

News & Announcements

PRAYER REQUESTS

Baptized Into Christ: Alfred, Maria and Grecia Lenz were recently baptized into Christ. Their address is 3548 Faded Moon Court, NLV, NV 89081. Their telephone numbers are: Alfred (702) 401-8042; Maria (702) 208-5850; and Grecia (702) 358-6708. Other children are: Garrett, Chasse and Keannu. Let us all welcome the Lenz family to our church family.

Clara Beth Barker's daughter, Marsha is doing better and is working with a speech therapist. Keep Marsha and her family in your prayers.

Keep the following on your prayer list who are either shut-in, unable to worship with us, or have on going health concerns,

Daryion and Janette Banks, Liz Barajas' dad, Dorothy and Firman Barton, Vaughn and Keith Barton, Mary and Bob Cress, Beverly Dempsey, Rachel Kidwell, Beth Nebeker, Bobbye Pounders, Ignacio Reyes, John Simo, and Fernando Vizcarra, Jr., Lewis Wells, in your prayers.

Our Gospel Meeting is Sunday, May 1 through Friday, May 6, 2016. The speaker is John Robertson of Wichita Falls, Texas. The lessons are as follows: 1) The Jesus of the Bible; 2) A Spiritual Phenom; 3) The Sabbath; 4) Self Control; 5) Bible Study; 6) The Pharisees; 7) How to Use the OT in the NT and; 8) The Beloved Saints.

TRAVELING MEMBERS

Brenda Mendoza should be home this month. Keep Brenda in your prayers for a safe return.

MILITARY MEMBERS

Michael Barnes and David Sims are stationed at Nellis Air Force Base.

WORD OF FAITH

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CHARACTERISTICS OF GOOD BIBLE TEACHERS

A good Bible teacher carefully examines the Master Teacher's life and methods. Here is a partial list:

Consecration: A teacher must be consecrated (dedicated, set apart) to the task of teaching as well as to the Christian life. A good teacher must be able to say, *"It is no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me"* (Gal. 2:20).

Love: A faithful teacher has a strong love for God, His holy word and for the Lord's church. Study and prayer are not burdens to be endured. The faithful teacher loves serving God and loves other people. *"Charity suffereth long, [and] is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, 5Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; 6Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; 7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. 8 Charity never faileth..."* (1 Cor. 13:4-8a).

Devotion: Good teachers feel devoted to the task of teaching and to those whom they teach. *"And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you..."* (2 Cor. 12:15).

Prayer: All Christians pray. Teachers have some extra names and activities on their list. We should pray that the work done will fulfill God's purposes. *"Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of [this] calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of [his] goodness, and the work of faith with power"* (2 Thess. 1:11).

Faith: Teachers cannot lead where they have not gone. If we want others to grow in faith, we must have a "good case" of it ourselves. *"Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all"* (1 Tim. 4:15). We must have faith in men as God's creatures who can be led to become more like God.

Purpose: No one can faithfully discharge the responsibility of teaching without having

a thought-out purpose. Teaching is not an aimless baby-sitting or time-passing, but it is the attempt to teach God's will to God's children or to those we hope will become God's children. *"He that winneth souls [is] wise"* (Prov. 11:30).

Faithfulness: The teacher must be faithful to attend all church services. *"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some [is]; but exhorting [one another]: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching"* (Heb. 10:25). Children must not look for their Sunday teacher on Wednesday night and not be able to find him/her. Faithfulness extends beyond attendance. We must discharge every responsibility assigned. *"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, 12Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world"* (Titus 2:11-12).

Vision: Good teachers see what students can become and begin to lead them there. Long before a child believes in himself/herself, a teacher believes in him/her. *"One of the two which heard John [speak], and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. 42And he brought him to Jesus..."* (John 1:40-42).

Patience: It takes time to mold, shape, grow, and develop. *"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine"* (2 Tim. 4:2).

Cheerfulness: Stresses and strains come along the way, but good teachers are able to maintain an atmosphere of joy, humor, and peace. A faithful Christian is a happy Christian. *"Rejoice in the Lord alway: [and] again I say, Rejoice"* (Phil. 4:4).

Energy: A teacher's task is not easy. Plan ahead to have enough energy to match or exceed your students. Get plenty of sleep. *"And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat"* (Mark 6:31).

Preparation: Be well-enough prepared that you have overcome any dread of the unknown. Well-prepared teachers are excited teachers. They are full of the word and ready to teach it. *"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth"* (2 Tim. 2:15).

Cooperation: With so many others working as teachers, considerable cooperation is needed. Be patient if someone else has borrowed the materials you are needing. Work together. We're all striving for the same goal. *"Now if Timotheus come, see that he may be with you without fear: for he worketh the work of the Lord, as I also [do]"* (1 Cor. 16:10).

Perfectionism: Good teachers do not feel they have ever taught their best class. They always have a new idea, a different approach, and a better way. *"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect"* (Matt 5:48).

Planning: If a problem came up last week, this week, a good teacher has figured out

how to handle it or avoid it. *"Let all things be done decently and in order"* (1 Cor. 14:40).

Thanks for your great attitude and constant good work!

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AND THE OIL STAYED

The widow was in debt. Her sons were about to be taken by the creditor as bondmen. Elisha ask what he could do for her. *"What hast thou in thy house"* (2 Kings 4:2)? All she had was a pot of oil. He told her to borrow vessels, "borrow not a few." As long as she had a vessel, the oil continued to pour. The oil ceased when she ran out of vessels.

God will fill as many vessels as we have. If our thinking is small we will fill only a few. If our thinking is big we will fill many. Paul said, *"I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase"* (1 Cor. 3:6). Solomon said, *"There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and [there is] that withholdeth more than is meet, but [it tendeth] to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself"* (Prov. 11:24-25). The person who doesn't scattereth doesn't increase but rather tendeth to poverty.

Will we set out the vessels in our life? If we will scatter our talents and resources in God's service, he will give the increase, not for our personal use, but for his glory and praise. One of the most encouraging passages in the Bible is, *"Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days"* (Eccl. 11:1).

By: Larry Acuff

God's Plan of Salvation

HEAR the gospel Rom. 10:17
BELIEVE the gospel John 3:16
REPENT of your sins Luke 13:3
CONFESS Christ Matt. 10:32
Be BAPTIZED Acts 2:38
Live FAITHFULLY Rev. 2:10

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