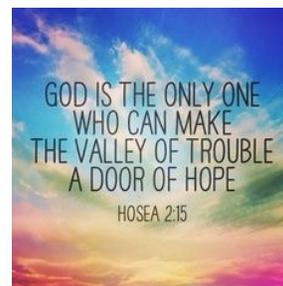




Seeking and saving the lost...

**We are honored and blessed to have you worshipping with us today and we extend our warmest welcome. Our service is modeled after the New Testament pattern of worship. If you have any questions or concerns please express them to us. We are**

Pray for Sylvia and family as they mourn. Brother Rick Curran is extremely ill, keep him in prayer. Pray for Francisco's recovery from surgery. Ann Marie has pneumonia, pray for her. Pray for sister McKinney, her back surgery is being scheduled. Otha Jr. has been scheduled for reconstructive surgery on his knee Jan. 20th, keep him in prayer. Lorena's brother Ricky Young is scheduled for surgery on his shoulder Jan. 7th, keep him in prayer. Pray for TC and family, he has been quite sick, he also wants prayers for more spiritual strength. Thom and



Mary Elizabeth need prayers, she has had bronchitis. Pray for Prince as the doctors address his eye problems. Pray for sister Leola's friend Elena who has stage 4 kidney cancer. Pray for Keisha's

health. Pray for Gena and family, her stepson has cancer. Pray for the spiritual and physical health of Leola's brother-in-law also pray for Keion, her 7 year old nephew who has cancer. Paris has suffered a possible stroke and/or heart attack, also her son was injured in a car accident, they need our prayers. Pray for Tulu Tulu Niusuls's health. Ebony's friend Josh needs prayer. Continue to pray for Darla. Stan's friend Rachel's husband was burned severely, pray for him. Prayers are requested for Reynaldo McLaughlin and family. Prayer requested for Sal Baker who suffered a heart attack. Prayer request for Kimberly Taylor who also suffered a heart attack.



**Song Leader - Stan  
Prayer - Jeremiah  
Preaching - Stan  
Table Lead - Henry  
Helper - Travis  
Helper - Prince  
Announce - Lenard  
Prayer - Bill**

**Order of Today's Services**

1. Singing
2. Opening Prayer
3. Singing
4. Preaching
5. Invitation Song
6. Communion Song
7. Communion
8. Song Before Offering
9. Offering
10. Announcements
11. Closing Song
12. Closing Prayer

**Schedule**

Sunday Bible Class .....	10:00 AM
Sunday Worship .....	11:00 AM
Sunday Afternoon .....	2:00 PM
Wednesday Evening .....	7:00 PM

**Plan of Salvation for Mankind**

Hear the Word .....	Romans 10:17
Believe the Word .....	Mark 16:15-16
Repent of your sins .....	Luke 13:3-5
Confess His name .....	Matt. 10:32-33
Baptism .....	1Peter 2:21
Live Faithfully .....	Revelation 2:10

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### Devotional

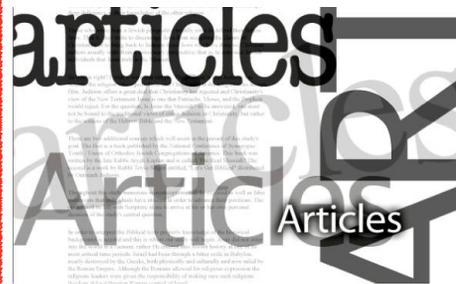
December 19th , 9:00 - 10:30 AM.

**Hebrews 10:23-25**

23 Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. 25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another -and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

### Portable Baptistry

Still needing donations for a portable baptistry so that we can move forward with our building remodel plans. Anticipated cost is about \$1200.



### A Blank Piece of Paper

By Craig D. Straight

The old man sat in his chair with a blank piece of paper on the stand beside him. He placed it there with a special purpose. As he approached his final days in life, he wanted to make sure everyone from church that visited him would get a letter of thanks and encouragement.

