



BLODGETT CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Time of Services:

Sunday: 10:00 A.M. class, 11:00 A.M. worship, and 6:00 P.M. worship

Wednesday: 7:00 P.M. class

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PUTTING YOU ON THE RIGHT PATH

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BEHOLD I THOUGHT

By: Tom Musick

Can you just imagine standing in the judgment and hearing God pronounce upon you never ending punishment and you reply “Behold, I thought...”? Naaman the Syrian army commander was a leper. He was told that there was a prophet of God in Israel that would heal him. We read in II Kings 5, that the king of Syria sent Naaman with a letter to the king of Israel saying, “*I have sent Naaman my servant to you that you may heal him of his leprosy.*” To begin with, Naaman went to the wrong person. He went to the king instead of the prophet of God. There was some time ago a song “looking for love in all the wrong places,” and Naaman was looking for healing in all the wrong places. Even today men are looking for salvation for their soul in all the wrong places, the whims and desires of man, creeds, and man-made doctrines, not in the word of God.

When the prophet of God sent his servant out and told Naaman to go wash seven times in the Jordan River, he became furious and said “I said to myself...” (2 Kings 5:11 NKJV). The prophet didn’t even come out to see Naaman. People think today that God needs to speak directly to them, but we have His Holy Word and that is how He speaks to us today. The King James Version says “***Behold I thought***” that Elisha would “***come out to me***” and “***call on the name of the Lord his God***” and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy. Then he asked if the rivers of Damascus were not better than all the waters in Israel? Why can’t I go dip there and be healed? He had his own preconceived idea of how his healing would occur. Is man any different today? Marshall Keeble had a sermon “There’s Water in the Plan.” There was water in God’s plan to heal Naaman’s leprosy and there is water in God’s plan to heal man’s soul today. (Matt. 28:19; Acts 8:36; Acts 22:16). In Romans 6:3-4, Paul writes that we are baptized into Christ Jesus and being buried with Him in baptism we are raised from that watery grave a new creature, free from all sin.

It was not until Naaman realized that only by doing what God’s prophet said he

must do, would he be healed. He had to dip seven times in that muddy river of Jordan. Today we must realize we have to *put aside our way* and obey God's way to be saved eternally in Heaven. Will man ever learn to take the "*Behold I Thought*" out of religion and just let God direct his steps through His Holy Word, the Bible?

THERE IS NO KEY TO HAPPINESS. THE DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN.

The Gift-Wrap & The Jewel

By Wanda B. Goines

"I looked in the mirror and what did I see?
But a little old lady peering back at me
With bags and sags and wrinkles and wispy white hair
And I asked my reflection, how did you get there?
You once were straight and vigorous
And now you're stooped and weak
When I tried so hard to keep you from becoming an antique.
My reflection's eyes twinkled and she solemnly replied
You're looking at the gift wrap and not the jewel inside
A living gem and precious of unimagined worth
Unique and true, the real you, the only you on earth
The years that spoil your gift wrap with other things more cruel
Should purify and strengthen and polish up that jewel.
So focus your attention on the inside, not the out
On being kinder, wiser, more content and more devout
Then when your gift wrap's stripped away
Your jewel will be set free, to radiate God's glory throughout
eternity! "

WHEN A CHURCH MEMBER RESTS ... HE RUSTS.

Family News

- **Jimmy Jones** is back in a Tyler hospital with an infection in the spine.
- **Darlene Caldwell** continues to struggle with her health.
- We extend our condolences to the **Jonette Lee McCarthy** family. Jonette, daughter of Joe and Maurine Lee and sister of Bill Lee and Brenda Lee Goforth, passed away last week. Her funeral service will be Friday at 10:30 at Bates Cooper Sloan with burial in the Monticello Cemetery. The family has requested a meal at noon at the fellowship building.
- **Joy Walsh** is having a series of health issues plus **Kay** has an open wound on her leg that will not heal.
- **Dalton Davis** had another surgery on his hand last week.
- Today we have a covered-dish luncheon following the morning service. All are invited to come and share with us, especially our visitors.
- **Marvin Whitt** of the Cherokee Home for Children is scheduled to be here Wednesday, October 4 to give us a status update and to present us with a token of appreciation.
- HRR pantry item for October is Kool-Aid.

Did You Know:

If you replace "W" with "T" in "What, Where and When"
you get the answer to each of them.

Did You Know:

Early politicians required feedback from the public to determine what the people considered important. Since there were no telephones, TV's or radios, the politicians sent their assistants to local taverns, pubs, and bars. They were told to go sip some ale and listen to people's conversations and political concerns. Many assistants were dispatched at different times. "You go sip here" and "You go sip there." The two words "go sip" were eventually combined when referring to the local opinion. Thus we have the term "gossip."