

# HOSPITALITY

*Bob Howton, Deceased*

*(a good friend, faithful brother, godly elder and was married to his lovely wife Anne for 73 years. TJK)*

On the wall of our breakfast nook there is a small wooden plaque, which has four lines of text inscribed upon it. The message contained in those four lines has prompted this article.

*The Crown of the home is Godliness  
The Beauty of the home is Order  
The Glory of the home is Hospitality  
The Blessing of the home is Contentment*

I would submit to you that any home devoid of Godliness is nothing more or less than just a place to stay. Likewise, any home which does not have order, certainly cannot reflect the beauty it should have. Any home without godliness and order is likely to be a home without the blessing of hospitality. No home without godliness and order and hospitality will ever know the unbounded joy of contentment which should abide in every home. I am honored to live in a home where these traits abound, and for the most part, all of it is due to my precious wife.

When I reflect upon hospitality, my mind readily goes back to the recitation of "Conrad's Special Guest." You see Conrad had been told that God would come to his humble abode and would sup with him. Conrad got busy and swept and garnished every corner of the house, in anticipation of this great guest. The time drew near, and Conrad was anxiously awaiting the knock at the door. No knock came! Then Conrad heard a small, frightened voice calling out, and rushing to the door he found a small boy who was lost. Conrad soothed his fears and took him back to his home.

The Lord still had not come! Conrad arose quickly when he heard a sound at the door. He opened it to see a bent old lady, struggling to set down the heavy load of sticks, which she had on her back. Conrad brought her in, and made her a hot brew of tea, and refreshed her and set her back on her way. He was now most anxious about his great guest and listened intently as someone scratched at the door. This time it was an old man, shivering and cold and with tattered shoes on his feet. Conrad rushed him inside and bathed his cold feet with warm water and put some new shoes on him and sent him on his way. Conrad was now greatly disappointed and he knelt to ask God why He hadn't kept His appointment, and the Master answered, "I kept my promise to you! Three times I came to your humble door! Three times you opened and welcomed Me in. You see! I was that little lost boy! I was the bent old woman, and I was the poor man with tattered shoes. Each time I knocked you welcomed me in, and shared your meager means. I was greatly honored to be your special guest!"

"...a lover of hospitality" (Titus 1:8). "Use hospitality one to another..." (I Peter 4:9). "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares" (Hebrews 13:2). "...given to hospitality" (Romans 12:13). *Hospitality is a likeness of God!*

# I Peter 2:1-12

I S T L M T M G W A R F S S S U P T V A Q A H R X  
C E X T U E R O N A H U S O P E K F J T R S T C J  
E I I B R A H G R H O R O S U I S D E V O L E B D  
Y V L C C O O O Y I E P M R M L R I S F X S V F A  
R N Y I L V L D C O C N W E B M G I A N U T E X T  
P E O Y S J Y E D C I E O D L I G H T R E U I S P  
S U R J M E R L H U Z S R L I V E L Y U P M L A B  
S A C G H P I O R C S O D I K S Y E I Q A B E R D  
M P I P O V S S N I N H I U R C O R N E R L B E S  
I P J H E E R O I S L C T B C S P B R U U I D L S  
R O A T N R D U A R K F E I H C U Z E E A N C Y E  
G I R A I L U C E P C N W V D J V O O D U G L V N  
L N R A X Y R S X Z Z O O I J U S B I O I H D I K  
I T Z K Q I E D R M G V P G Z O B S F C S E F S R  
P E P N F M H L R E Y Z S Y L V U N F E E V N I A  
K D Q I A P B V B E G Z D E H O O P L W Q R W T D  
Z V C L A T S F S M W N I M L C R F E I V G P A O  
K E I B W B Q O O A U F A L I I H I G O E N O T S  
S C E L I U G Q M I D T E R J L T J F K P V T I A  
E W O R K S S N S A D V S O T V K N A Y S L W O C  
U Y S L P X U C E T R V C F A S K Q E T W Q E N O  
B E L I E V E H S A O W S D I X M Y N G T L U L D  
T B V C R R H A M B Z N M G V W C O S D I D S Z A  
E Y E F X N E W B O R N E E L E Q O C V M A F W U  
N O I T A S R E V N O C K N G R Q C E U L A Y O R

"Wherefore laying aside all \_\_\_\_\_, and all \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and all \_\_\_\_\_ speakings, As \_\_\_\_\_ babes, desire the sincere \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is \_\_\_\_\_. To whom coming, *as unto* a living \_\_\_\_\_, disallowed indeed of \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_ of God, *and* \_\_\_\_\_, Ye also, as \_\_\_\_\_ stones, are built up a \_\_\_\_\_ house, an \_\_\_\_\_ priesthood, to offer up spiritual \_\_\_\_\_, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the \_\_\_\_\_, Behold, I lay in Sion a \_\_\_\_\_ corner stone, elect, \_\_\_\_\_: and he that \_\_\_\_\_ on him shall not be \_\_\_\_\_. Unto you therefore which \_\_\_\_\_ *he is* precious: but unto them which be \_\_\_\_\_, the stone which the \_\_\_\_\_ disallowed, the same is made the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, And a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, and a rock of offence, *even to them* which \_\_\_\_\_ at the word, being \_\_\_\_\_: whereunto also they were \_\_\_\_\_. But ye *are* a \_\_\_\_\_ generation, a \_\_\_\_\_ priesthood, an \_\_\_\_\_ nation, a \_\_\_\_\_ people; that ye should shew forth the \_\_\_\_\_ of him who hath called you out of \_\_\_\_\_ into his marvellous \_\_\_\_\_: Which in time past *were* not a \_\_\_\_\_, but *are* now the people of \_\_\_\_\_: which had not obtained \_\_\_\_\_, but now have obtained mercy. Dearly \_\_\_\_\_, I beseech *you* as \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, abstain from \_\_\_\_\_ lusts, which \_\_\_\_\_ against the \_\_\_\_\_; Having your \_\_\_\_\_ honest among the \_\_\_\_\_: that, whereas they speak against you as \_\_\_\_\_, they may by *your* good \_\_\_\_\_, which they shall behold, \_\_\_\_\_ God in the day of \_\_\_\_\_." (I Peter 2:1-12)

# NEWS AND NOTES

“I was sick, and ye visited me...” (Matthew 25:36)

Please remember to check the bulletin boards for additional ones on our prayer request list who are sick and confined.

