

Keep Running! Part Three

by Dave Rogers

To be a Christian is to make a **commitment** – “Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain” (1 Corinthians 9:24). Christians run for a PRIZE, **not** just for exercise! Peter wrote about **false** prophets who promise a kind of “liberty” that actually seduces the saved back into the slavery of SIN (2 Peter 2). They’re trying to distract us from our race, and lure us off the “track!”

1. They **forsake** the right way, verse 15.
2. They **claim** to be free from sin, while they actually revel in it, verses 18-19.
3. They delight in pulling **others** into their sins as well, verse 18.
4. These false “prophets” are trying to hobble the saved with new “weights” of sin!

To the Galatians, who were being led astray by such false teachers, Paul commanded; “It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery” (Galatians 5:1). **Their** “yoke of slavery” was in trying to hold on to Moses’ Law; but **the principle**, of not being brought under the false teaching of any (1 Corinthians 6:12-13), applies to all situations.

We must “COME clean” (with regard to sin) to become Christians; but we must also “STAY CLEAN!” Just “entering” the race is not enough, we must also run all the way to the finish line:

There is no prize for running 49 yards in a 50 yard dash! To those same Christians, Paul noted in Galatians 5:7 that, “Ye WERE running well; who hindered you that ye should not obey the truth?” Thus Jude would write, “KEEP yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life” (Jude 21, emphasis mine, DR).

When we look back on our lives before Christ, **there should be NO “NOSTALGIA!”** Far too many Christians try to hold on to “souvenir sins!” What **did** we “have,” when we were lost in sin?

1. The hollow “satisfactions” worldly lusts (see 1 Peter 2:11); Peter tells us to flee, run away from, such evil influences in our lives!
2. We had condemnation for sin, Romans 2:8 & 9.
3. We had God’s anger upon us because of our sins, Psalm 7:11.
4. We had the concrete and fearful certainty of judgement! John 5:29_b.
5. We have the assurance that if we return to those sins, there is no more sacrifice for them, Hebrews 10:26.

Remember! God began a **good** work in us as Christians (Philippians 1:6), but we must run **with** Him to see it completed!

(One more to come!)

Sacrifice

by Tom Moore

Sacrifice is not a word we use much these days, is it? When was the last time you used it or thought about it in terms of your own life? When was the last time you sacrificed anything for anybody? Come to think about it, there's only one sport as far as I know where the term is actually used. Do you know which sport that is? You can almost hear the commentator announcing it over the radio, "And there it goes, a long fly ball to left; easy out, but the man on third tags up and trots home - Sacrifice fly."

What a great idea - you're out, but you helped someone else score a run. Baseball is one of the few sports where you lose but the team still gains. Have you heard the way one comedian spells it out in his routine about the contrast between the hardness of football and the softness of baseball? He says: In football you tackle! In baseball, you "catch flies." In football you punt! In baseball you "bunt." Football is played on a Gridiron! Baseball is played on a "field." In football you Score! In baseball you "go home." In football you kill! In baseball you "sacrifice."

Baseball may be the only sport where you actually can hear this word. It's one of the few places anywhere that you hear it in a self-centered, take-care-of-yourself, don't-worry-about-anybody-else society. In contrast to football, sacrifice may sound like a sign of weakness but I hardly think of any of the St. Louis Cardinals or Boston Red Sox as weak. Baseball's one thing - but life is quite another. Who sacrifices anything any more in a time like ours? Who really denies themselves and takes up crosses anymore?

Inspiration says, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Romans 12:1).

Priorities

by Dave Rogers

Priorities are a necessary part of life. When we arise each day, we immediately begin to place priorities on the things we must do. It may be that breakfast occupies the number one spot on our daily list of duties, or perhaps getting to work/school on time is the most important thing (for me, it's that first cup of coffee!). Either way, we unconsciously assign values to the things we do.

This is also true in the spiritual realm. We set priorities on worshipping on Sunday evenings, attending the Wednesday night bible studies, our personal study habits, giving, evangelism, and so on. Matthew 6:33 instructs us to, "seek first the kingdom of God." The Savior, through His church, is to have "first call" on our time and talents: Neither our jobs, nor even our families, are more important. Our participation (or lack of it) in spiritual things such as worship, evangelism, and visitation is generally a direct and accurate measure of how valued and important these things are to us. The Psalmist said, "I made hast and delayed not to keep they commandments" (Psalm 119:60). Think about this, brethren.

Who Is Your Real Friend?

Would a doctor be your friend if he knew of a deadly disease within your body and did not tell you?

Would your banker be your friend if he allowed you to invest in a failing enterprise and did not warn you?

