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August 2014: To Give Of Oneself: "As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." (1 Peter 4:10) "Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to that which is good. Be kindly affectionate one to another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another. (Romans 12:9 & 10)

Why does it seem so hard to give oneself in acts of ministry? Sometimes there is the attitude that this particular person just doesn't measure up. We tend to forget that the Bible reminds us: "Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall." (1 Corinthians 10:12) The Apostle Paul also tells us; "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men." (Philippians 2:5-7)

We have the bad tendency to act too much like the elder brother in the parable of 'the Prodigal Son'. Yes, the individual has failed me numerous times or has disappointed me more times than I like to think. Plus they are in the situation because of their own doing. In Romans 12:9a&10: "Let love be without hypocrisy. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another." We must fight against the notion that there is such an animal as a super or superior Christian. Remember we are not at the same level of spiritual maturity however, this does not make us superior. Just the opposite will happen. It will drive us to realize our total dependency on Jesus, and our need to love and care for those who may be struggling.

Then there are those who have ministered with love and compassion for years and have grown tired and weary. The urge or feeling comes over the believer to step back and even retire from serving. I have had officers in some of the churches I have served who told me almost this very thing. I reminded them, as I remind myself, and remind each of you, to never think that we can retire from serving, from being a committed steward. Pray and maybe the Lord will give you a different direction in ministry, but never retirement. Besides, if we could we all would grow weary of this, and be most miserable.

The adversary of the Christian, Satan, takes no greater pleasure than to see a faithful steward of God grow weary and discouraged. We must remind ourselves that no one is worthy to be called into His glorious service, let alone to be called a child of the most High. It was through a faithful Sunday School teacher, pastor, family member or friend that we were first introduced to the gospel. I remember the same ones taught my older brothers before me. They never gave in or gave up, and they never lost their zeal to teach us vociferous teenagers, and especially me.

Our God chooses to use all of us ordinary folks who have been gifted by the Holy Spirit; "to minister to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." (1 Peter 4:10b) We should count it a deep honor and privilege to tell others how much our God loves and cares for them. We may not all be in front of a class or behind a pulpit, but we all have many opportunities to share, one-on-one, the good news of Jesus.

We may have feelings of inadequacy to be a steward of God, and to be honest we are, outside the working and power of the Holy Spirit. A person may fake it for a good long while, but the lasting fruit will not be there. When our Lord grabs our heart He will begin His work of transformation in us. And be sure, He will equip each of us for His good work. Look to Him for the results not to a person, and you will not be disappointed. Praise God for this, your brother and fellow steward, Meredith.

SERMON SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:

August 3	I Peter 4:7-11 "Our Serving Brings Glory to Our Lord God"
August 10	Ephesians 4:1-16 "Grace Is The Guiding Principle of Our Walk"
August 17	II Corinthians 9:6-15 "Cheerfulness Comes From Thankfulness"
August 24	John 15:12-17; Romans 12:9-16 "How Do We Give Of Ourselves?"
August 31	I Corinthians 12:1-12 "In the Holy Spirit, Diversity Brings Unity"



Shut ins:

Bennett, Mary Frances	Moore, Martha Lou
Goulder, Gordon	Smith, Mary Frances
Goulder, Helen	Rhodes, Geraldine

Ill / Recovering

Heath, Amanda --	Radiation
Jill Gross (Pat's Daughter) -	Cancer/Radiation
Wanda (Pat McCains Sister)	Chemo
Will Kimes	Skull surgery

Sick

Culver, Anthony	Locke, Ann
Culver, Michael	Locke, Mike
Curtis, Cooper	McCain, Pat
Goulder, Bobbie	Moncla, Luke
Goulder, Keith	Moss, Charlie
Griffin, Melanie	Otis, Mike
Hill, Dana	Patrick, Carolyn
Hill, Joy	Pugh, Kaleb
Hubbard, Kristi	Stitt, Sam
Huffman, Linda	Tyler, Jean
Legler, Don	Wells, Whit
Lewis, Adam	Winford, Sherry
Lineberger, Rachael	

Military

Bornaman, Zachary	Heathman, Matthew
Donahoo, Tim	Hill, Debra
Dooley, Rod	Hunt, Boyce
Hair, Colton	Smith, Brad

Missionaries

Coad, Jim & Gala	Carson, Rebekah
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If you know of anyone who needs to be added or removed please let us know!

FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH

Mary Steele Circle

August 17	Denise Moore In Honor of The Kitchen Krew
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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

<i>August 3</i>	<i>Mr. and Mrs. Keith Walker</i>
<i>August 10</i>	<i>Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Wylie</i>
<i>August 18</i>	<i>Mr. and Mrs. David Templeton</i>
<i>August 24</i>	<i>Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Scott</i>
<i>August 30</i>	<i>Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sides</i>

CHILDRENS SERMON

<i>Aug 3</i>	<i>Kaitlyn Moore</i>
<i>Aug 10</i>	<i>Margarette Alsbrook</i>
<i>Aug 17</i>	<i>Kevin Heath</i>
<i>Aug 24</i>	<i>Meredith Cavin</i>
<i>Aug 31</i>	<i>Denise Moore</i>

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

August 3	Joanna Simonton
August 11	Vickie Hugues
August 17	Robin Gravely
August 24	Helen Woods
August 31	Stephanie Moore

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2	Damon Morgan	10	Debbie Walker	24	Dave Huffman
3	Casey Hill		McKenzie Huffman	26	Joseph Ehrhardt
	Jonathan Hill	11	Ginger Carter	27	Cynthia Cranford
4	Jennifer Goulder	12	David Templeton	28	Nick Goulder
6	Kirsten Rettig	13	Justin Whitmer	29	Taylor Glass
9	Lee Ann Smith	14	Kenneth McCain	30	Judy Huffman
	Maureen Paladino	16	Laura Richardson		
	Sandy Herring	22	Vickie Hugues		

Upcoming Events

PLEASE NOTE: If you have any ideas or suggestions for the church website, please contact Chris Gravley, webmaster, at 901-674-3851 or e-mail at chris_gravley@bellsouth.net.

THE DEACON OF THE MONTH is Tom Campbell. If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Tom at 901-515-7553.

PLEASE NOTE Church Workday on Saturday August 9th starting at 8:00 a.m. A list of projects will be displayed in the vestibule.

PLEASE NOTE: Camp of the Rising Son (Where MVP Camp is held) is in major need of Passion Play Costumes. They use them during the summer to perform for the campers at the end of each week. If you would like to help in any way with making new costumes for them please see Denise Moore.

PLEASE NOTE: Wednesday Night Youth Groups, Adult Bible Study and Supper @ Six will start back on August 13th. Please keep this in your prayers for guidance and support.

PLEASE NOTE: Senior Outing is this Wednesday.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be a Worker's Council Meeting on Tuesday August 5th at 7:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. This meeting is for all who are concerned about the Christian Education of our church.

PLEASE NOTE: The Outreach Ministry needs donations of Juice boxes or small water bottles. Please leave them in the Old Kitchen.

PLEASE NOTE: August 31 is the Sunday School Promotion And Rally Day with a Pot Luck Lunch.

STORY TIME

Saturday August 9th

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on the playground!

Snack will be provided.

PLEASE NOTE: We need articles for the Brighton Light! Tell me what's going on in your Circle, Men's Ministry, Women's Ministry, etc.