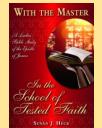




- Sharon Watson is scheduled for knee surgery on March 26. Please keep her in your prayers for a successful surgery and speedy recovery.
- Ronnie Adkisson is not doing very well. Please keep him and Sally in your prayers as well as Derek and Deedra Watts.
- Last Thursday we delivered close to 100 boxes of Kleenex to the Pioneer Nursing Home. Please continue bringing Kleenex for the P.N.H.





The Ladies Monday Night Bible Class will start back on April 15. We will study, "With the Master in the School of Tested Faith," by Susan Heck. You can order on Amazon or contact Betty. Hope we have several wanting to participate. Vol. 25, No. 885

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> Jesus Did Not Quit by Raymond C. Kelcy

Jesus did not quit meeting with His disciples because Judas was a thief, nor because Peter was fickle at times. He did not quit preaching and living right because some of his brethren were unforgiving and unkind. He did not quit his post of leadership because He had in His presence the adulterous woman, a gang of Pharisees, or narrowminded demon-worshipers. Jesus did not quit.

Have you quit before? What was the reason for it? Any reason you might name, Jesus could have given the same. He had every reason to be discouraged. His own disciples were so slow to learn and hardened in their hearts, "Then Jesus got into the boat with them, and the wind stopped; and they were utterly astonished, for they had not gained ANY insight from the incident of the loaves, but their heart was HARDENED" (Mark 6:51-52).

Jesus' enemies were bent on His destruction, "The Pharisees went and plotted together how they might trap Jesus" (Matthew 22:15). Christ did not quit He, "Accomplished the work God gave to Him" (John 17:4). Jesus never quit. Jesus finished His task and was faithful to the work and mission given to Him by the Father all the way till the end.

In your life today, do you know what the work is that God has given you to do? When you come to the end of life will you be able to say, "I have finished the work God has given me to do"? Or will you stand before God and say that you were a quitter?

Eternal life is promised to those who endure to the end, "It is the one who has endured to the end who will be saved" (Matthew 10:22). There will be no pointing back to your faith and baptism unless you can also point back to a life of faithful endurance committed to loving and obeying Jesus till death.

OPENING PRAYER Joe Cooper CLOSING PRAYER Chip Master	Prayer List Military: Derek Love Officers: Steve & Sherry Davidson, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe, Blake Johnson Nursing Home: Al Gillihan, Debbie Hoskinds, Imodean Webb, Troy Gaston, Sue Campbell, Barbara Watson, Bill Wiseman
March Anthony Weston Dalton Grigg Sanders Lee Wyatt Brent Qualls April	Ted KiddWilma CooperPeggy HallDorothy TeagueBill RolandTreva VoylesHayden PhillipsDebbie CrowCornelia SummersChristie HaneyJoanna SmithWayne CrosbyBrooke PartinGary BrownSanyia AustinCharlotte CooperJohn YoungRegenia GillihanRobby QuallsRegina MasterShawna TeegardenJeanette Crosby YoungbloodJohn WardBoyde MartinGage BarnsKegina Kaster
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Jesus the Sent One by Andreas J. Kostenberger John teaches that Jesus is the sent Son, and God the Father is	Justin Teague 5thDorothy Teague 9thJay Chaney 13thTommy Taylor 21stJoe Guiltner 22ndDebbie Lord 23rdMandy Haney Ward 28thBill Roland 28thChip Master 30thAndrea Martz 31stChip Master 30thChip Master 30th
the sender. The sent one is to:	March Anniversaries
1. bring glory and honor to the sender (5:23; 7:18)	David & Rita Hoskinds 3 rd
2. do the sender's will (4:34; 5:30, 38) and works (5:36; 9:4)	Jeff & Sarena Young 5 th Dale & Anna Parish 9 th
3. speak the sender's words (3:34; 7:16; 12:49; 14:24)	Dates to Remember
 4. bear witness to the sender (5:36) 5. represent the sender accurately (12:44-45; 13:20; 15:18-25) 6. exercise delegated authority (5:21-22, 27; 13:3; 17:2; 20:23) 	Ladies meet the 4 th Monday of every month @ 6 p.m. bring a finger food. Men meet the 3 rd Sunday of every month for breakfast @ 8 a.m. Family game night every 4 th Sunday from 5-7 p.m. Potluck every 5 th Sunday after services, please bring a dish.
7. know the sender intimately (7:29; 15:21; 17:8, 25)	"Father, may You fill us with love for You, for one another,
8. live in a close relationship with the sender (8:16, 18, 29; 16:32)	and for the world. Help us to bear with one another and be kind, gentle, humble, and merciful. May we make the necessary adjustments you require in godly repentance and reflect Your
In all these things, Jesus the sent Son serves as the example. "The one who says he abides in Christ ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked" (1 John 2:6).	desires accurately to one another, as well as to the world."