie 2/1/09



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Worship Times

Sunday	Sunday	Wednesday
Bible Study	Worship	Bible Study
9:00am	10:00am & 6:00pm	6:30pm

February 1, 2009

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please remember our Chili Supper tonight after evening services. We will have plenty of chili and the fixings to go with it. All are invited for good food and fellowship. We invite everyone even if you cannot bring any food..

Please remember the food pantry. The item this week is canned meat. If all members will bring one can each, we will be able to restock the pantry with this needed item.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Local Members

Charlie Hernandez-Please remember Charlie in your prayers and with cards and letters.

Extended Prayer List

Alexus Duger-Cousins of Bill and Grace son has cancer in five different locations. This is her second occurrence of cancer.

Dwain Asbell-Diagnosed with prostate cancer .

Barbara Hulber-Mother of Kerry Hulber has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease.

Andy Akers-Father of Andrews Akers.

Alice Heath-Mother of Betty Brown.

Debbie Overmier- Now at the home of her son in grave condition.

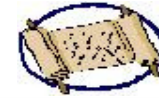
Shirley McCalister

Battling Cancer

Jo Nesbitt, Oscar Hulber-Kerry's father , Betty Larkey, Debbie Overmier, David Oyler Debbie King

We support Raintree Children's Home in Valdosta, GA
We support In Search of the Lord's Way with Mac Lyons.
We support Lawrence DeSilva in Guyana, South America.

Hear Billy Lambert on Direct TV on Ch. 367, 6:30pm on Sun., Ch 377, Mon-Fri at 9:30PM Central. Bro. Billy Lambert can be seen on "Know Your Bible" on Dir. TV.



Feb. Birthdays

John Sain 3
Gene Johnson 6
Roberta Smith 7
Norman Hallford 14
Juanita Whitfield 15
Joanne Massengalee 20
David Miles 22

Anniversary

Montgomery 19

Family Record

Sunday 1/18/09

Bible Study 31

Worship Service 64

Sunday PM 27

Wednesday 26

Contributions

\$2,096.00



Preparing Communion for Feb.

Melba Sain

Locking the Building for Feb.

David Chisolm

February Greeter

Carla Lee

Today's Nursery Attendant

Susan Consoli

Men Serving

Sunday:

- Opening Prayer-Larry Nave
- Closing Prayer—John Sain

The Lord's Table: F. Casteel, D. Chisolm, L. Nave, R. Turner

Evening Worship:

- Opening Prayer-Gene Johnson
- Closing Prayer-John Whitfield

Wednesday Evening:

Opening Prayer

- Bill Snow

Closing Prayer

- David Chisolm

JUST A REMINDER

Emerald Beach Church of Christ is still in need of financial support. Any monetary help will be appreciated as we are a small but growing congregation that is doing the work of the Lord here on the Beach of spreading the Good News of the Gospel.

VISITORS! You are our welcomed Guests.