

Announcements

Sick & Those Requesting Our Supplications

Jo Byrnes • Betty Cannon • Joyce Coones • Sleatha Gore
Evelyn Griffin • Essielene Henderson • Buddy Johnson
Faye Kilpatrick • Bonnie Lord • Shane Brewer

Group Meeting — Tonight

Tonight after our evening worship everyone is invited to Jamey & Cindy Hinds' home. Please ask Cindy what you might need to bring.

Song Leaders Class

This afternoon at 4:15 in the classroom building.

Photo Directory

Immediately following this morning's worship, families with last names ending in the letters I–P are asked to go to the classroom building to have their photo taken for our upcoming congregational directory. Next week, Lord willing, we will take Q–Z. *Thank you!*

Area Gospel Meetings

- July 19–24 | Old Town congregation. Danny Allen speaking, 7:30 PM.
- July 20–24 | Northeast (High Springs). VBS, 7:00–9:00 PM.

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THINGS ABOVE

“Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth”

—[Colossians 3:1–2]—

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Choosing the Good Part

By Jamey Hinds

Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me.” And Jesus answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, *and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.*” (Lk. 10:38–42).



One thing Americans take pride in is how busy we are. And it seems almost shameful to not be busy. So, when someone asks us, “*How are you doing?*” we quickly reply, “*Busy!*”

With all the “busy-ness” of life we really need to consider our priorities — more now than ever. Satan doesn’t want us to enjoy a full spiritual life. So he encourages us to cram our schedules with activities that aren’t *necessarily* bad, but not *essentially* good.

Thinking a little more about Martha: What she was doing wasn’t necessarily bad, but when the opportunity came to sit still and listen to Jesus or be busy, worried, and troubled about many things related to service, Martha didn’t choose the good part.

As followers of Jesus we need to “Take Time to Be Holy.” This requires effort on our parts to sit still and read the word of God. We all want more faith, and we can have more faith if we’ll get it from the right place — “Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Rom. 10:17). “But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him” (Heb. 11:6).

Taking time to be holy might also mean for us not watching the TV so much (or renting those movies we really want to see). Instead, we could use that time calling our brothers and sisters to “check on” them, to find out how they’re doing and if they

might need help. We are a community — a family — and we really are our brother’s keeper (*cf.* Gen. 4:9). “Let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works” (Heb. 10:24). This will require of us to choose the good part. As Jesus said it, “Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things [*i.e.*, the necessities of life] will be added to you” (Matt. 6:33).

“We should no longer be children . . . but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head — Christ — from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love” (Eph. 4:14–16).



So live that after the minister has ended his remarks, those present will not think they have attended the wrong funeral.

—The Mortarboard



Teach me to live that I may dread
The grave as little as my bed.

—Thomas Ken: *Evening Hymn*