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"They Never Did Anything for Me"

When is the last time you heard someone defend their uncooperative position or negative attitude toward someone else by justifying their conviction with, *"They never did anything for me"*? When is the last time you made such a statement? It may have been about a church, a Sunday School class, an individual, or a particular ministry you were invited to share in. *"Thanks, but no thanks. I'm not going to get anything out of it, so why should I take part?"*

Jesus Christ never made such a thoughtless, selfish, and arrogant remark. And thank God He didn't, because truly, how many of us would be found wanting, having done nothing for Christ? Think about it. Most of the religious things we busy ourselves with are not for Him, they are for us. We wrap ourselves up in myriad activities and busyness, struggle trying to figure out how we can make it work, complain and become frustrated in our efforts, and in the end bear little or no fruit that yields eternal benefits. In other words, we put on an active show with lots of fluff, trying to mask our unwillingness to become living sacrifices, but hardly a soul is introduced to Jesus Christ or nurtured in regards to spiritual things.

What Jesus desires is that we become so identified with Him that others cannot tell us apart. He looks for holiness, obedience, sacrifice, humility. Isn't it most curious how we can look so cleaned up on Sunday morning only to discover that come Monday we are wallowing in the same filth and ugliness that those of the world find pleasure in? *"I'm not going to give anything to that church, because they never did anything for me."* *"I'm not going to take part in that ministry effort, because they never did anything for me."* It's all about me and my wants. If I am lifted up, if I receive some benefit, or at least if there is some reciprocity, then I might consider a greater commitment.

It is sad to hear someone at church respond, *"They never did anything for me"* when the invitation is given to become involved in another's life or misfortune. How it must honor the Lord when another chooses to be helpful and supportive, even quietly sacrificial, in order to be an example of the Master Giver.

Jesus Christ should be our example and mentor. He is the one we should be striving to imitate, and His response by word and action was always, *"I have not come to be served but to serve."* No matter that most have never really *"done anything for Him,"* His love is unconditional and enduring. Oh, that we in our relationships and partnerships would grow into the full measure of Christ so that we would respond, *"How may I minister to you to bring glory to God and help you find His best?"*



May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 12:15 Property/ Baptist men 12:15 WMU 6:30 pm Evening service	2	3 7 pm Deacons Meeting	4 6:45 pm Youth 7 pm Business Meeting	5 11 am 3 Score & More	6	7
8 6:30 pm Bible service	9	10	11 6:45 pm Youth 7 pm Bible Study	12	13	14
15 6:30 pm Bible Study	16	17	18 6 pm Family night dinner 6:45 pm Youth 7 pm Bible Study	19	20	21
22 6:30 pm Bible Study	23	24	25 6:45 pm Youth 7 pm Bible Study	26	27	28
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Bible Wordsearch

Jesus the Healer 3

Wordsearch 248

Matt.8:28-9:8

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BOAT	BEGGED
DIED	BROUGHT
DRIVE	CROWD
EARTH	COMING
EASIER	CROSSED
FAITH	DEMONS
FILLED	FEEDING
GIVEN	FORGIVE
HEART	FELLOW
HERD	MATTHEW
JESUS	PLEADED
KNOW	PRAISED
LAKE	REGION
LARGE	RUSHED
LEAVE	STEEP
LYING	TENDING
TOWN	TOMBS
WALK	VIOLENT
WATER	WHOLE

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

MORE PUZZLES AT:

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Three Score and More

A "Spring Fling" was the theme for the April 7th meeting of Three Score and More. The competitive nature came out in the normally mild mannered seniors while playing several games of BIBLE BINGO. A delicious pot-luck lunch was provided by the church's wonderful cooks that would rival the Food Network chefs. Small gifts were brought, and bags were filled for some of our shut-ins. Some were delivered that day and others at a later date. Although attendance was better than that of March, we miss those of you who have not been able to be with us lately. Our next meeting is scheduled for May 5th when we will be traveling to The Liberty Station for lunch followed by a stop at the Bedford Antique Mall.



Birthdays

- May 2nd- Norma Evans
- May 8th- John Robert Lyle
Sandra Childress
- May 13th- Ricky Foutz
- May 16th- Ken Bond
- May 18th- Edna Powers
- May 28th- Hannah Poole

? Bible Quiz?

In the Old Testament book of Job, the title character suffers many losses. During three separate raids in quick succession he loses his livestock and servants. While still reeling from that news, Job learns that his children died during a furious windstorm. Later, Job also loses his health when a skin disease causes sores all over his body. From the list below, choose the one thing Job did not do in response to his great misfortune.



- A. Tore his cloths and shaved his lead
- B. Cursed God and died
- C. Sat among ashes
- D. Worshipped the Lord

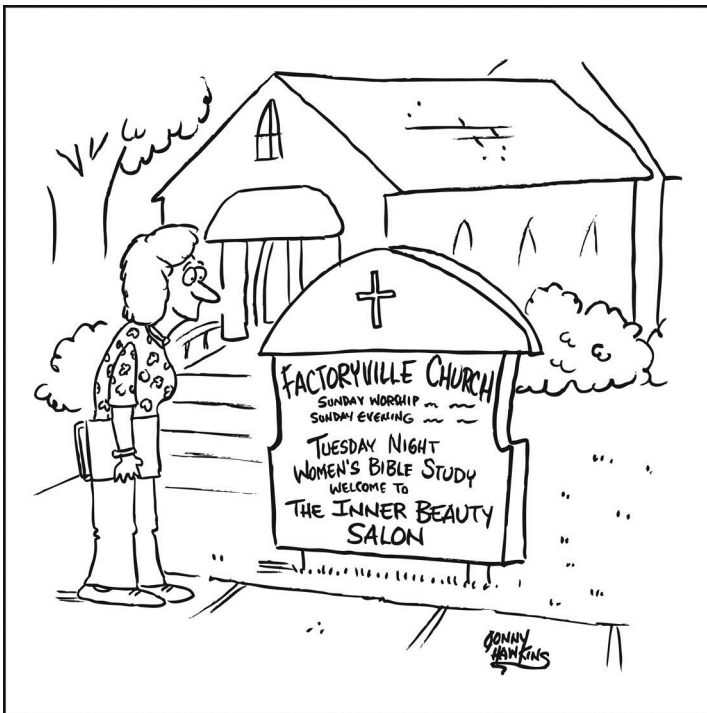
Answer above the calendar

Church Members

- Debbie Board
- James Board
- Edith Bowyer
- Lucille Caniff
- Myrtle Ellis
- Jim Ferrando
- Kenneth Gray
- Collins Leftwich
- Agnes McPherson
- Jack & Edna Powers
- Irene Saunders
- Audrey Thompson
- Jack Wheeler
- Jimmy & Jerri Wheeler
- Ken & Arlene Wheeler
- Sherman Wheeler

*To be a Christian without prayer
is no more possible than to be alive
without breathing.*

Martin Luther



War Room Coming in June

We will be showing War Room in June, and want you to help give out tickets and invite friends, neighbors, and family to the showing. Stay tuned for the details!



A note from the secretary:

If your birthday isn't listed, please let me know, if it doesn't show up, I don't have it, and if you have anything that you would like to announce in the newsletter please let me know, thanks!!
If you want to receive broadcast messages by phone, I need your number.