Would a lawyer be your friend if he knew of a flaw in a title, but permitted you to buy the property?

Would a preacher be your friend if he knew of an error in your life or religion and did not bring it to your attention?

He is your friend who warns you concerning bodily ills, poor investments, and faulty titles. He is also your friend who tells you of any religious errors, and how to correct them!

"Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins" (James 5:20).

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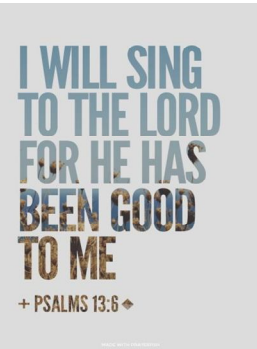
4th Annual Atlanta Area-Wide *ThanksSinging*

Join us the Sunday before Thanksgiving for a joyous, time-honored tradition

Date: Sunday, November 20, 2016

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Fayetteville Church of Christ
870 Redwine Road
Fayetteville, GA 30215



Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall
For info call 770-461-3617 or email us at: mail@fcoc.com



Adult Holiday Party December 3rd at 7pm

Fried chicken, ham, dressing, rolls and delicious holiday cakes will be provided.

**Please bring your favorite side dish
and an elephant gift
(something funny that you will enjoy
seeing someone open)**

Family Matters

Butch Trawick – Is recovering at home.

Mattie Croix – Is recovering at home after surgery last week.

Frances Elder – Is having health issues.

Bernice Gillespie – Is having health issues.

Deepest Sympathy

We offer our deepest sympathy to **Byron Higginbotham and his family** for the passing of Sister Becky last week. Visitation will be at Connor-Westbury Funeral Home in Griffin, Saturday from 4-7 pm. Please keep the Higginbotham family in your prayers during this time.

Members With Health Problems: Sarah Beth Haney, Holly Dalman, Wayne & Betty Jo Nash, Jim Garner, Mattie Croix, Mary Lawrence, Decieta Lyons, RuPearl Sharpe, Brenda Mitchell, Equillar Butler, Lucille Amon, Marlene Etheridge, Mattie Williams, Maylon Swann, Una Fortson, Forrest & Burma Chapman

Shut-ins: Ruby Fowler, Annette Benefield, Butch & Joann Trawick, David & Shirley Lee, Lillian Gray, David Nash, Jane Lankford & Joe Clark Elder

Others With Health Problems: Ray & Keven Barton, Kresta Braswell & Kyla Barton, Rose Osborn (friend of Marlene Etheridge), Harold Holt (Shirley Lee's brother), Sybil Hedden, Caylee Williamson (Terri Durden's niece), Cole Gilman, David Fredricks (Jeannie Pyron's brother), Meg Wallace (Sharon O'Brien's cousin), Willard Mann, Bree Couch (Ginny's dau.-in-law), Gregory Crook (Lucille Amon's nephew), Tom Holcomb (Annette's Son-in-law), Greta Newsome (Jill Nash's sister), Joanne Daugherty (David & Wayne Nash's Sister), Carol Bomar (Charity Nash's aunt), Loretta Russell (Ray's mother), Nelda Hayes (Jack Sorrell's aunt), Nancy Ford (Joann Crook's sister), Virginia Poskevich (David's mother), Xernonia Fortson (Una's daughter), Eddie & Lil Cauthen (Joan Poskevich's bro./S-i-L), Joe Hand (Jim Scoma's B-in-L) and Marvin Cook (Jean Johnson's brother)

Prayer Requested – Scott Kelly's email address jpay.com (Web site) #1001380630 (Scott / Robert Kelly)

Prayer Requested – Jamie & Jason Campbell (Sylvester & Missy's sons).

Military Members Deployed: AM3 Candace Butts (Connie Elder's daughter), US Navy

FEMA Deployed: Sylvester & Missy Campbell are both deployed.



Frogs College Student Boxes Items Needed by November 27th.



Parents need addresses for the College Students

Hot chocolate, granola bars, instant oatmeal, instant soup packets, pocket tissues, snack packets & anything non perishable.



Thanks Prayer Evening Service on November 27th
Please put your prayer request in the box located in the foyer.

Calendar

Nov 18 – SilverWings Thanksgiving Dinner at Fried Tomato Buffet in Newnan. Bus will leave the building at 5pm.

Nov 20 – ThanksSinging at Fayetteville COC

Nov 21 - DATE CHANGE– Raintree Village Food Truck will be at the building on Nov 22.

Nov 22 - Mid Week Bible Study at 7pm

Nov 27 - Evening Prayer Service. Please put our prayer request in the box located in the foyer.

