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A MOMENT WITH THE MODERATOR

While out visiting with the church, I came into contact with a lady that asked me to pray for her husband because he would not go to church. I responded by saying that I would not only pray, but I would like to talk to her husband in person. When I questioned the husband why he would not go to church he simply responded that he was not good enough to go to church. So I responded by telling him that we needed to clear something up and to get a basic understanding about church attendance. I desire to do the same thing with any who reads this article.

Jesus did not come to heal those that are whole, but to heal the sick. He came to those who need a Savior. The church does not exist for perfect people, for if it did I could not belong to it. As I explained to the husband and am now proclaiming to you, we at the church are not a group of perfect people. We have not solved all of the problems of life, but we are sinners saved by the grace of God. We are still on a pilgrimage and we still struggle sometimes to overcome the pull of the flesh, the temptation of the world, and the struggles that are part of the daily life of this world. But the good news is, once we have accepted Christ as Lord and Savior, we then have with us the presence and the power of Jesus. He is our Mighty Savior who forgives us of our sins and cleanses us, lifts the load of guilt, and gives us new power to be new persons in this world and to be victorious day by day.

We lose a lot of battles against sin on our own, but we can win every battle against sin through the victorious power of Jesus Christ. We have this power because we are indwelt by the Holy Spirit. So I think of the church not as a place where there are whole people, but as a hospital where we are cared for by the Mighty Physician, Jesus Christ, who has saved us and whom we now serve. After He had preached in the synagogue at Capernaum, Jesus went by the house of Simon Peter where Peter's mother-in-law lay sick of a fever. Jesus immediately made her totally and completely well and she began to wait upon them.

We cannot heal ourselves spiritually speaking, and most of the time not even physically speaking. Jesus is the Savior who does physical healing, such as the physical healing of the fever. But He is also the Savior who touches you, and can by His own power reach out His hand and lift you up and make you walk free of the fever of sin. Jesus cares about you and me. He touched the untouchable by healing lepers, gave Living Water to the woman at the well, did not condemn the woman taken in adultery, called out demons in various places, and caused the paralyzed to walk again.

Jesus is able to perform all miracles today, and meet any needs. We must totally surrender our hearts and lives to Him. We are limited and bound and restricted by sin, but Jesus came to free us from our limitations. If you do not have a church home I pray that you will find one immediately. Attend church regularly and let the Holy Spirit direct your lives.

Trusting Jesus
Rev. Leon Fortune

Join us for a reception honoring Mr. Steve Tipton

20 years of faithful service
at the Vineyard Christian Retreat Center

April 23, 2023 at 2:00 pm.

The reception will be held at
Coffee Baptist Association located at
603 E McKinnon Street,
New Brockton, AL.

Call our office with your VBS dates.

Visit our website at ccbacenter.com
to see VBS dates.

Senior Adult Luncheon

April 25 at 11:00 am

New Home Baptist Church

Cost: \$10

Please call our office to RSVP
by April 18.

Calendar of Events

April

13 - WMU Banquet - 6:30 pm
25 - Senior Adult Luncheon - 11:00 am
29 - Boys Adventure Camp at the Vineyard

May

12-13 - GA Camp at the Vineyard
16 - Executive Committee Meeting - 7:00 pm

WMU Banquet

April 13 at 6:30 pm

Ino Baptist Church

Guest Music: Kaye Clark
and Audrey Windham

Guest Speaker: Marcia Tomberlin

Cost - \$10 per person

Please register by Thursday, April 6, 2023.

Scholarships

The Baptist Foundation of Alabama
Applications due March 31, 2023.

Applications must be completed online at
tbfa.org/scholarships.

A.L. Strozier applications can be
picked up at our office.

GA Camp at the Vineyard

May 12-13, 2023

Boys Adventure Camp at the Vineyard

April 29, 2023

Call the Vineyard to register or
for more information.

IncrediCamp

Build Your Life Hebrews 3:4

July 17-19

\$120 per child if registered by
June 15. \$135 after June 15, 2023.

Find us on Facebook at:
Incredicamp@Vineyard Christian Retreat

Call the Vineyard at 334-762-2256
for more info.

Women of Grace Conference The Grace Place Church

May 6, 2023 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Cost \$10

Call 347-5214 to register by April 30