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# WILSON NEWS

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## Blessed are Those Who Mourn

by *Allen Priser*

“But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.” 1 Thessalonians 4:13. *Those who have fallen asleep.* We’ve had more of our church family “fall asleep” recently than we can easily absorb. We understand that in this life, we will all die, living in a sinful world as we do. The effects of sin and the ensuing death have been felt by every member of our congregation as we mourn with families who have directly felt the loss of loved ones. Dads, spouses, brothers, friends have been permanently removed from our church family, and while we have the promises of their wonderful future, and ours, in the Bible we are still empty.

The funerals are over, the flowers have died, the casserole dishes returned, and the sympathy cards have been put away. So what now? What are we all to do with the emptiness? When we see the spouse who’s lost his or her life mate and ask “How are you doing?” what are we really asking? What are we expecting to hear? Or, since we know this is a ridiculous question, do we not ask it, meekly smile as we pass the wounded one at church? How can we help, and how can we be supportive to those most affected by the loss of a family member?

Bud used to be a member of our congregation, but I haven’t seen or talked with my friend in over nine years. He married a girl named Char many Moons ago (sorry, I couldn’t pass that one up), and she still misses him being around. I asked her some direct questions about his absence, as she and I both know he is taking a long nap, and will soon awaken at chat with Char, you, me, and most importantly, His Savior. After nine years the sting of his passing has subdued enough that she can speak more easily about her grieving process.

While everyone’s experience is different and unique, there are some elements she and others I spoke with have shared that I believe will assist all of us. Time has an unbelievably slow way of taking the sharp pain and sanding off the edges. As the days, weeks, months and years slowly accumulate, the reality that his loved person is never coming back sinks in. The house is quieter, the laundry is less, and the aloneness and longing persist. God has provided the church body provide comfort and healing when it is needed most – let’s be that for each other.

The mourning process is a wavy one with ups and downs, with good days and bad days. A smell, a song, a shirt, a truck or almost anything apparently mundane and insignificant can trigger a wave of unexpected, and often uncontrolled emotions – usually crying. Crying is a very natural and healthy method of expending physical and emotional energy. For some reason our culture views crying as a negative activity, when it is not only natural, but healing. Those who are mourning need our support whether crying or not. An appropriate arm around the shoulder, hug or other gesture can show that we care, and are there to offer support and friendship. Instead of asking “How are you doing?” perhaps saying “You’re missing \_\_\_\_\_, aren’t you?” acknowledges the continuing mourning

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When a loss occurs we respond with calls, prayers, visits, sending flowers or tasty meals and other gestures of care and support. But when the event is “over,” those same actions usually dry up. This is where our church family can really demonstrate what a community of believers does, not just says.

So look around; you’ll find many families still hurting and grieving for the loss of their loved one – you won’t have to look far. And let us all pull together to bathe these beloved members of our church family with the love, care and attention Jesus would invest in them if He were here in Jam Dam. Desus does live in Wilson – in each one of us! Let us be the arms, shoulders, and ears of Jesus.

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. THEREFORE COMFORT ONE ANOTHER WITH THESE WORDS.” I Thessalonians 4:16-18.

### .Some other news

The **Teen Snow Outing** was lots of fun. We had two amazing speakers: EJ Wolf traveled all the way from GLAA up to Sagola. He lectured and demonstrated on Physical Therapy. Kiana Roat shared how God called her to become a missionary and encouraged us to involve ourselves in mission work. The cooks were hard at work and as a result the food tasted delicious. Also, everyone that was at TSO slept in the basement of the lodge. We organized a fun activity for Saturday night to go sledding at Crystal Falls. The weather was really nice all weekend, so we were able to do activities outside.

