



*Chalmette  
Church of Christ  
August 24th, 2014*

**A Heart That Seeks The Lord**

**By: Jeff A. Jenkins**

He is almost ninety years of age. He called to see if he could visit with me for just a few minutes after Wednesday night Bible study. My dear brother said, "You've probably noticed that I've missed a few services lately?" He explained how his wife has not been feeling well and a few times recently she had asked him to stay home with her because she didn't want to be by herself while sick. He said that he wished he could be here every time we meet.

With tears in his eyes the brother said to me, "I have prayed about this and I am doing what I think is right, but I just wanted you to know." We prayed together and I expressed my appreciation to him for letting me know. I also told him if it mattered that I agreed he was doing the right thing.

After he left my office I prayed again. My prayer this time was that God would help me to make sure I never make a man with a heart for the Lord like this man feel bad for taking care of his wife. Additionally, my prayer was that God would raise up more men like this brother for the church.

Compare the attitude, the desire, and the heart of this dear brother:

- To Christians who say, "I have to work hard and I need to rest instead of coming to church on Wednesday night or Sunday night."
- To Christians who say, "I don't really like the class choices or the teachers so I am going to stay home."
- To Christians who say, "I am protesting against the leadership because I disagree with their decisions."
- To Christians who say, "I'm not happy with the direction of the church, I don't like the songs y'all sing, or I don't agree with the way the worship services, classes, etc are conducted."
- To Christians who say, "I'm angry because not very many people speak to me."
- To Christians who say, "I don't think the church does enough in the community."

This is not meant to make people who have legitimate reasons for missing church feel guilty. Some who read this article will be offended and some will disagree. It is not my intention to offend. However, some of the above mentioned "reasons" for missing worship and times of study are just plain selfish.

- What about being present because you want to encourage your brothers and sisters in the Lord (Hebrews 10:24-24)?
- What about being present because you want to grow spiritually through the study of the Word of God (1 Peter 2:2)?
- What about being present because you want to grow closer to other Christians?
- What about being present because you want to teach young people what it means to have closer walk with the Lord?
- What about being present because you love the Lord with all of your heart, soul, mind, and strength?
- What about being present because you want to put the Lord first in every aspect of your life (Matthew 6:33)?
- What about being present because you don't want to forsake the assembly of the saints (Hebrews 10:25)?
- What about being present because you love to be involved in fellowship with other Christians?
- What about being present because you are an important part of the Body of Christ and you are needed?

# Joseph

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Baker	Governor
Benjamin	Interpreter
Brothers	Jacob
Butler	Joseph
Coat of Colors	Pharaoh
Dreamer	Potiphar
Famine	Prison
Genesis	Prosper
Goshen	

## News and Notes

- Please keep Ms. Vera Snyder and her family in your prayers at this time. She is in very critical condition.
- We will be broadcasting our worship services starting August 31st on the OABS website. We want to thank Nicklas Smith and Scott Russell for their help.
- Our Gospel Meeting is just around the corner! It begins on October 5-9 and our Guest Speaker will be Garland Robinson. Sunday 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Monday through Thursday at 7 p.m. nightly. Please make plans to attend each day!
- Please keep Malcom and Marlene Vazquez in your prayers at this time. Malcom was diagnosed with cancer.
- Please keep Kelly Hall in your prayers at this time. She is the granddaughter of Sylvia Hall. Her condition is improving and has been moved to a rehabilitation facility.
- Please keep Alice Riley, and Margo Rodney in your prayers at this time as they are in poor health.
- Please keep Keiane Johnson in your prayers at this time. He is suffering from leukemia and will be undergoing a bone marrow transplant.
- Please keep the Diggs family, the Williams family and the Menesses family in your prayers at this time, as they have each lost a loved one this past week..
- Please keep Randy Certoma in your prayers at this time. He was diagnosed with cancer and will be undergoing treatment.
- Please keep Kathy Calvert in your prayers at this time. She is the niece of Mary Jo Lance. She was diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing chemo at this time.

### August Birthdays

25th-MaryJo Lance

26th-Carol Calix



# Prayer List



**Alice Riley & family  
Sherry Towle  
Margo Rodney  
Judy Hennessee  
Ella Gillard  
Krisztian Montague  
Jackie Gamble  
Addrean Jenkins  
Gloria Smiles  
Joel James  
David Ebeling  
Ryker Amaya  
Raymond Sanchez  
Gary Huettmann  
Malcolm & Marlene Vazquez  
Sondra & Olivia Rivera**

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



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## **Services of The Church Sunday**

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

## **Wednesday**

Bible Classes 7:00 pm

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