

Let's Invest In People!

By Mike Riley

After being warned by the prophet Daniel about his sinful pride (Proverbs 6:16-17; Psalm 101:5; cf. Proverbs 16:18), the Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar was struck with insanity. The Lord restored his mind, but only after he spent a long period of time in a field thinking he was a wild animal (Daniel 4:28-37).

Nebuchadnezzar went from boasting, “Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the glory of my majesty?” (Daniel 4:30 ESV), to a humble prayer: “I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven” (Daniel 4:37). He had repented of prideful empire building.

There should be concern about empire building in the church today. Instead of focusing on large church buildings, one Christian evangelist encourages Christians to “build into the lives of people” and leave the results to God (1 Corinthians 3:6-7).

When a congregation devotes undue energy to statistics, buildings, and programs, pride can enter in and the spiritual needs of God’s people can be forgotten (cf. Hosea 4:6).

Jesus never forgot the value of people. He invested His time in 12 appointed men (Mark 3:14 ESV). Paul taught Timothy who in turn taught others (2 Timothy 1:13; 2 Timothy 2:2).

Brethren, God’s kingdom grows when we invest in people! (cf. Acts 2:37-47; Acts 4:1-4; Acts 6:7; Acts 12:24; Acts 19:20; Colossians 1:5-6).



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Sunday Morning Bible Classes - 9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.

Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshiping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

Those to Serve

Today

Announcements- Lyle Russell

Communion- Rick Cook

Sermon- Don DeLukie

Opening prayer- Paul Simpson

Closing Prayer- David Reppond

Next Sunday

Announcements- Travis Rogera

Communion- Jerry McDonald

Opening prayer- Ronnie Hayes

Closing Prayer- Damien Miller

Announcements

—Check the bulletin board in the foyer for local events and Gospel Meetings happening in our area.

—**Christmas Program and Potluck:** Our yearly Children's Christmas Program is scheduled for December 14th. There will also be a Potluck preceding the program. More details to come, but mark your calendars!

—**Question & Answer Series:** Our next Question & Answer Series will be when enough questions are collected. Give your questions to Don.

—**Children's Home Collection:** Our congregation is collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. A list of needed items is in the foyer.



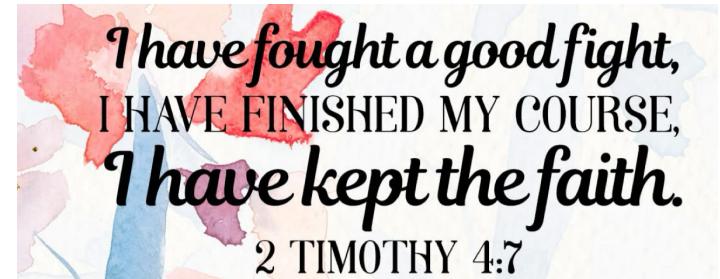
Please Pray For:

Katherine Simmons, Lavenia Freeman, Terry Smith Atwood, Shirley Taylor, Kris McKoin, Debbie Bright Chunn, Lester Pinkard, Charles Matheny, Don DeLukie, Carla Owen, Rhonda Rogers, Katherine Riley, Kathy Gilbert, Phillip Simmons, Verlinda Gooden, Oddie Cameron, Gavin McDaniel.

Bereaved: Family of Kevin McCraken, Isabelle Turner.

Needing Long-Term Prayers:

Jo Darris Collins, Christy McDaniel, Joyce Moses, Pam Few, Debbie Walker, Carey Day, Leo & Shirley Goodwin, Tommy Franklin, Arthur Binford, Dan Ross Jr, Dena White, Larry & Joanne Randolph, Bettye Flowers, Dave & Linda Garris, Sharon White-Ross, Bobby Barker, Cindy Smith, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.



November Birthdays

- 3 - Elaine Reppond
- 3 - Mesha Thomas
- 5 - Glenda Wells
- 8 - Brad Smith
- 9 - Raelyn Freeman
- 9 - Sydney Rogers
- 11 - Tommy Wells
- 13 - Susie McGough
- 20 - Dana Fowler
- 30 - Ayden Richardson

November Anniversaries

- 17 - Buddy & Carlon Hollis
- 18 - Randy & Kathy Manning
- 21 - Travis & Rhonda Rogers

