What Do You See?

In our Wednesday evening class, we have been studying through the book of Acts. For the last several weeks, we have journeyed along with Paul from his conversion, through three mission trips, and up to his Roman imprisonment. Paul has endured betrayal, beatings, stoning, shipwreck, snakebite, and fear. He has also come to appreciate the encouragement and love that can only come from being with brothers and sisters in Christ.

When Paul, as a prisoner, finally makes it to Rome, fellow Christians who have heard of his arrival come to meet him. Paul has spent months on a journey, by sea, that would have caused any of us to long for dry land. Think of images we have all seen, of those who have been lost at sea, once finally setting foot on land, immediately falling and kissing the earth.

Paul, however, is not comforted by the stability or surety of land; instead, his needed encouragement comes from seeing and being with the brethren. In Acts 28:15, we read that "when Paul saw them, he thanked God and took courage." Having endured trials that we will never face, Paul found encouragement by gathering together with those who shared Christ, by seeing other Christians.

As we grow spiritually, both as members and as the body of Christ, let's be encouraged by seeing and being with each other. Let's remember the love of God that we share, and thank Him for the time we have together.

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WELCOME VISITORS

We are so glad you are here. If this is your first time with us, we would like to let you know what to expect. We seek to worship according to the New Testament pattern. We sing without mechanical musical instruments (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16). We observe the Lord's Supper (Acts 20:7). This memorial is for those who have been baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38, 42). We do not have "closed communion". Everyone must examine himself (I Cor. 11: 27-29). An offering is collected from our members (I Cor. 16:1-2). As our guest, you are not expected to make a donation. A Biblical message (Acts 20:7) will be preached and men will lead the congregation in prayer (I Tim. 2:8). We strive to worship God in spirit and in truth (according to the word of God - John 4:24). We hope you will stay a while afterwards so we can get to know you.

EVENTS

January 20 Monday Just Christians Missions Bible Study resumes. The topic is "Talking to Jehovah's Witnesses" January 26 Sunday Fellowship Meal after morning worship service.

January 30 Thursday Digging Deep Ladies Class at 10am at Elaine Snow's home. She is serving lunch so please sign your name to the sheet on the back board if you plan to attend.

<u>February 2 Sunday</u> Elders Meeting <u>April 5 Saturday</u> Betsy Forrest Wedding Shower <u>May 2-19</u> Dulls Mission Trip to Cuba

January 1-February 1 26th Annual Singspiration January 31-February 2 Marriage Seminar at Wilkesboro church of Christ

<u>February 2-6</u> 84th Annual Freed Hardeman Lectureship at Freed Hardeman University in Henderson, TN.

January 7 Tuesday Ladies Class at Jericho church of Christ March 3-6 Gospel Meeting at Jericho church of Christ March 7 Saturday Ladies Day at Cary church of Christ March 14 Saturday Carolina Men's Fellowship at Gold Hill Road in Fort Mill, SC

April 17-19 Youth Rally at Lake Norman church of Christ **April 25 Saturday** Ladies Day at Jericho church of Christ **August 12-20** Polishing the Pulpit

THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Yvonne Stroud had a detached retina.

The family of Asher Ammons, young son of David and Leah, who are friends of Justin and Whitney Tesh. Asher passed away after suffering from a brain tumor for over a year.

- **Steve Short**, former preacher at Broad Street in Statesville, had a serious stroke about two weeks ago and is still in the hospital.
- Larry and Susie Wilson, their son David passed away Tuesday at the age of 51.

Bubba Cannon, Daniel Forrest, Phyllis Foster, Nancy Koontz, Sara Koontz, Waylon Kuklentz, Bobby Lankford, Marrs family, Brenda May, Mildred Phelps, Jay Stanley, Jerry Stanley, Jimmy Watkins, David Whitley

Shut-Ins: Robert Cole, Vergie Farmer, Estelle Kluttz, Sadie Rice, Wanda Scott, Bailey Walker

PRIVELEDGED TO SERVE SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

| Song Leader | Eddie Nuckols |
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| Announcements | Tom Davenport |
| Opening Prayer | Jimmy Snow |
| Lord's Table | Jered Markman |
| | Steve Anderson |
| | Rick Brown |
| | Craig Stroud |
| | Matt Maurer |
| Scripture Reading | Matthew Forres |
| Preacher | Matt Langfield |
| Closing Prayer | Edgar Markman |
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SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP

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Phil Forrest Matt Langfield Eddie Nuckols Steve Brown

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Leader

Eddie Nuckols

COMMUNION

Preparation Bread The Boyds The Davenports

LAST WEEKS NUMBERS

Sunday Bible Class 60 Sunday Morning Worship 75 Sunday Evening Worship 45 Wednesday Bible Study 53 Offering \$1728 Weekly Budget \$2200

SCHEDULE of SERVICES

Bible Class 10am Morning Worship 11am Evening Worship 5pm WEDNESDAY Bible Class 7pm

PLAN of SALVATION

Hear the Gospel Romans 10:17 Believe in Jesus, God's Son Acts 16:30-31, Hebrews 11:6 Repent of Sin Acts 17:30-31 Confess Jesus as God's Son before Men Acts 8:36-37, Matthew 10:32, Romans 10:9-10 Be Baptized (immersed) Acts 2:38 Live Faithfully 1 John 1:7, Rev 2:10

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