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WELCOME TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY!



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From Pastor Paul Binion



Beloved, welcome to our 2012 Friends and Family Day at WSCOG. I pray that the worship experience today will strengthen, inspire, and encourage you. Thanks for being with us, and please come again in the very near future.

The people at WSCOG have heard me say much about family, and could possibly reiterate

my instructions, but today I want to look briefly at a few things the Bible says about friendship. Read the following passages from the Bible (John 15:13, Proverbs 17:17, Proverbs 18:24, 1 Corinthians, 13:4, and Proverbs 27:6), then allow me to give you some characteristics of friendship.

A true friend will love sacrificially – JESUS being our example of unselfish and sacrificial love. This was demonstrated not only through the miraculous works of HIS hands, but in humble service as HE washed the disciples' feet, and ultimately as HE laid down HIS life on the cross at Calvary.

In reading Proverbs 17:17, we learn that a true friend will love unconditionally – even knowing all of your issues, imperfections and weaknesses, they still love you. We can't afford to be easily offended or hold on to bitterness. A friend is quick to ask for forgiveness and ready to be forgiving. As well, a true friend will trust completely. Proverbs 18 tells us a true friend is trustworthy, but it also clearly implies that your true and loyal friends will be few in number. Beware of trusting quickly; a real friend will prove their trustworthiness over time.

A true friend will also honor healthy boundaries. You should not feel 'smothered,' used, or abused in a friendship. A true friend will not try to monopolize all your time, will recognize that you have other relationships, and encourage you to grow closer to your spouse!

Lastly, a true friend will build you up, and you will reciprocate in every way – emotionally and spiritually. You love 'hanging out,' because you can talk, laugh, and cry. You will be able to tell them the difficult things they may not want to hear (and you as well), and can receive it, because it is truth, and it is spoken with grace. I know you already know all of this, but a friend is to be appreciated and treasured, and you are blessed if you have one.' Thanks for being with us today.

Pastor

*** REGULAR SCHEDULE ***

SUNDAY SERVICE:

Prayer at 9:00 a.m.
Service at 9:15 a.m.

F.A.T. TUESDAY:

Tuesdays
Dinner—5:45 p.m.
Class—6:45 p.m.

PRAYER:

Wednesdays
12:00 Noon

HOUR OF POWER:

Wednesdays
(2nd and 4th)
6:00 —7:00 p.m.

CHOIR REHEARSAL:

Thursdays
6:30 p.m.

PRAISE TEAM REHEARSAL:

Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL:

Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.
(1st and 3rd)

CHERUBIM REHEARSAL:

Saturdays at 11:00 a.m.
(1st and 3rd)

AGAPE REHEARSAL:

Saturdays at 11:00 a.m.

Quotation:

We will discover the best friendships with brothers and sisters who know and accept our weaknesses and imperfections.

Memory Verse of the Week:

A friend loves at all times,
and a brother is born for adversity
(Proverbs 17:17)

Deacon & Deaconess on Call:

Les and Gail Thomas

*** SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS ***

Next Week, Sunday, August 26, 2012 – Welcome to Friends & Family Day! Worship begins with prayer at 9:00 a.m. Always go to Nunley Hall after service.

Tuesday, August 28, 2012 – No F.A.T. Tuesday classes. Pastor's Class begins at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome, and Leadership is expected to attend.

Wednesday, August 29, 2012 – Solemn Assembly at 6:00 p.m. This is the last Solemn Assembly. Please plan to pray with us.

Thursday, August 30, 2012 – Board Night Off.

Next Week, September 2, 2012 – Communion Sunday! Worship begins with prayer at 9:00 a.m.

Monday, September 3, 2012 – Labor Day Holiday. Church office will be closed.

Tuesday, September 4, 2012 – Annual Business Meeting at 6:30 p.m. All WSCOG members are encouraged to attend. **F.A.T. Tuesday resumes in October.**

Wednesday, September 5, 2012 – Board of Directors Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 8, 2012 – Women's Conference. For more information, please see the Women's Ministry Table in Nunley Hall. Tickets are \$20.

In Two Weeks, September 9, 2012 – Women's Day Celebration! Worship begins with prayer at 9:00 a.m. Special guest speaker is Reverend Monique Robinson.

Fresno Citizen's Academy runs Monday, September 17th – Monday, November 5th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Apply at www.Fresno.gov/FCA or call Sean Edwards at 621-8000.

Men's Day Weekend is September 22nd – 23rd. Men's Breakfast and Forum is Saturday, September 22nd at 8:30 a.m. and tickets are \$8.00. **Sunday, September 23rd is the Men's Day Service** at 9:00 a.m. See Deacon Turner in Nunley Hall for more information.

SAVE THE DATE! 2012 Annual WSCOG Christmas Gala, Friday, November 30th at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center.

Bishop Tyrone Cushman's book, 'God of our Weary Years,' is on sale at the Bookstore.

T-Time Volunteers Needed. See Minister Chris Pennywell.

Eggs are available in Nunley Hall every Sunday after worship.

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