



The Lake Harbour Herald

March 21, 2010

The Final Journey Entry

(This letter came from a brother in Christ who was recently restored to fellowship following a successful battle with Alcoholism. It was a battle he nearly lost. He wrote this letter to alcohol as a recovery exercise. It is a great testimony to the power God provides us to overcome any addiction & a great encouragement to those in the midst of a struggle- No matter what their "alcohol" may be. -The Westminster Witness)

Dear Alcohol,

It is with great pleasure that I inform you that we have parted ways.

Alcohol, you have been a steadfast friend over the years-you have always been there for me when I needed you, you have never failed to "do your magic" & chemically react with me as expected. I have no quarrels with your faithfulness & your unwavering attention to my most detailed needs & desires. You have been faithful to your true nature, you have helped me escape from reality, you have helped me hide from uncertainty, you have clouded my judgment every time I asked you to do so. I am **not** happy, however with your side effects. The reason we must part ways at this time is not only straightforward but also intense & irreversible-**you are killing me**. I have always known, on an intellectual basis, that your morbid chemical addiction eventually would catch up with me. Year after year, as we continued our relationship, I looked for signs of pending doom as a result of your dilatory defects on my mind & my body. Unfortunately, I did not see them, even if they were present. A clouded mind cannot focus on the clouds that cause the clouding in the first place.

Alcohol, if I had seen the warning signs arriving, I might have terminated our relationship earlier; but alas, your actions were not only hypnotic but also seductive as they snuck up on me via a steady stream of self-generated complacency, escapism & denial. I will **not** say "it was fun while it lasted" but I will say it seemed like it-how cunning & deceptive you have proven to be! So, now here I am in the waning years of my life, faltering physically & emotionally from the effect of continuing to associate with you.

Alcohol, you have been very successful in twisting my psychological make up & causing me to be depressed. You have also been very successful in compromising my liver, pancreas, stomach, & who knows what other organs, not the least of which is my brain. The depression & physical degradation you have caused me has now reached a point where life with you has become intolerable. True to your nature, you have delivered on the destruction the scientific literature says you have always promised. I will survive, I walk away from you & our relationship now, never to look back & never to allow my life to be at your disposal again.

Alcohol, in closing, I admit that it is a little awkward to think I have actually given you a personality, what with you having always been an inanimate object, a chemical, with no real soul or life in you. My personification of you gives me the opportunity to address you as if you were a real person. Alcohol, you are not a person; you have no will of your own, Not only do I control you but I now abandon you forever. I am more powerful than you, I once gave you life within me, a personality, & a power to influence me; I gave you these things, the powers over me, & I now take all of that away from you-I say to you-you no longer exist in my life.

To those who either read this letter to Alcohol or hear it being read-this letter is really to & for you so that you may understand & realize your own personal power & your own potential for self control.

Sincerely,
Terry

**Attendance & Contribution Record
For The Week of 03-14-10**

A.M. Classes / Avg.	103 / 134
A.M. Worship / Avg.	175/ 199
P.M. Worship / Avg.	93 / 118
Wed. Classes / Avg.	136 / 124
Offering	\$5,453.00
YTD Average	\$5,882.03
Budget	\$6,000.00
Total Commitment	\$539,182.00
Building Fund (TTD)	\$162.867.36

Growth Goal in 2010 is 210

ASSIGNMENTS

Prepare Communion:

March: Greg & Dianne Palmer
April: Bill & Coleen Sowell



Attend Nursery:

TBA



UMC Playroom:

March 29: Dawn Johnson



MISSIONS

Fishers of Men

MAGNOLIA MESSENGER

San Miguel de Allende, Mexico

Jerry Bates - World Evangelism

J.C. Enlow - Global Missions

Terry Martin - South Africa

Rocco Pierce - Pacific Islands

GOSPEL BROADCASTING

NETWORK GBNTV.org

IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY

Jackson Ch. 18, Sun. 8 a.m. / Tues. 8 p.m.

Act Ch. 98, Tues. 8:00 p.m. / Thurs. 8:00 p.m.

PRAYER REQUESTS



Coleen Sowell, Bevilyn Perkins, Geraldine Lambert, Barbara Reese, Tommie Crocker, Jerry Blaylock, Pasty Palmer (Greg Palmer's mother), Pauline Blaylock (Jerry's mother), Shelia Henry (Kim Wilson's co-worker), Henry Killeen, Ken Looney, Kelsey Carroll (Stephen Lum's classmate), Austin Addison, Justin Carter (Iraq), A.J. Meyers, Jerry Bates & his colleagues, Paula Jean Junk, & Latrina George

OUR SHUT INS

Martha Holleman, Nellie Murray, Lucy Pate, Joy Riggs, Ronnie Hampton, Frances Stogner, George Jefferson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VISITORS: Please be sure to get your free copies of the two books located in the foyer: *THE GLORY AND AGONY OF THE CROSS* and *INTO THE ABUNDANT LIFE*.

PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, & VISITORS: For your convenience, LHD has prepared a cry room for your babies which is upstairs overlooking the auditorium.

MEMBERS: John will be in Greenwood, MS to give a report on the Mexico Mission trip next Sunday. Dustin will be preaching the morning sermon.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS: Breland Winfield-3/22, Rhonda Gardner, Linda Magee, Jameson Thompson-3/23, & Becky Blalock-3/26

In Challenging Times...

Dear God,

Draw near to me as these challenges I face.

Grant me faith and courage,

touch me with your grace-

Let me feel your presence in all that I go through,

Calm my fears with comfort

for I know that I am safe right here with you.

Amen.

YOUTH NEWS

12:00-12:45	Lunch	Fellowship
12:45 - 2:00	Bible Bowl	Teen
12:45 - 1:15	Know the Books /Oral Bible Reading	Middle School
1:15 - 2:00	Puppet A	Upstairs
1:15 - 2:00	Scrapbook/Snack	Fellowship
2:00 - 2:45	Puppet B	Upstairs
2:00 - 2:45	Scrapbook/Snack	Fellowship
2:45 - 3:45	Singing	Teen(B)/Middle School(G)
3:45 - 4:45	Speech	Teen(B)/Middle School(G)
4:45 - 5:45	Meeting	Auditorium

If you are in Art Says It,
please work hard to finish your projects.
The absolute deadline is **March 28**. Also, plan on
meeting with your coordinators Sunday
to tell of your progress.

**It is very important that ALL LLL participants,
parents & coordinators be present at the 4:45
meeting in the auditorium Sunday afternoon.**

Please make plans to attend our YOUTH-LED
assembly Next Sunday Night (March 28)!

The Teen Girls (6th-12th) are invited to the Abbots
for dinner and a Bible Study this Monday
from 5:30-6:30PM. Call for directions.

The Teen Guys (6th-12th) are **tentatively** invited to
Sunnybrook gym for a basketball game and devotional
this Tuesday from 5:00-6:00PM. Confirmation of this
event will be made Monday via email or phone call.

Privileged to Serve in the Assembly

Please meet in the library for
prayer and line up by 10:20 A.M.

This Week

Sunday, March 21, A.M.

Announcements: Morris Houston
Ushers: Cameron Magee
Kreg Garner
Stephen Lum
Scripture: Danny Magee
Song Director: Tony Mickholtzick
Opening Prayer: Lord's Table:
(Presiding) Danny Spain
Scott Garner
Cedric Beal
Chey Johnson

Closing Prayer: Bill Underwood

Sunday, March 21, P.M.

Announcements: David May
Song Director: Danny Magee
Opening Prayer: Bill Underwood
Lord's Table:
(Presiding) Cameron Magee
Kreg Garner

Closing Prayer: Tim Beyea

Wednesday, March 24, P.M.

Song Director: Michael Willis
Closing prayer: Freddie Williams

Next Week

Sunday, March 28, A.M.

Announcements: Scott Garner
Ushers: Cameron Magee
Trayon George, Jr.
Roderick Jones, Jr.
Scripture: David May
Song Director: Frank Powell
Opening Prayer: Lord's Table:
(Presiding) Billy Conn
Harold Hall
Marlin Ivey
Paul Wells

Closing Prayer: Trayon George

Sunday, March 28, P.M.

Announcements: Greg Palmer
Song Director: David May
Opening Prayer: Marion Freeman
Lord's Table:
(Presiding) Kreg Garner
Cameron Magee

Closing Prayer: Dustin Abbott

Wednesday, March 31, P.M.

Song Director: Terrence Freeman
Closing prayer: Eddie Perkins

If you are unable to serve,
please contact Bill Sowell at
601-927-5165 or Johnny Sisco
at 601-941-5139.



A.M. SERMON BY JOHN PIGG

Surviving The Storms Of Life

Psalm 27:13-14

I. Expect the _____.

II. Express the _____.

III. Exhibit the _____.

IV. Expedite the _____.

V. Experience the _____.

PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR CELL PHONE.

P.M. SERMON BY JOHN PIGG

Symbols Of The Savior....

Firstborn Of The Dead

Revelation 1:5

I. _____ in the Old _____.

II. _____ in the New _____.

III. _____ to the _____.

NURSERY AVAILABLE FROM BIRTH-2 YRS OLD.

ELDERS

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Bill Underwood 601.992.5167

DEACONS

Tim Beyea (Buildings & Grounds)

Terrance Freeman (Ladies' Ministry)

Trayon George (Bereaved / Greeters / Hospital / Sick)

Danny Magee (Young Adults / Singing Emphasis)

Eddie Perkins (Evangelism / Missions)

John Proctor (Senior Saints)

Bill Sowell (Worship / Nursery)

Freddie Williams (Care Groups / Fellowship / Library)

TIMES OF SERVICE

Sunday Classes 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Classes 7:00 p.m.

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