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Thoughts To Consider

A few months ago I talked about the fall season and the changes it brings and how the trees changed and for some reason I recently started thinking again about change.

I thought of all the changes I've seen in my short time here on this earth and although I haven't seen as many or radical changes as some, I have seen a few.

I remember splitting wood for my grandmother's wood cookstove (best biscuits ever made!!), kerosene lamps, potbellied wood stoves and waiting outside for the iceman to stop by with ice for the icebox.

I remember how almost the whole family would come to grandma's house on the weekend once she got electric to watch the first TV any of us had ever seen even though the picture was really bad, and how it took the place of the Grand Ole Opry, Gunsmoke and others on the multi-band, battery powered (electric too, but who had it?) radio we listened to.

Of course, who could ever forget the sears catalog in the little house out back, especially in the winter, when it would get cold and the water in the washpan and waterbucket would freeze, the phones (once we got them) that everyone would listen in on, taking baths & washing clothes in a washtub (hurray for gas powered wringer washer machines), HUGE nickel candy bars, and much, much more.

Many changes have been for the better - I've had people tell me the best thing that ever happened to man was the invention of, in no particular order, the washer and dryer, dishwasher, microwave, modern medicine, gas efficient cars and an almost unlimited host of others.

Although some will say they thrive on it, by and large most people don't do well with change. As a rule, we like

to have things laid out for us with as little interruption to our routines as possible.

Psychologists tell us this is because we are creatures of habit - once we get set into a routine that seems to be working for us, we don't like to change it.

This reluctance to change can cause us a lot of grief. Take the advent of computers for instance. When they first began to filter from science & academia into the "regular" world, many wanted to nothing to do with them.

This has caused a great deal of problem on many jobs. Just about everything is computer related anymore and in some places you even fill out job applications on a computer. Almost everything is computer run these days - from our coffee pots, TV's, VCR's, DVD's and phones to our cars - so it's almost impossible to avoid them. Yet some still refuse to change. We don't like it when the neighborhood changes, traffic gets worse; anything that changes our routines.

As Christians we are to experience a change for the rest of our lives. We are to change from the old sinful nature to the new nature in Christ. We are to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The Bible tells us in Corinthians 3:18 "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." All these things require us to change.

As Christians we can't afford to resist change, get as we say "stuck in a rut", serving God because, as we have seen, the nature of being a Christian means change. To resist change, if we aren't careful, could mean resisting God. We must, however, make sure the changes we want to make are consistent with the Word of God and not just change for the sake of change. Change just for the sake of changing things is, in it's own way, as bad a habit as any we could have.*Pastor Charlie*

Church Service Times

Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Worship 11:00 AM

Thursday 7:00 PM

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Prayer List



James 5:14-16

Jason Newman Jo Boen Gary Morrow
Clorine Mills Jerry Reed Escue Family

Please remember to pray for the Pastors and Christians in the Congo. Pick up a Euro Up-date from one of the tables for the latest on the ministries we support in Africa and their prayer needs. 2

Thessalonians 3:1

Please to remember to pick up a Voice Of The Martyrs Prayer list from the tables every week and pray for their requests. **Hebrews 13:3**

The Sunday School Class Pastor will teach is scheduled to start Sunday January 6, 2008

Accounting For November 2007

Starting Balance: 3,633.87

Date	Category	Amount	Balance
11/5	Church Improvements	183.17	3,450.70
11/11	Church Cleaning	50.00	3,400.70
11/11	Lawn Care	45.00	3,355.70
11/14	Heating Gas	27.60	3,328.10
11/14	Electricity	18.13	3,309.97
11/15	Water & Sewer	19.92	3,290.05
11/15	Interest	1.46	3,291.51
11/15	Church Improvements	302.00	2,989.51
11/19	Church Improvements	40.79	2,948.72
11/19	Church Improvements	12.30	2,936.42
11/25	Gideons	600.00	2,336.42
11/25	Salvation Army	300.00	2,036.42
11/25	Cookson Hills	200.00	1,836.42
11/25	Ministries in Africa	200.00	1,636.42
11/25	Adult Dev Center	100.00	1,536.42
11/25	NBA Echo	100.00	1,436.42
11/27	Income	1,058.09	2,494.51
Ending Totals:		1,139.36	2,494.51

Announcements

2008 Prayer Date Our Church's day of prayer for our State and Nation as part of the 24 hour 366 days of prayer in 2008 will be Sunday January 6, 2008.

Pastor will be at the church from 6:00 AM Sunday morning until 6:00 AM Monday morning if anyone wishes to come by the church and pray instead of or in addition to praying at home. Communion will be available for those who wish to take communion during the prayer time. Please take time during this day to pray for our state and nation.

2 Chronicles 7:14 "If **my** people, which are called by **my** name, *shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then* will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will *heal their land.*"

Everyone one is invited to come for **Good Food and Fellowship!** Club Potluck December 11th 12:00 noon at Avoca Community Building.



Bring Canned Goods

Don't forget to bring non-perishable items for our food outreach.

If anyone knows of a family that needs help contact Pastor or Deacon Nick Landowski or Deacon Wesley Wilkerson. **Proverbs 22:9, 28:27**



Birthdays This Month

Alyssia Birchfield Jackie Buttram
Brian Birchfield Dorothy Russell

If you would like your birthday or anniversary listed, please give them to Pastor or Diana.

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