This last Thursday, March 3, WJA planned a skiing trip at Pine Mountain. Some of us snowboarded and some of us skied. It was a lot of fun. The weather that day was really nice and the snow was nice and powdery, not ice. Some of the students from WJA hit the jumps at the skiing place and it was pretty entertaining to watch. Some crashed and some landed perfectly back on the ground. It was an amazing opportunity to go and enjoy the snow for several hours and also have fun hanging out with friends, We all enjoyed going skiing at Pine Mountain, It’s a nice skiing hill to visit.

by *Lei Makāehu*

### Still More News

The **Pathfinders** for the first half of the year have done the Pathfinder classwork, and now are enjoying doing honors for the rest of the year. Right now some of the kids are working on cake decorating, others are doing model cars, some are doing woodworking. I am personally working on the woodworking honor and it is cool to see what the other kids in the honors get done while we are gone. But that’s not all the Pathfinders are working on. Pathfinder Sabbath is creeping just around the corner also, and the kids are working on their parts to be ready for it.

by *Tommy Hubbard*

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Last month the church board began discussions about two items that impact our church. One is the need for improve the insulation situation in the school building to make our fuel use more efficient. The other item is relates to how the cleaning of the church is done, and whether we should consider hiring a service.

These discussions will continue this month and be presented in business session at some point

## ATTITUDE

The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstance, than failures than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearances, giftedness, or skill. It will make or break a school, a church, a home. The remarkable thing is, we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past...we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10 percent what happens to me and 90 percent how I react to it.

*by Charles Swindoll*

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Have you had an answered prayer experience you are willing to share?

How about writing about it for the Newsletter?

Or calling someone on our prayer list and praying with them?

Hearing stories of answered prayer helps each of us to utilize this tool in our lives.

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## Miscellaneous Notifications

\* Interested in ordering items from the Country Life catalog? Call Carol Savage for details on when orders are due...906-368-0705. If you would like a One-Call reminder, call Carrie DeGrave and ask her to put you on that list – 639-2001

\* Rada Cutlery is available (a Home & School fund raiser to benefit the school expansion project) <https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=1820058.87e8e7>

\* **From the bulletin secretary:** If you are on a schedule (such as chorister or musician) and you have arranged for a substitute on a given Sabbath, please notify the bulletin secretary so that the bulletin can reflect what actually happens. If you are the presiding elder and the program needs to be adjusted for a special feature (baptism, dedication, ordination, musical program, communion) please consider where/how that will fit and communicate that to the bulletin secretary.

If you like looking for typos, your help is welcome. Text me: Aileen.

## Camp Sagola Events

Spring Retreat – May 6-8

Summer Camp

Staff Orientation – July 11-15

Junior Camp – July 17-24

Teen Camp July 24-31

UP Campmeeting  
September 9-11

UP Women's Retreat  
September 23-25

Marriage Retreat  
October 7-9

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| Sunday                                     | Monday                      | Tuesday | Wednesday                   | Thursday                                       | Friday                                           | Saturday                                                         |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                            |                             | 1       | 2                           | 3<br>Ski Day                                   | 4                                                | 5<br>Speaker:<br>Pastor Hubbard<br>Sledding party – 7:15<br>6:41 |
| 6                                          | 7<br>Pathfinders - 7:15 pm  | 8       | 9<br>Prayer Meeting – 7 pm  | 10<br>School Bd. – 7 pm<br>Church Bd – 8:15 pm | 11<br>6:40<br>6:49                               | 12<br>Pathfinder<br>Sabbath<br>6:51                              |
| 13<br>Daylight<br>Saving<br>Time<br>Begins | 14<br>Pathfinders – 7:15 pm | 15      | 16<br>Prayer Meeting – 7 pm | 17<br>GLAA Spring Break                        | 18<br>WJA Spring Break<br>Begins at noon<br>7:59 | 19<br>Speaker:<br>Pastor Hubbard<br>8:00                         |
| 20<br>WJA Spring Break<br>All week > > > > | 21                          | 22      | 23<br>Prayer Meeting – 7 pm | 24                                             | 25<br>8:08                                       | 26<br>Speaker:<br>Allan Priser<br>8:09                           |
| 27                                         | 28<br>Pathfinders – 7:15 pm | 29      | 30<br>Prayer Meeting – 7 pm | 31                                             |                                                  |                                                                  |