

From The Deacon's Corner

We want to welcome Bill Hardaway as our newest member of the Deacon's Group as of March 3rd. We feel that this will give the Deacon's Group additional versatility and depth. We look forward to working with Bill.

At the Sunday afternoon church meeting, the placement of the Lord's Table was discussed and the decision was made to return it to the front of the auditorium. The number of men serving will be reduced to six; one to preside, two on each side and one in back for the nursery and sound booth.

If you have not updated your member information sheet, please do so. Less than half have been turned in. You will find the forms on the round tables behind the pews and under the bulletin board in the foyer.

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FOR YOUR PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION

David Hicks—back problems
Emily Wholford— in need of a liver transplant
Nancy Fite—recovering from a bone marrow transplant
Burbon Lewis—recovering from gallbladder surgery
Carol Allison—congestive heart failure
Sandy Mitchell—chemo treatments for skin cancer and cancer free after one more treatment
William O'Malley—alzheimers
Michelle Norman—recovering from back surgery
Angela Michelle Elhussein—recovering at home with home health care
Diane Pryor—home recovering from brain surgery
Todd Mullins—throat cancer
Mary McMurtry—health issues
Joyce Horvath—back issues
Steve Condra—knee replacement surgery
Charles Brown—Guidance
Nadina Oldfield Crave—heart problems
John Horvath—rheumatoid arthritis
Barbara Lewis—Summit Hospital ICU

LONG TERM ILLNESS:

Judy Nix, Peggy Baker, Wayne Wooley, Barbara Lewis, Joe & Barbara Fields, James Brown, Dale Summers, Francis Kemp.

God's Protective Wings

A story in National Geographic several years ago gives us a beautiful and penetrating picture of God's protective wings covering His children. After a forest fire in Yellowstone National Park, forest rangers began their trek up a mountain to assess the inferno's damage. One ranger found a bird literally petrified in ashes, perched statuesquely on the ground at the base of a tree. Somewhat sickened by the eerie sight, the ranger reached out to knock the bird over with a stick. As he gently struck it, three tiny chicks scurried from under their dead mother's wings. The loving mother, keenly aware of impending disaster, had carried her offspring to the base of the tree and had gathered them under her wings, instinctively knowing that the toxic smoke would rise. She could have flown to safety, but she refused to abandon her babies. When the blaze reached her, the heat had scorched her small body, but the mother had remained steadfast because she had been willing to die, those under the cover of her wings had lived. The Psalmist beautifully illustrates God's protective love and care for each of us in Psalm 91:4 (NIV) when he says, "He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge".

As His children, let's remember the One who truly loves us (Romans 5:5-10), and then be different from the masses of the world because of that love (Romans 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 6:14-18).

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READ & RETURN

If you have the book *Muscle and a Shovel*, please read ASAP and return to the table in the auditorium. People are waiting.

Teacher's Needed

We are seeking men who would be willing to help fill the Wednesday evening teacher position on a rotating basis. Also, women who are willing to be an aide or a substitute to help with teaching responsibilities of the children also to be done on a rotating basis.

Wednesday Nights

Wednesday nights during the first two weeks of March, we will continue to have a singing class introducing a few new songs and revisiting our favorite hymns. We will distribute CD's to reinforce our learning. Any questions, please see Paul Norman.

Partners 4 Africa.....

We are continuing our efforts to support this work. Appropriate clothing and shoes are being collected and stored in the Gathering Place until the next container is ready to be shipped.

It has been suggested that the children (and adults) shift their mission giving from the well-digging project to the M.O.M. Project (Making Orphan Meals). Fifty cents will provide one meal to a hungry child. God has given Partners 4 Africa the opportunity to provide nutritious meals for approximately 600 orphans on a weekly basis. Many elderly and homeless also benefit through this feeding program.

We have seen the joy children feel at being a part of meeting a basic need of people less fortunate than themselves. Encourage them to see how many meals they can provide for a hungry child. The collection jar is on the table by the doors.

SERVICES AT HEARTLAND

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