

Chalmette Church of Christ March 16th, 2014

"Go Ahead and Say It"

One day a teacher asked her students to list on two sheets of paper the names of the other students in the room, leaving a space between each name. Then she told them to think of the nicest thing they could say about each classmate and write it down. It took the remainder of the class to finish, and as the students left the room, each handed in the paper. That Saturday, the teacher wrote down on a separate sheet of paper the name of each student, and listed what everyone else had said about that individual.

On Monday she gave each student his or her list. Before long, the entire class was smiling. "Really," she heard whispered. "I never knew that I meant anything to anyone!" and, "I didn't know others liked me so much," were some of the comments.

No one ever mentioned those papers in class again. She never knew if they discussed them after class or with their parents, but it didn't matter. The exercise had accomplished its purpose. The students were happy with themselves and one another. That group of students moved on.

Several years later, one of the students was killed in Afghanistan, and his teacher attended the funeral. She had never seen a serviceman in a military coffin before. He looked so handsome, so mature. The church was packed with his friends. One by one those who loved him took a last walk by the coffin. The teacher was the last in the line.

As she stood there, a soldier who was serving as pallbearer came up to her. "Were you Mark's math teacher?" he asked. She nodded. Then he said: "Mark talked about you a lot."

After the funeral, most of Mark's former classmates went together to a luncheon. Mark's mother and father were there, and waited to speak with his teacher. "We want to show you something," his father said, taking a wallet out of his pocket. "They found this on Mark when he was killed. We thought you might recognize it."

Opening the billfold, he carefully removed two worn pieces of notebook paper that had obviously been taped, folded, and refolded many times. The teacher knew without looking that the papers were the ones on which she had listed all the good things each of Mark's classmates had said about him. "Thank you so much for doing that," Mark's mother said. ""As you can see, Mark treasured it."

Mark's former classmates started to gather around. Charlie smiled rather sheepishly and said, "I still have my list. It's in the top drawer of my desk at home."

Chuck's wife said, "Chuck asked me to put his in our wedding album."

"I have mine too," Marilyn said. "It's in my diary."

Vicki reached into her pocketbook, took out her wallet and showed her worn and frazzled list to the group. "I carry this with me at all times," she said, and without batting an eyelash, continued, "I think we all saved our lists."

That's when the teacher sat down and cried. She cried for Mark and for all his friends who would never see him again. We all forget that life will end one day, and we don't know when that one day will be.

Tell the people you love and care for that they are special and important. Tell them before it is too late.

"Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love." Romans 12:10

NOAH AND THE FLOOD

Answers can be found in the book of Genesis. Fill in the blanks, then circle the word in the word search grid. The let-

ters must be in straight lines, vertically, horizontally, or diagonally. Words may be spelled either forward or backward.

	1.	built the ark. (6:13, 14)
	2.	was a son of Noah. (6:10)
	3.	was a son of Noah. (6:10)
	4.	was a son of Noah. (6:10)
	5.	Ark was made of wood. (6:14)
	6.	Noah built an (6:14)
	7.	Ark was thirty high. (6:15)
	8.	Ark was sealed with (6:14)
	9.	Ark had one and one (6:16)
13	10.	Noah's sons brought their (6:18)
	11.	God said, "I will establish my with you." (9:11)
	12.	It rained days and nights. (7:12)
	13.	Clean beasts came in by (7:2)
	14.	fell for forty days. (7:12)
	15.	of the deep. (7:11)
	16.	Noah had three (6:10)
	17.	Ark rested on Mount (8:4)
	18.	returned with an leaf. (8:11)
	19.	First bird out was a (8:7)
	20.	Noah built an (8:20)
	21.	Earth destroyed by (6:17)
	22.	in the sky. (9:13)

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News and Notes

- Brother Kermit Webb, from The Old Landmarks radio program, which we support, will be speaking to us this evening.
- Cy Stafford, missionary from Tanzania, Africa, will be at Chalmette on March 30th to speak at our evening services. Cy is the brother of our Tony Stafford.
- Our Third Sunday Singing and Fellowship Meal will be this evening. We will not have a song service since Brother Kermit Webb will be speaking for us, but we will have a meal afterwards. Bring a dish and a friend!
- Ladies' Day was a great success! We want to thank Claudia and those that helped make our Ladies' Day wonderful.
- There will be a meeting for the Elders and Deacons this afternoon at 4:45. Please make sure to attend.
- Please keep Sister Betty Grisham in your prayers at this time. She is in the hospital at East Jefferson and is staying in room 660.
- Please keep Linda Swanner in your prayers at this time, she fell this past week and broke her arm in 3 places.
- Also keep Sarah Russell in your prayers as she heals from a softball accident.
- We have been receiving requests for Bible tracts and Searching for Truth DVD's from our mail outs of House to House Heart to Heart newsletters.
- Our Gospel Meeting is just around the corner! It begins April 6th—10th and our guest speaker will be Brother Barry Grider from the Forest Hill congregation in Memphis, TN.
- Vacation Bible School will be June 16-19. There will be a group of 30 people coming from Bybee Branch Church of Christ in McMinnville, TN. We will need volunteers for housing. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.
- Mark and Tina will be leaving for a mission trip to Budapest, Hungary. They will be leaving on May 22nd and will return on June 3rd. This will be Tina's first mission trip.

March Birthdays

22-Anthony Smith

March Anniversaries

23-Edie & Wayne Schulz



April Birthdays

3-Emily Snyder

11-Bill Green

14-Scott Russell

22-Linda Swanner

28-Nappi Whitley

Prayer List



Alice Riley Sherry Towle Margo Rodney Judy Hennessee Betty Grisham Ella Gillard Krisztian Montague Linda Swanner Jackie Gamble Gloria Smiles Elbre Wolfe Joel James Charles Jenkins David Ebeling Ryker Amaya Raymond Sanchez Gary Huettmann Malcolm & Marlene Vazquez

*All of our brethren scattered across the United States & our troops in Iraq



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Services of The Church Sunday

9:00 am Bible Classes AM Worship 10:00 am PM Worship 6:00 pm

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