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A Word Or Two (or three) From Wally

I'm looking out my office window, looking at the trees and bushes blowing in the wind. I've looked out there for 35 years seeing squirrels, quail, roadrunners, deer, cats and dogs, snakes, and all other wildlife. My thoughts went back to yesterdays' Bible study on Ecclesiastes. Solomon mentions all the efforts we spent our life doing is vanity. It's gone when we die. I'm not in despair about the past, but realize only the eternal makes any difference. Solomon mentions a person works hard and makes a lot of money, builds many things, collects all the toys from his labor, but when he dies, someone else enjoys it and it may not even be a person he likes. If we want some control, we can designate our estate to go to some cause or person who will carry out our vision.

Our friends may go to hell because they have no idea they are lost and need a Savior. We may be praying for them but there are times we must say something. Often we are scared. Many times we don't know what to say. Our comfort zone is often more important than their eternal destiny. Jesus said he wishes that none should perish. Once we get to heaven we have lost our chances to tell someone about Jesus and the eternal life He offers. We only have now. The longer we put it off, the harder it gets. If Allen or I can help with the struggle you are going through, please talk to us and we can join you on your journey. The biggest thrill in my life is when I talk to someone about Jesus and He comes into their life, cleanses them and they become a new person. Often we are frustrated with life when we are not seeing God use us to change others lives. Let's get in the water! It will take your time, commitment, and a growth in your walk with Jesus. Let's do it together and make a difference for all eternity and not just for now. It's never too late! If fear is the issue, get a copy of last Sunday's sermon, "Remaining focused on God in spite of my fear."

See you Sunday. Wally



Did You Know?

- **Mark Roberts donated plastic shoeboxes with colored lids for Operation Christmas Child?**
- **Elizabeth Miller is working part-time doing office printing and the Casas por Cristo bookings?**

- **Rhea Bullock is putting in several hours a week doing maintenance and repairs on the building?**
- **The church board was divided into 3 teams?**
 - 1) To work out paint colors to repaint the outside of the church. Two Saturdays have had a few people pressure washing the outside, filling cracks, and making repairs. In a couple of weeks a notice will be given to the church for and all out painting party. Come and join us.
 - 2) To work out more parking, to see what must be done so we can have room for more at church. One change is the staff is parking in the rear of the church to open more spaces in front and above. A new sign for parking has been installed. If you can negotiate steps, please do so and leave the handicapped spots and level spots for those who need them.
 - 3) Prices are being checked to match the ceiling tiles in church with insulation above to match the other drop ceiling.
- **Greg Davis is working on the web page to pod cast the sermons?** He has been videoing them on Sundays. Also we are looking at making the sermons available on CD's as well as cassettes. Our web site is parkhillchurch.org.
- **Our first "Cream Team" function will be the weekend before Thanksgiving?** If you can help with a dessert, please call Faye Chapman at 565-3111.
- **"Silver Saints", a group of silver haired folks in the church are having a movie night at the church on November 10th at 6:00 pm?** They are opening this up to people who don't mind spending time with their seniors and going at their pace. Talk to Jim & Bunny Black (755-8770) or Val & Irene Sorensen (755-2785).
- **Jann Dutton's grandson Danny Porter graduated from Ranger School with high honors?** He is now doing advanced medical training.
- **Virginia Ochoa-Hobbs organized the Harvest Party?**
- **Eight couples have taken advantage of the I – Marriage class on Sunday mornings?** You can join us for the next session starting November 18th and see how you can make your marriage all God wants it to be.

Up Coming Events

November 10th Baby shower for Carissa and Tom Krol at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. They are having a girl and are registered with Babies R US and Wal*Mart. Target gift cards are also appreciated.

November 11th Fellowship Dinner.

November 18th Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are due.

December 1st We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday morning at 9:00 am. All are welcome to help.

December 3rd Women's Fellowship Christmas party will be held at Eleanor Phillips 2814 Pierce. The party starts at 6:00 pm and a \$5.00 gift exchange takes place.

December 9th Christmas Fellowship Dinner. The meat is provided by Women's Fellowship. Please bring a side or dessert.

Allen's Thoughts . . .

Over the years I have heard several reasons, or excuses, given for not wanting a church to grow. "*God isn't interested in numbers.*"; "*Our church wants quality not quantity.*" and "*Large churches are impersonal.*"

Hopefully none of these apply to Park Hills but a search of the heart always helps us find those areas still in need of a little spiritual adjustment. Those small dark areas in which our hearts differ from that of God.

1. Do we love people? God does. 2 Peter 3:9 tells us, "*The Lord...is patient, **not wanting anyone to perish, but wants everyone to come to repentance.***"

2. Are we willing to take up the command to share the Good News? "*...you will be my witnesses...*" Acts 1:8 and "*Go out into the country...and urge anyone you find to come in, **so that My House will be full.***" Luke 14:23 (Living Bible) should remind us of our duty.

3. Are we afraid of a larger crowd on Sunday mornings? Colossians 2:19 tells us that God desires a healthy growing church "*Under Christ's control, the whole Body is nourished...and grows as **God wants it to grow.***" (Good News).

4. Do we believe that all the above depends on us? Jesus said, "*I will build my church.*" Matthew 16:18

While the answers to the first three questions might bring about a little anxiety, the answer to the second should provide comfort.

Let's do our part to keep from getting in His Way, and make sure we are ready when he wants to use us as part of his plans.

Seeking the Harvest with you!

Allen

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