The old man had been a member of the Lord's church for many years; the majority of his life was dedicated to the Lord and the Lord's church. He had served as elder and treasurer during the hard times and

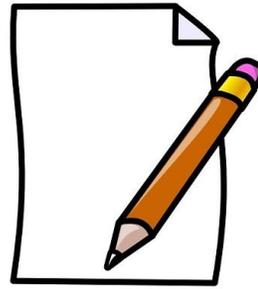
good times. Many years of his life were spent in service to the church, many hours given to the needs of others. He was there to see many members born and many pass away. If something broke, he fixed it; he was a regular handy man. The same with the people's lives that he worshiped with, if something happened or direction was needed, he was there to shepherd the way.

In the last part of his life, the struggle began and he could not get out on his own. His body was slipping away. He could not make it to church or attend services. His heart was still with the Lord; his mind was still active and knowledgeable in the Lord. He loved to talk about the Bible with anyone. When his body finally failed him and he went to be with the Lord, beside his chair and on the stand remained a blank piece of paper.

Then many years later, the old man's son at a much earlier age suffered a catastrophe in his life. He was left paralyzed on his left side. He was in the hospital and rehab for a year and finally got to go home. He cannot get out on his own and needs assisted living. He attends church when he can and that centers on being able to get a ride with a neighbor. He is a member of the same church and congregation as his father. He was born and brought up in that church.

Beside his chair on his stand is the paper that he put there. He put it there for the same purpose that his father did, and that was to record the names of visitors from church. A year and a half after being released from the hospital, he put it there, and to this day, it remains a "Blank Piece of Paper."

Jesus Christ gives us the example in Scripture about the righteous visiting the sick (Matthew 25:36 NKJV). Are we doing it?



Many claim today to be sound in doctrine, standing for the truth. They preach this loudly from the pulpit. But at the same time, a "blank piece of paper" testifies against them.

Today, many travel several miles to have debates and Gospel meetings to spread the Word to others or to defend the faith. These are good things and things that we must do. At the same time, how about our sick and shut-ins that are just a few minutes from our church buildings? Do we travel a short distance to visit them?

As we stand and point the finger toward others and say how they are doing wrong, does a blank piece of paper testify about our wrong? As congregations, preachers, elders and individuals, each of us should be working to see that a blank piece of paper will never again be left beside a chair of a member of the Lord's church.

When I was shown a blank piece of paper and told what it meant, it touched my heart. I hope and pray that it will touch the hearts of others so that all who profess to be Christians will take an interest in visiting those that are sick and unable to get out. Because one is sick and not able to leave his home, does not mean they love the Lord any less or should be written off by a congregation. He needs encouragement and edification the same as everyone else.

I am afraid that many today that are sick or shut-in miss their brothers and sisters in Christ. They miss the assembling of the saints together because of accidents, injuries and illnesses. They cannot always get out to go to church.

How heavy it must be on their hearts when they look beside them and see a "blank piece of paper."

### A Boy's Meditation

My Daddy thinks it's nice for me to go to Sunday school

To hear the helpful lessons and to learn the Golden Rule.

And if some Sunday morning something else I'd like to do,

My Dad looks very stern and says, "I am surprised at you."

So I dress very neatly and I travel off alone

While Daddy hunts the paper and decides he'll stay at home.

Now I have often wondered yes, time and time again.

Why Sunday school's so good for boys and not for grown-up men.

### Two Little Boys

A couple had two little boys, ages 8 and 10, who were



excessively mischievous.

The two were always getting into trouble and their parents could be assured that if any mischief occurred in their town their two young sons were in some way involved.

The parents were at their wits end as to what to do about their sons' behavior. The mother had heard that a clergyman in town had been successful in disciplining children in the past, so she asked her husband if he thought they should send the boys to speak with the clergyman.

The husband said, 'We might as well. We need to do something before I really lose my temper!' The clergyman agreed to speak with the boys, but asked to see them individually. The 8 year old went to meet with him first. The clergyman sat the boy down and asked him sternly, 'Where is God?'

The boy made no response, so the clergyman repeated the question in an even sterner tone, 'Where is God?' Again the boy made no attempt to answer. So the clergyman raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face, 'WHERE IS GOD?'

At that the boy bolted from the room and ran directly home, slamming himself in the closet. His older brother followed him into the closet and asked what had happened. The younger brother replied, 'We are in

