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A Word Or Two (or three) From Wally

Last Sunday everyone received the "Target 7" prayer cards giving us areas of the city to pray for each day and help us to develop a better prayer life.

On the back was a place to list the 7 people or families we will pray for to come to Christ. I mentioned if we pray for them and the look for opportunities to develop the relationship by caring for them, as the opportunity arises, we might be able to share God's love for them.

This is part of a citywide strategy many churches are using to be faithful to our Savior. PRAY-CARE-SHARE. (If you are out of town or don't come to Park Hills and want a card, we'll send one to you.) It's a great tool to help build a personal prayer life.

This coming Sunday, May 6, I'd like to invite you to join me at 2 p.m. to go to the top of the Franklin Mts. on the cable car. We are going to pray for our city, but will be doing it individually and silently so no one will be embarrassed.

You can pray for the area of town you live in, the area you work in, for God to work in Juarez, etc. As you see the city from the top of the mountain, you'll realize for this town to receive Jesus will take a miracle from God.

You'll be able to stay at the top as long as you want; there is food, a gift shop, telescopes, etc.

If there are 10 or more of us, the cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Come and join us, make a difference in the city, and enjoy seeing God's creation for 100 miles.

See you Sunday,
Wally



Did You Know?

- Aulton Davis will be graduating from Del Valle High School on May 26th?
- Aulton is not only tri-lingual (English, Russian and Spanish) but also recently had an article on *Leadership in Dual Language*, published in Multilingual Educator, Conference Edition 2007?
- Jacob Rodriguez will graduate with his bachelor's degree from Southwest Assembly of God University on May 5th? Congratulations Jacob.
- Shield- a- badge, praying for law enforcement, will have a rally at Album Park, Sat, May 5 at 9 am?
- A free marriage seminar is offered on Tuesdays here at Park Hills? This 6-week course for couples includes a free workbook and each week is self-contained so if you miss a week, it can be made up later. Let your friends know. Gary Crawford leads the class at Park Hills and can be reached at 727-8312. There are 8 locations in town on various nights. Give Gary a call.

- "For Men Only" meets at 8 am May 5th & 19th for breakfast and study?
- Dorothy Wearden is recovering from a deathly blood infection and is at Coronado Nursing Home, room 44?
- That when all the money comes in from the Women's Fellowship Rummage Sale it will be about \$1500 to give to missions? Thanks to everyone who donated and worked at the sale.
- We don't need to thank Joann Terhune because she had too much fun?
- John David Delgado did a great job leading us in the Passover Seder and explaining Christ in the meal? The meal was great and they cooked for 90. Thanks ladies.
- Wally attended a seminar April 25-27 dealing with reaching Muslims with the gospel? I'm sure we'll be hearing about it.
- We are getting new people coming from our newspaper ads? Greet new people around you. Everyone wants to be part of the group.
- 21 Casas por Cristo Groups (503 people) stayed here over spring break on their way to and from mission trips to Mexico?
- Celebrate Recovery has new groups on Wednesday nights and a men's step study will held be at the church Thursdays at 2:30pm?
- Several comments have been made on the work and presentation of our band on Sunday mornings? Thanks for all your work.
- Jim and Karen Wright-Balbier had a baby girl Tuesday April 24th? She arrived at 7lbs 3 oz.
- Pastors for Jesus will conduct a free **Prayer Power Seminar** here at Park Hills with the inspiring, and world famous Dr. Greg Frizzell? Join with Christians from all around El Paso on Saturday, May 12th from 9:00am until 12:00pm. You'll be delighted with the results.

Allen's Thoughts . . .

I've always enjoyed reading the books of history found in the Old Testament. In one obscure story about four lepers found in 2 Kings 7:3-11, the people of God are under siege. The four lepers decide they'd rather die trying to find food than to die in the besieged city.

After venturing out they find that the enemy has left, taking nothing with them, deserting the camp. They begin to eat, drink and even go so far as to begin plundering the camp. But then – together – they come to realize that their selfishness isn't good. "This is the day of good news," they say, "and we are keeping it to ourselves." So they return to the city.

The rest of the story reveals that not everyone responded to their report; but the lepers had performed their duty, they had delivered the good news.

There are several things about this story that we can apply to our lives as Christians.

1. They were desperate. Are we? Or are we simply casual both about our needs before God and the needs of the world around us.
2. They were part of a community under siege. Do we see the church as surrounded by the world but are fearful of venturing out.

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3. They discovered that God had already gone out before them. When we venture out we discover the same truth.
4. They shared the good news with everyone even though not everyone responded in faith.

Many of us fail at sharing the Good News of Christ because we fail to speak up. In a world besieged by the spiritual captivity of sin, don't be silent. This is the day of good news. Don't keep it to yourself.

Seeking the Harvest with You
Allen

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