

Upcoming Events...

1 Corinthians Class: Every Tuesday at 12:00 p.m.
Ladies' Day: Saturday, January 28. Starts at 12:00
at Palm Desert Country Club
Barnabas Group meeting: January 31

Quotations about Character...Think about it...

“Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired, and success achieved.”

- Helen Keller -

“Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are.” - John Wooden -

“Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power.” - Abraham Lincoln -

January Birthdays

5 John Aguiar 14 Juanita Small

January Anniversaries

8 Bob & Debbie Pescador

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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A Service Greater Than to the President

By Tim Childs

With the inauguration of our new President, we have had another glimpse into the inner workings of the Executive branch of our Federal Government. Including the services of Air Force 1, there are thousands of individuals who, with admirable distinction, serving at the will and pleasure of the President. Upon greeting the President at the beginning of a new day, the aide will ask, “What can I do for you today, Mr. President?” Each staff member, each aide is prepared to give his or her greatest efforts in faithfully executing the orders of the President. For the Secret Service, no effort is counted too great, no expense is too costly to protect and secure the President and his family.

What if you and I approached our service to the Prince of Peace, the prince of the kings of the earth, with even equal determination, diligence and care? Isn't the person who wears the name above all others (Philippians 2:9) worthy of greater loyalty and loving obedience? In the person of Jesus, the Christ, we serve a higher calling with a greater, nobler purpose. Suppose we began our new day, everyday, asking the Lord of lords, and King of kings, “What can I do for you today, my Lord?”

With due respect to our Commander in Chief, what so many of us apparently fail to realize is that everything about Jesus, the Son of God, transcends every facet of the person and the power vested in “the leader of the free world.” For instance, Jesus' message overshadows any message formulated by the President and his speech writers, although it is delivered with precision and the greatest oratorical skill. Jesus' message of peace through righteousness, hope and deliverance is a universal message that transforms lives and makes all the difference both now and in eternity. Jesus declared, “*I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly*” (John 10:10, KJV). Jesus' message of sanctifying truth, the gospel, is the seed that germinates, breaking forth into life eternal.

Our Lord, and Master, has great work for you and me. The nations and kingdoms of men may rise, fall and return to dust, but the kingdom of heaven endures forever. *“And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever”* (Daniel 2:44). Discouraged, down and depressed, we have hidden with Elijah in the cave long enough (1 Kings 19). God is asking still, “What are you doing here?” With a renewed mind and higher sense of purpose, it is now time to spring forth in haste and diligence with the everlasting gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The Prince of Peace is counting on me.

“Put yer Heart into it sun”

By Shane Robinson

I used to work with one of the “countryest” people you could ever meet. He was a smart and excellent friend. Although our backgrounds were completely opposite, we worked together very well. One Friday, in late January, he taught me a lesson I would never forget.

We were working in Nashville Tennessee. We had to finish our job before we traveled 2 and ½ hours back home. It was about 15 degrees outside and it had been drizzling “freezing rain” all day. My coveralls were frozen (literally), my hat had icicles hanging off the bill, but worst of all, my feet were cold. I was ready to “call it quits,” go home, and finish the job on Monday. One problem, our boss wanted the job done yesterday (if you know what I mean). I told my buddy, “I just cannot go on any farther, I am cold and I am tired.” He replied, “put yer heart into it sun, we ain’t never gonna go home if you don’t.”

It was then that I realized I had been focusing on the obstacles surrounding me and not on the goal that was set before me. Sure it was cold, sure I wanted to go home, but that was not helping the job at hand, and if I didn’t “put my heart into it,” I was never going to win the prize (going home). It is amazing what we can accomplish when we “put our hearts into it.” After I put my heart into it, and got serious, it wasn’t any time at all until the job was finished and I was sitting in the warm truck on my way home.

Christians have a race to run (Hebrews 12:1-2). There is only one path (Matthew 7:14), and only one way to reach the goal (John 14:6).

Will there be obstacles in our path? You better believe it (Ephesians 6:16; 1 Peter 4:8). We must not get side-tracked with any obstacles that come across our path (James 4:7). The key is to focus on the “race set before us,” “put our hearts into it,” and “look to Jesus” who is at the finish line cheering us on to win the prize...going home (John 14:1-3)!!!

A Prescription For You

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*If you are impatient, sit down quietly and talk with Job.
If you are strong headed, go see Moses.
If you are getting weak-kneed, take a good look at Elijah.
If there is no song in your heart, listen to David.
If you are a policy man, read Daniel.
If you are getting morbid, spend a while with Isaiah.
If you are chilly, get the beloved disciple
to put his arms around you.
If your faith is weak, read Paul.
If you are getting lazy, watch James.
If you are losing sight of the future, climb up the stairs of
Revelation and get a glimpse of the promised land.*

Fanny Crosby

The grave of Fanny Crosby, in Bridgeport, Connecticut, has a simple marker that reads, "Aunt Fanny-She Hath Done What She Could."

Fanny Crosby was blind from six weeks of age because of a mistreatment by a man claiming to be a doctor. Yet she wrote more than 9000 hymns, such as: *Blessed Assurance; All the Way My Saviour Leads Me; I Am Thine, O Lord; Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross; Praise Him, Praise Him; Rescue the Perishing; To God Be the Glory* and *Tell Me the Story of Jesus*, to name a few.

Although blind, she was the guest of six presidents and a personal friend to Grover Cleveland. Her 9000 hymns were set to music by every popular American tunesmith of the nineteenth century and still blesses the church of Jesus Christ in our day.

Someone has said, "It doesn't take much of a man to be used of God. It just takes all of him."