



## 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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## **MESSAGE TO THE LADIES**

*Remember, a layer of dust protects the wood beneath it. A house becomes a home when you can write "I love you" on the furniture. I used to spend at least 8 hours every weekend making sure things were just perfect in case someone came over. Finally I realized one day that no one came over; they were all out living life and having fun!*

*Now when people visit, I don't have to explain the "condition" of my home. They are more interested in hearing about the things I've been doing while I was away living life and having fun. If you haven't figured this out yet, please heed this advice. Life is short. Enjoy it!*

- *Dust if you must but wouldn't it be better to paint a picture or write a letter, bake cookies or a cake and lick the spoon or plant a seed, ponder the difference between want and need?*
- *Dust if you must, but there's not much time with rivers to swim and mountains to climb, music to hear and books to read, friends to cherish and life to lead.*
- *Dust if you must, but the world is out there with the sun in your eyes, the wind in your hair, a flutter of snow, and a shower of rain. This day will not come around again.*
- *Dust if you must, but bear in mind, old age will come and it's not kind. And when you go -- and go you must -- you, yourself will make more dust!*

*It's not what you gather, but what you scatter that tells what kind of life you have lived.*

As I read the story above, I thought about Jesus' teaching to Mary and Martha. In Luke 10:38-42 we learn that Jesus visited the home of Mary and Martha. Mary sat at Jesus' feet and listened to his teachings while Martha was busy serving Jesus and presumably his disciples. This bothered her; she felt that Mary should be helping her. She, like many today, needed to learn the value of priorities. Some things are more important than others. ~ Larry

“ But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.” (Luke 10:40-42)

### **True Heritage**

Linda has recently been working on my family genealogy. She has traced them back for over twelve generations. For over a hundred years, my family has owned and operated the family farm where I live. My grandmother inherited it around 1910. My great grandmother owned the property long before that. My grandparents raised eight children on this property, one of which was my father. It is an amazing family heritage. Over the years, my daddy and his brothers/sisters worked on the farm, and now the task befalls me.

But as remarkable a heritage as the family farm is, it is only the second most important legacy passed down in our family. The most important legacy is our faith in Jesus, and I am struck by the similarities in those legacies. Our family's faith gets passed down through the generations. Each new generation learns of faith from those that are ahead of them. In fact, for years my sister Joy could sit on a four-generation row each Sunday at worship with her, her son, his sons, and their children.

There are "survey poles" that have stood the test of time for us. We believe that Jesus is the cornerstone of our family legacy. We believe that the Bible is the Word of God. We believe that our greatest calling is to love God, love our neighbors, and to share the good news of Jesus in our world.

The original farmhouse that my daddy helped build in 1923 was torn down a few years ago. When we talked about the building of it, he told how they cut and trimmed the lumber. I do not know how long the farm will stay in the family. I do know that someday it will not even exist. It too will burn up. So we believe that this world is not our home. Heaven is. That is the home that will last. In fact, it will last forever. That is the heritage and legacy that I really want for the generations that will come after me. ~ Larry

### **Family News**

- **John D Porter** will be having knee surgery in the near future.
- Our condolences are extended to the **Sharon Reynolds family** in the recent death of Sharon's mother.
- HRR pantry item for April is boxed macaroni and cheese.
- Today begins a gospel meeting in Mt. Vernon with **B.J. Clarke** of Memphis, TN Monday and Tuesday night services begin at 7:00 p.m.
- Following the morning service, the church is invited to Vaughn's Catfish for lunch

If you read the Bible and don't do what it tells you to do, it is like reading the label on a medicine bottle but not taking the pills or reading a recipe and not cooking the food.

### **YOUR TONGUE WRITES CHECKS YOUR BODY CAN'T CASH**

#### **JAMES 3:2-5**

As you consider the book of James, one of the things James writes about is the use of the tongue. Many times our speech will dig holes that are long lasting. James, the brother of Jesus, wrote in verse 2 that *"In many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able to bridle the whole body."* James also describes the tongue as a bit in a horse's mouth, a small helm of a ship and a little fire. All three of these things are small members of a larger body. However, each of these small things have control of large things. Without a rudder a ship could not turn. Without bits a horse would be uncontrollable, and a small spark can start a huge forest fire.

James chapter 3 verse 6 tells us that the tongue is capable of defiling the whole body. Many times we say things without thinking of the consequences that may follow. The tongue is sharper than any two-edged sword. It is able to cut to the core of a person and cause more pain than anyone could imagine or expect.

James 1:26 reminds us that if a man does not control his tongue, then that man deceived his own heart and his religion is vain.

Our words are important. The words we choose to use as well as the way we use them can turn people away from us as well as cause others to evaluate their lives. Words are important for communication but be vigilant and never let an angry word slip for friendship is too sacred for a moment's reckless folly. *(Col. 4:6 KJV) Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.*