

~ In Memory ~
Fred Larrimore
 1955 – 2021

*How sweet will be the welcome home,
 When this short life is o'er;
 When pain and sorrow, grief and care,
 Shall trouble us no more.
 Welcome home, sweet welcome home.*

THE VALUE OF THE SOUL

Danny Box (Deceased)

"For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Mat. 16:26).

Webster's dictionary defines the soul as: "The immortal or spiritual part of the person, and though having no physical or material reality, is credited with the functions of thinking and willing and hence determining all behavior." God's Word defines the soul as the life of man; "And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul" (Gen. 2:7). The Lord, knowing the value of our soul stated that it, the soul, was far more valuable than all of the riches in all of the earth. Look with me at some of the reasons that the soul is so valuable.

The soul is valuable because of where it came from. Again referring to Genesis 2:7 we read, "And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." Then we read from God's Word, "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was; and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it" (Ecc. 12:7) Where did the soul of man come from? It came from God.

The soul is valuable because of what it cost. Jesus Christ left His home in glory, came to this earth, lived a life as a common man, endured the temptations that are common to us, and suffered the cruel death on the cross to redeem our soul. It was "while we were yet sinners" that Christ died for us (Rom. 5:8). Through His infinite love of man, God, provided a way of escape, and that was through His son, but it cost the blood of Christ to redeem the souls of man. "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of the many the sins of many" (Heb. 9:28).

The soul is valuable because of its destiny. The soul is the only part of man that will last for eternity. When the earth and all things therein are burned up, the souls of all men will continue on. And as they continue on they will do so in one of two places: Heaven or Hell (John 5:28-29). Where will your soul be after judgment?

- Beacon, Bellview Church of Christ, Pensacola, FL -

God's promises are always greater than our needs.

News & Notes

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m., and Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

FACE COVERINGS REQUIRED: For EVERYONE in ALL of our assemblies whether seated in the auditorium or the balcony.

SYMPATHY: To Sharon Williams & family at the passing of of Sharon's brother-in-law, Dave Williams. Sympathy also to **Karen Strum & family** at the passing of her brother. Fred Larrimore. God bless and comfort these families.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

ADD TO NOVEMBER CALENDAR: Men's Bible Study, Tuesdays, Nov. 23rd & 30th at 7:00 p.m. Sorry for the omission.

PANTRY: Oatmeal. Small turkeys are still needed.

ELDER/DEACONS NOMINEES: Elder: David Malcomson; Deacons: Willard Burdine, Sr. and Charles Dewey Moore II. Anyone having a **scriptural reason** why any of these men should not serve, please present that reason in a signed statement to our present Eldership by **next Wednesday, Nov. 10th.**

PICTURE GALLERY OF PAST MEMBERS: Submit pictures (black and white or color) to David Malcomson.

SICK & SHUT-IN: CITY HOSPITAL (ICU): Linda Morgan (sister of Nancy Hadley). **SHARPE HOSPITAL, WESTON, WV:** Claudette Miller. **AT HOME:** Jean Haught (Skip's mother), Lois Hissom, Marilyn Miller, Randy Beagle, Barb DeLong, David McCoy, Marlene Evans, Russell Martin, Dana & Emma Rine, Rick Beck. **CALCUTTA HEALTH CARE:** Sarah Miller (Room 6). **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

ARE YOU PRAYING?

The most amazing and thought-provoking statement I ever heard about prayer is this: "Are there things that happened, that would not have happened, because you prayed?" And, "Are there things that did not happen, that could have happened, because you failed to pray?"

Have your prayers influenced world leaders, shaped lives, converted souls, insured safe journeys, and healed the sick? Have your prayers caused God to change His mind? If you believe in prayer the answer to all these must be "Yes!" After all, Jesus did teach us that prayer could even move mountains (Mark 11:23).

On the other hand, what is failing to happen because you are not praying? There is much you can affect, change, and influence through your prayer life. But an absence of prayer leaves Satan to do his work without being hindered. All the more reason to "pray continually" (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

- Dennis Doughty, *Magnolia Messenger*, Kosciusko, MS -