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Sunday School: 9:30 A.M. Worship: 10:30 P.M. Worship: 6:00 Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm Phone: 924-9714

Proverbs 16:1-2

"The plans of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue belong to the Lord. All the ways of man are clean in his own sight, but the Lord weighs the motives."

"Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Just walk beside me and be my friend."

Albert Camus

"A friendship can weather most things and thrive in thin soil; but it needs a little mulch of letters, phone calls, and small, silly presents every so often."

Pam Brown

Honor To Whom Honor Is Due

The following was taken from the November 27, 1958 edition of "The Gospel Advocate."

Marshall Keeble was born near Murfreesboro, TN on December 17, 1878. This means that he will be 80 years old on his next birthday. Brother Keeble has baptized 30,000 people. We do not know of another preacher "among us" who has baptized half as many. He has established scores of congregations. Many of our white brethren have been converted by our venerable brother Keeble. During the time from 1945 until the middle of this year he served as president of Nashville Christian Institute. He is now president emeritus of that institution. His contribution to Christian education has been tremendous. We urge

that you send him a card or letter on his birthday. Send him a contribution for himself or the Institute—or both. He deserves it. "Honor to who honor is due." For his work's sake, for his humility, for his noble character, for his undying faith—remember him. This veteran of the faith who has made the angels rejoice, perhaps, more than 30,000 times, will not be with us always. One of these days God will call him home. Give him his flowers now. Don't forget him!

Once when Brother Keeble was asked what his topic would be at a lectureship, he said, "They gave me a topic, but I'm gonna talk about baptism." That was Keeble. He was a man wholly committed to the task of

spreading God's plan of salvation. In turn, the people he served were encouraged by "The Gospel Advocate" to honor him materially. This principle is taught in scripture. Paul stated plainly: "If we sowed spiritual things in you, is it too much if we reap material things from you?" (I Cor. 9:11).

No matter how someone may bless your life, be sure to show your appreciation in a meaningful way. By doing so, the one who blesses you will be encouraged to bless you again, and you'll what Jesus meant when he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

James Hayes

Pleasant View Proclaimer

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Friendship

Ira North, the preacher for the Madison church of Christ when Madison had over 2,000 members, was known as an encourager and promoter. When he pleaded with the congregation to invite visitors to special events, he would say, "I know all of you can invite six people because all of you have six friends. How do I know you have six friends? Because you'll have six people carry your casket when you die!"

Brother North was right—we all know at least six people who would be willing to carry our casket. But are they real friends? The Bible teaches us that friendship has several key components.

First, Proverbs 18:24 (NKJV) states: "A man who has friends must himself be friendly..." Friendship starts in the mirror. Those who complain about not receiving the attention they think they deserve from otherswhether they are in the family, the church, or the workplace-are often those who are unfriendly. People respond to nice people, and they reject the gossipers, complainers, and contrarians. Want friends? Be friendly.

Second, the Bible teaches us the value of friendship. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10: "Two are better than one because they have good return for their labor. For if either of them falls, the one will lift

up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift them up." All of us fall. We all face trials that knock us down. Those who have no friends must find their own way up.

Finally, we cannot extend friendship to the ungodly things of the world. James declared, "You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God?" (4:4). Is it easy for the world to like you because your actions blend in so well? If so, God opposes you. We should all be loyal friends of God.

James Hayes

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Items of Note:

- John Kachelman gave a great presentation last week. Continue to remember his efforts in your prayers.
- Carsyn Thornton, who just turned 4, is in serious condition. She is not breathing on her own.
- Remember that December has 5 Sundays. December presents many financial obligations, but don't forget about our building fund contribution on the 30th.

Christmas Lunch After Worship on December 9 Give Names For Fruit Baskets To Doug

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: F. Brown

Pray: M. Newell

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: T. Walker

Serve: Gupton, E. Walker, L. Newell

Pray: Baker