Dec 3 – Adult Holiday Party at 7pm in the fellowship hall

Dec 11 - Wedding reception for Josh Findley from 3-4:30pm. The couple would like gift cards from WalMart or Target.

Dec 11 – Ladies' Ornament Exchange hosted by Melanie

Bible Bowl Snacks/Light Lunch Sign-Up

Dec



4 Linda Armstrong - snacks

11 Needed someone - Snacks

18 Catherine Kelly - light lunch



Youth Events

Nov 27 – FROGS will assemble boxes for our college students.

Dec 9 – Frog Holiday Party/Movie

Dec 18 – Area Wide Youth Devo - Tara

Feb 4, 2017 – Providers/Keepers Class

November, 2016	11/20	11/27
Call To Worship	Greg Nash	Greg Nash
Scripture Reading	Luke Quinn	Zeke Poskevich
Song Leader	Stan Mitchell	Jimmy Garner
Prayer	Ray Russell	Hugh Kelly
Preside Lord's Supper	Larry Rose	Steve Hopkins
Server	Mike Fields	Morris Jones
Server	Wade Foster	Jack Sorrell
Server	Greg Curtis	Ben Rogers
Server	Randall Bell	Jerry Riner
Server	James Walker	Shirley Allender
Server	Charles Nash	Brian Johnson
Server	Zeke Poskevich	Luke Quinn
Server	Tommy Chapman	Larry Fields
Sermon	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers
Response Elder	Tom Durden	Tom Durden
Announcements	Dave Rogers	Greg Nash
Shepherd's Prayer	Tom Durden	Jim Pelfrey
Evening Worship		
Announcements	Greg Nash	Greg Nash
Song Leader	Stan Mitchell	Coney Johnson
Prayer	Paul Lyons	Thomas Quinn
Sermon	ThanksSinging	Song Service
Lord's Supper	Randall Bell	David Hopkins
Lord's Supper	Zeke Poskevich	Michael Boesterli
Prayer	David Riley	Ron Biles

Fayetteville Church of Christ - 2016 Goal - Evangelism

Georgia AGAPE's Thanksgiving Appeal Sunday, November 20th

This is our opportunity, as a congregation, to individually consider our support. Georgia AGAPE is committed to serving Church of Christ Families and Children in need. Appeal envelopes for your contribution are located in the foyer. You may give your sealed envelopes to Jerry or Miranda Kendrix, who will deliver them to AGAPE. Thank you for caring and sharing, Jerry

Communion Preparation

Nov – Mallory Chapman
Dec – Linda Howell

Dec 4 Zeke Poskevich
Dec 11 & 18 Gayle Pelfrey
Dec 25 & Jan 1 Jordan Madison

Nursery

20 Sandy Garner
27 Linda Johnson

Open Arms

20 Linda Johnson, Jo Hurt, Zeke Poskevich,
21 Linda Armstrong, Thomas & Meggi Quinn
27 Jo Ruffer, Sandy Garner, Joan Poskevich,
28 Theresa Green, Paul & Decieta Lyons

Care of Building

16-30 Anthony Ravenell/
Eric Hagin

Ushers

20 David Hopkins/Rick Sharpe
27 Paul Lyons/Harry Williams

Media Center Helpers

20 Brad Hopkins
Nov 27 Morris Jones

Wednesday Evening Devotional

23 Jim O'Brien
30 Jimmy Garner

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Dennis Graham
David Hopkins
Hugh Kelly
Jerry Kendrix
Andy Johnson
Paul Lyons
Stan Mitchell
David Poskevich
Anthony Ravenell
Jack Sorrell

Assembly Schedule:

Sunday
9:00 am Bible Classes
10:00 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Worship Service

10:00 am Tuesday Morning
Bible Class
(September 11—May 14)

7:00 pm Wednesday Night
Bible Study

7:00 pm Thursday Night
Ladies Class
(September-May)

Our Missionaries



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November 2016

Evangelism

"For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building." 1 Corinthians 3:9

Response Elder- Tom Durden

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																																									
		1 HS Margaret McCain Tuesday Morning Bible Study at 10am	2	3	4 Game Night at 6pm Jaden Biles	5																																																																																																									
6 Service Sunday! Worship, lunch, devotional & service.	7	8 Election Day HS Tuesday Morning Bible Study at 10am	9	10 Keith & Staci Killingsworth Lynn Riner	11 Brian Johnson Duncan Fortson HS Marriage & Relationship Enrichment Weekend	12 Marriage & Relationship Enrichment Week-end																																																																																																									
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