

No Excuses for Excuses

I once heard this interesting definition of excuses: “Excuses are the tools with which persons with no purpose in view build for themselves great monuments of nothing.”

Perhaps you have heard—or used—one or more of these excuses: “I’m too old.”—“I’m too young.”—“I’m handicapped.”—“I’m in poor health.”—“I don’t have enough education.”—“I don’t have enough time.”—“I’m just not lucky.”—“I’m too short.”—“I’m too tall.”—“My parents didn’t love me.”—“I was born on the wrong side of the tracks.”

Ponder the challenge of Elbert Hubbard: “Don’t make excuses; make good!”

Consider the wisdom of Rudyard Kipling: “We have forty million reasons for failure, but not a single excuse.”

Think soberly on the words of Benjamin Franklin: “He that is good at making excuses is seldom good for anything else.”

Have you ever known a truly successful person who was adept at making excuses?

Have you ever known a failure who was not an expert excuse maker?

The successful person is too busy to make excuses. The failure uses excuses for crutches, as cover ups for lack of effort, for shortage of persistence, and for an absence of enthusiasm.

Helen Keller had many reasons to make excuses, but she was too busy for such exercises in self-pity.

Abraham Lincoln could have excused himself because of his ungainly appearance, poor background and seeming lack of opportunities, but he was too wise for that kind of nonsense. Lincoln’s self-respect left no room for excuses.

Refuse to build for yourself great monuments of nothing; rather, use the tools at hand and build for yourself—and for posterity—lasting monuments of achievement, service, and success.

—*William Arthur Ward*

In Christian Love,
Louie 1/17/10

The Emerald Beach Christian



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The Bible teaches that there is one body (Eph. 4:4), and since the body is the Church (Col. 1:18, Eph. 1:-22-23), there is but one Church. Jesus built this Church ((Matt. 16:18) and purchased it with His own blood (Acts 20:28). We believe that one must be in the Lord’s Church to be saved, since the Lord adds to the Church those that are saved (Acts 2:47), and since the Bible declares Christ to be the Savior of the body, or Church (Ephesians 5:23).

Worship Times

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

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Willie Hamlin of Florence, Al. will speak on January 24th at the Sunday night services. All are urged to attend.

We have several people who are basically shut-ins that would enjoy receiving cards from us. Please think about these people and brighten their day.

Jean Nichols-Sharon's mom-PO Box 81288, Phoenix, Az 85069-1288

Alice Heath-Betty's mother-Room 416, NHC Healthcare Center, 812 North Charlotte St. Dickson, Tn 37055.

William Jordan-Marie's father-Lisenby Retirement Ctr, 1400 W. 11th St. Room 307, Panama City, Fl. 32401

John Akers-John's uncle-477 Woodland Creek Dr, McMinnville, Tn 37110.

Jo Nesbitt-1637 N Valencia Dr, Albany, Ga. 31707-3745.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Local Members

Betty Brown-Recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Clint and Ann Byars-Clint had injections in his feet and back last week.

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

Extended Prayer List

Joe Cottrell-Frequent visitor from Brentwood, Tn. had back surgery on Jan. 5 and is home recovering now.

Rich Redmon-Van and Jodi Hendrix's cousin going to Afghanistan in February. Needs our prayers.

David Skinner-Professor friend of Melba's at FSU diagnosed with recurring cancer.

William Jordan-Father of Marie Patterson.

Tristan Hernandez-Life difficulties.

Jean Nichols-Mother of Sharon Stockton.

Alice Heath-Mother of Betty Brown.

Shirley McCalister

Batting Cancer

Jo Nesbitt, David Oyler, Danny Young, Benny Thomley, Tony Adkison, Brenda Moore, Joe Eidson, Jo Ann Fairbanks, John Akers, Elaine Mundy, Larry Stephens, Bruce Bailey



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.



January Birthdays

Anita Turner 7
Sharon Stockton 15
Betty Brown 25

January Anniversaries

Pendle 17

Family Record

Sunday 1/10/10

Bible Study 26

Worship Service 50

Sunday PM 25

Wednesday 27

Contributions

\$1,392.20



Preparing Communion for Jan.

Marie Patterson

Locking the Building for January

David Chisolm

January Greeter

Pat Montgomery

Today's Nursery Attendant

Dyan Ferguson

Please remember our Food Pantry!! We need chili and canned luncheon meat.

If anyone has needs please contact the following:

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Duffle Chisolm-230-1683-Secretary

John Sain-249-1443

David Chisolm-596-8727(cell)

Farris Brown-234-6837

Larry Nave-234-5675

Bill Snow-234-1074

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.

ATTENTION: NEW PROGRAM

We now are able to offer a free Bible Correspondence course. If you or anyone that you know would be interested in receiving these series of lessons, please let the church office know or send an email notification to us. The phone number is 235-7992 and the email address is emerald-beachchurch@yahoo.com.

VISITORS! You are our welcomed Guests.