

September 12, 2010

**THE FRIEND AND BROTHER**



**WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

Sunday: 10:00 AM Bible Class  
 11:00 AM Morning Service  
 Thursday: 7:00 PM Mid-week Service

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**Proverbs 17:17: A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.**

Now I will confess that this verse indeed speaks of each and every redeemed of the Lord as they are friends one to another and brothers and sister's one towards another. Yet, we must see Christ as having the ultimate fulfillment in this verse as in every passage of Holy writ! I can not nor can you 'LOVE' at all times, but I know one who as the Friend of sinners has and does love at all times! If this is not the case then salvation is only a dream and we are of all men most miserable. Also, who but our dear and sweet Elder Brother was born to carry our adversities and bare our iniquities? Never was there a brother like this ONE; he by Himself took upon Him our trouble, our tight place as we came into trouble from the womb and because of God's Holy Law were indeed in a tight place. I remember my brother Scott Richardson telling me often that there are 3 phases in a believer's life: we are either in trouble, heading into trouble or just coming out of trouble! Yes, yet in our adversity we have a brother who was born for this very issue and He became poor that we might through His poverty become rich. At all times and in every trial or trouble my soul shall find its peace and rest in MY FRIEND AND IN MY BROTHER, the high, holy and lifted up one we reverently call Jesus The Christ.

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2 Corinthians 8: 5:...first, gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.

The evidence that God had given the Macedonian brethren willing hearts, was not, first, by the giving of their substance, but that they, first, entrusted the salvation of their souls to the Lord. Also, trusting that the Lord had provided for them that which pleased him for their good, they gave their own selves to those God sent to minister unto them.

Sinners will make great sacrifices of most anything but they will not submit their own selves to the care of Christ and the means he has provided to nourish his people. The giving of all our care to be cared for by Christ in the manner that pleases him (the preaching of the gospel) is the sacrifice of a broken and contrite heart, the sacrifice with which God is well pleased and the fruit produced when grace puts a love for Christ in the heart God has made (Psalm 51: 16-17; 1 Corinthians 13:3.)

#### **A TRIBUTE TO ROB LOCKE:**

**From Tom Harding pastor of Zebulon Baptist Church,  
Pikeville, Kentucky**

When we were flooded on July 17th many friends came and helped us clean out the mud. One friend traveled from Fairmont, Wv., Katy Baptist Church, to help us recover from our disaster, his name was Rob Locke. In his effort to assist us he suffered a heart attack while working here at the church and died. His wife, Nancy upon hearing the tragic news of her husband's death wanted Rob's friends to send money instead of flowers to help us in our recovery. We thank God for their generous giving. Bro. Rob lived serving the Lord and died serving the Lord. The Lord has graciously sent to this ministry \$7,500.00 through the friends of Bro. Rob Locke. I would like to be a friend like that! What a blessing to have such caring, compassionate and giving friends. We give God all the glory.

#### **Whichever Way the Wind Blows**

Acts 27: 10-14

The Lord told Paul that he would preach the gospel in Rome (Acts 23: 11.) But when the winds blew contrary, Paul told these men to wait on the Lord rather than trying to make this trip happen in their own time (Acts 27: 10.) The men did not heed Paul's word but gloried in fleshly wisdom. The soft winds blew, they supposed they had obtained their purpose and they set sail. Not long after the storm came. Still, Paul told them, "Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not to have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss" (Acts 27: 21.) Why did Paul tell them to wait? Didn't he believe the Lord would deliver him to Rome? Didn't Paul know that no man can frustrate what God has determined before to bring to pass? Of course he did, but Paul *trusted the Lord* to bring his will to pass. Yes, the will of the Lord shall be done. Also, the Lord has also told every believer that he shall deliver us through every trial (Isaiah 43: 1-7.) We can be sure that God shall providentially overrule our willful rebellion. But we encounter a great deal of harm and loss by hastily setting sail. When we face decisions in our lives, whichever way the wind blows, the Lord is often proving whether we will heed his revealed will or look to our own wisdom and understanding. The written word reveals the will of God. Take the contrary wind, as well as the soft wind, to God's word. Ask God. Commit thy way unto the Lord. Trust him. He shall bring it to pass (Psalm 37: 5.)

Oh! The sweet thought to my soul: under all the condemnation of the law, and the curses due to the breaches of it; Jesus is the Mediator, and the Fulfiller of the law, and the complete righteousness of his people. Be thou, my honored Lord, the glorious Head, and Husband, of thy whole family. Thou art indeed the all in all, to the whole seed of Abraham; for in thee shall they people, in all nations, be blessed.--Robert Hawker

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