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7/19/2020: 103

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In the previous article, a Christian was defined as a disciple – one who was obsessed with their teacher, hanging on every word and desiring to act and think like them. If “disciple” is a good one-word definition for what a Christian is, then what would be a good one-word verb for what a Christian does? A Christian, as a disciple, follows the teachings of Christ. One might be tempted to say that a Christian does everything that Jesus said to do. That wouldn’t be wrong, but it doesn’t give us a good one-word takeaway to concisely understand what it is that a Christian is supposed to do. A disciple would target and emphasize that which his teacher emphasizes. Jesus emphasized love.

Mt 22:37-39 - And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Jn 13:34-35 – “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

A Christian does that which the Teacher emphasized – that which the Teacher placed first. A Christian loves.

By Cooper Atkeson

“Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: ‘Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Dress for action like a man; I will question you and you make it known to me. Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.’” Job 38 1-4

If there is a need for food, medications, etc., and a member is unable to get out, please contact either the staff, or one of the elders.

Krista Bosse has been to the ER several times for pain. She will have testing soon to determine the cause of her pain. Please pray for Krista to have relief.

Chuck Coleman had a successful heart catheter last week.

Doyle Brown was admitted to Audie Murphy VA hospital on Wednesday. He is struggling to overcome several health issues. He asks for continued prayers for strength and healing.

Jody Wilson is recovering at home from injuries she suffered in a fall. She will wear a neck brace for 6-8 weeks, and she has limitations in her movement. Please pray for Jody, that her healing will be complete, and for her family as they care for her.

Please pray for the **Whartons: Katy** had testing Thursday, and **James** had right knee replacement . Of course, remember their granddaughter Erin as she battles osteosarcoma.

Richardson Family needs prayers: Twila and Bobby's daughter and granddaughter, **Bobbi and Jayme** have coronavirus. Pray that others in family do not get it.

Mickie Couch's sister and brother-in-law have been diagnosed with the coronavirus. Please pray for healing.

Janet Leslie's niece, **Linda Rehak**, has the coronavirus. She is at home, in bed, with visiting nurses. She is a lung cancer survivor and in her 60s. Her address is 2206 Co Rd 303, Edna, Texas 77957. Please add her to your prayer list.

Please remember those of our congregation that are traveling to, and attending the Texas Normal Singing School in Abilene this week. **Cooper Atkeson** is teaching, **Linda Plaster, Hayden McGuire** and his brother **Landry McGuire** will all be attending. Please pray for safe travels, and an informative and fun learning experience.

Let's remember all of the health care workers we have in our congregation, **Rona Barrozo, Ashton Bosse, Jolene Fudge, Kaysi Garrett, Karen Wootton, Karla (Wootton) Carter**, and those around the nation and world, who are on the front lines of the pandemic.

Food Ministry

If you know of a need for food (meal) for the month of July, please contact Susan Kasparek at 918-470-5879.

Health Updates:

Please pray for **Jody Wilson**, as she recovers from a broken vertebrae, **Don Taylor**, as he deals with several health issues; **Garland McConal** as he recovers at home from surgery; **Scott Stork** (son of Chuck and a missionary in China), who is having radiation treatments; **Doyle Brown**, recovering from double pneumonia; **Desire' Dunn** (daughter-in-law to Beverly Barke) battling Stage 4 Leukemia; **Sarah Lucas**, (family member of Jeanie Haby) who has some serious health concerns; **Reba Durbin's** nephew **Terry Beasley**, who was diagnosed with cancer; **Erin Wharton**, 14 y.o. granddaughter to the Whartons-diagnosed with cancer; **Rona Barrozo's** friend **Lalaine**, and her 11 y.o. daughter **Pia**, who has been diagnosed with osteosarcoma; John **Meadows**, as he recovers at home from several medical issues; **Bill Fitch**, son of Katie Fitch; **Larry Smith**, friend of the Lovelady family, suffering with colon cancer; **Vida Spangler**, recovering at home from a broken pelvic bone; **Dennis Lange's** daughter-in-law in Albany, NY working on the front lines in the hospital; **Chris Mulliniks'** sister Cindy, a nurse in Tennessee; and **Jeanie Haby's** sister **Julie Browning**, who is an RN at a Houston nursing home.

Please pray for **Holly Macy, Jordan Barraza, Jim Mays, and LaJean Hendrick**, as they continue their treatments.

Continue to pray for all Riverside family and friends facing health concerns.