

HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN

Several years ago there was a few brief statements in the Livingston bulletin via Bulletin Digest that ask the question, “How Long Has it Been Since You...” and then goes on to suggest several areas we might address.

How long has it been since you took time to go see someone who lives alone? We know it can be difficult during these times, but especially during the holidays. If you will take the time to do this, you will benefit as much or more as the one you went to visit.

How long has it been since you send a card to someone who crossed your mind? Take a few minutes to send a card to someone you communicated with in the past, but have not in some time.

How long has it been since you encouraged someone who was having a hard time being a Christian or struggling with a life situation? That may be one of the cards you need to write. Just a kind, encouraging word can mean a lot to someone who is struggling to live the kind of life they know they need to live.

How long has it been since you prayed earnestly for someone who was faltering? Remember the words of James in James 5:16. How long has it been? *L. Cole*

SOME THOUGHTS ON GOD’S GOODNESS

The Lord is good,
A stronghold in the day of trouble;
And He knows those who trust in Him.
(Nahum 1:7)

THE SIMPLE AFFIRMATION THAT GOD IS GOOD IS A MARVELOUS THING.

Perhaps the marvel of it is lost on us today, but two thousand years ago the notion that the Creator is benevolently inclined toward His creatures was a radical concept. What is more, the news that the goodness of the true God has been manifested in the atoning death and triumphant resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, blew through the fear and superstition of the pagan mind like a cleansing hurricane. The human heart has simply never entertained a more nourishing, strengthening thought than the idea that God is good — perfectly, lovingly, and victoriously good.

Make no mistake, the goodness by which God makes possible our reconciliation, and by which He will one day judge the world, doesn’t mean that all will be saved and none lost (Romans 11:22). To commit sin is always, in one way or another, to refuse the benevolence of God’s will in the here and now — and if we’re lost in eternity, it will be the consequence of having refused God’s love for so long that time ran out and our lives finally ended in rebellion (John 3:16-19). Some will simply not accept God’s reconciliation on His terms, and we’re told that these “shall be punished with everlasting

destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power” (2 Thessalonians 1:9). God will not force His goodness upon any whose final choice is to refuse it.

but we need not reject the truth about God’s goodness. We can accept it. Peter wrote that we can entrust ourselves “to a faithful Creator” (1 Peter 4:19). This truth is far more than a lucky charm to be worn while we live any way we wish. It happens to be the most “disturbing” concept that can seize our thinking. Whoever truly comes to terms with the unfailing goodness of God will never again deal with sin or with uncertainty in the same way. A deep, grateful confidence that God is good will win the war against both wickedness and worry.

Yet, in the maddening maze of things,
And tossed by storm and flood,
To one fixed trust my spirit clings;
I know that God is good!

(John Greenleaf Whittier)

Gary Henry – WordPoints.com, 03/05/18

FRIDAY NIGHT SINGING

**MONTROSE CHURCH
OF CHRIST
53 LAKESIDE DR.
CARTHAGE TN 37030**

MARCH 23RD.

**WE WILL BEGIN SINGING
AT 7:00 PM.**

**WE WILL BEGIN
SERVING FOOD**

AT 5:00 PM

W. A. GIBBS MODERATOR

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

WORSHIP—SUNDAY AM

MAR 25, 2018

Co-Coordinator George Clay
Announcements Dallas Eddie

Scriptures Reading.. Psa. 119:103-105..Austin Clay
Song Leader Steve Anderson
Opening Prayer.Jacky Carver, Sr.

Lord's Supper-Preside: Robert Hackett
Serve:, Mitchell Brooks, Ethan Leonard
Justin Draper, Roger Draper,
Closing Prayer Glen Reece

Greeter— Dianna Dillehay & Susanne
Greeter— Glen & Patsy Reece
Greeters: Please be here to greet 20 minutes before services.

Count Offering. Dallas Eddie
. Kaleb Bush
AM Sermon—Lamp Unto My Feet
PM Sermon— Fourth Sunday Singing

WORSHIP---SUNDAY---6:00 PM

Announcements Dallas Eddie
Song Leader. Steve Anderson
Scripture Reading...Psa. 126:2,3...Austin Clay

Opening PrayerMitchell Brooks
Lord's SupperJacky Carver, Sr.
. Gavin Spurlin
Closing Prayer Roger Draper

BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY---7:00 PM

Announcement. Dallas Eddie
Song Leader Glen Reece
First Prayer.Jacky Carver, Sr.
Opening Prayer Glen Reece
Closing Prayer Kaleb Bush

Prepare Communion for MAR
Sheery Jo & Kelly

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Ramelie Cole, Carolyn Clay
Jere Andrews, Tim Smith,
Billy Halliburton — St. Thomas West
Remember Cody & Emily Anderson in prayer.

OUR RECORD OF LOVE FOR CHRIST

03/18/18

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mar. 23rd. Friday Night Singing 7:00 pm
Apr. 8th. Student from SEIBS
April 15th. Youth Unite at Carthage 5:00 pm
Apr. 20th. Meal and Bowling in Cookeville

Pantry Item: Juice

READING SCHEDULE FOR MAR

01 Joshua 6-9	12 Jud. 20-21	22 I Sam. 27-29
02 Joshua 10-12	13 Ruth 1-4	23 I Sam. 30-31
03 Joshua 13-15	14 I Sam. 1-3	24 II Sam. 1-4
04 Joshua 16-20	15 I Sam. 4-6	25 II Sam. 5-9
05 Joshua 21-24	16 I Sam. 7-9	26 II Sam. 10-12
06 Judg. 1-2	17 I Sm.10-12	27 II Sam. 13-15
07 Judg. 3-5	18 I Sm. 13-17	28 II Sam. 16-18
08 Judg. 6-8	19 I Sm. 18-20	29 II Sam. 19-21
09 Judg. 9-11	20 I Sm. 21-23	30 II Sam. 22-24
10 Judg. 12-14	21 I Sm.24-26	31 I Kings 1-3
11 Judg. 15-19		