All those who are either a 2023 High School or College graduate please get your biography and picture to Martha Kee as soon as possible.

## Upcoming Events:

New Family Bible Study Questions are on the Missions Table in the foyer for everyone to pick up and use. Ukraine Mission Buckets for May are Vaseline, razors, and hand mirrors.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Vacation Bible School -- June 11-14, 2023 Theme for 2023: “Under God’s Construction”  
 NEA Women’s Bible Study – June 17 at Greensboro Road at 3:00 p.m. for all ladies.  
 Ladies Day honoring all the ladies 65 and over -- July 29, 2023 in the basement.  
 Gospel Meeting – October 22-25, 2023 with Kenny Townsley from Cave City, Arkansas.  
 Gospel Meeting – April 21-24, 2024 with Micah Robertson from Ronan, Montana.

### Those Privileged To Serve May 14, 2023

#### SUNDAY MORNING

Song Leader Mark Wooten  
 Opening Prayer Stan Honeycutt  
 Closing Prayer Jeff Presley  
 Bible Reading Jason Garland  
 Preacher Terry Joe Kee

#### LORD’S TABLE

Presiding: Hal Baugh  
 Jimmie Powell Reginald Read  
 Larry Darr Kevin Roush  
 Russell Baldrige David Dye

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mike Felts

#### SUNDAY EVENING

Song Leader: Scottie Blanchard  
 Opening Prayer: Mark Brewer  
 Closing Prayer: James Johnson  
 Preacher: Terry Joe Kee

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT May 17, 2023

Song Leader Kevin Roush  
 Opening Prayer Mike Felts  
 Closing Prayer Craig Nelson

#### DEVOTIONAL SPEAKER

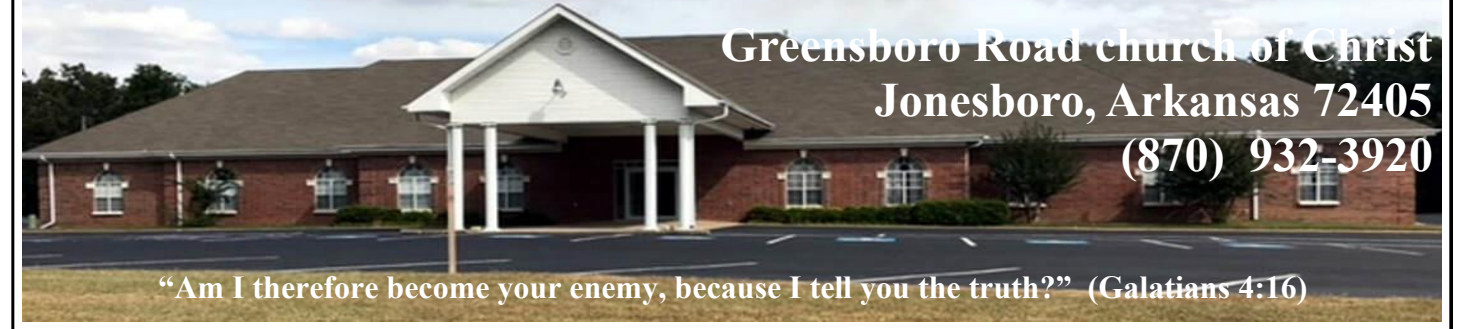
May 17, 2023  
 Dan Nichols

### NUMBERS FOR THE WEEK Week Of May 7, 2023

Sunday Bible Study	87
Sunday AM Worship	107
Sunday PM Worship	93
Wednesday Bible Study	83
Contribution	\$5876

**“But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.”**  
**I Peter 1:25**

# The Friend of Truth



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## KeeNotes

### Why Do Some People Take So Long?

Larry Fitzgerald

*“There is enough light for those who want to believe and enough shadow to blind those who don’t.” - Pascal*

Anyone who has taught and prayed for a loved one to obey the gospel—only to hear excuse after excuse—knows that Pascal was correct.

Many people do not accept the truth because they don’t want to. The evidence of God’s existence and His saving grace is all around us. But if they don’t want to believe, no amount of begging, pleading, or logic will make them do otherwise.

This is called “hardness of heart” in the Bible. This connection with faith is seen in Ephesians chapter four. “Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart” (Eph. 4:18).

What is the solution? Don’t give up! Continue to teach, continue to be a good example, and continue to pray for your loved one’s soul. I know a woman who was a godly wife and mother. She prayed and taught her unbelieving husband for their entire marriage. But he never obeyed the gospel. In the sunset of their years together, the wife died. At the funeral, the preacher said, “This good woman is in heaven—waiting for all who are faithful Christians to join her. But those who are not right with the Lord will not be joining her.” The next Sunday, the widower walked down the aisle and asked to be baptized upon his faith, repentance, and confession of Jesus Christ. He later said, “Praise God that my good wife never gave up on me.”

#### SHEPHERDS

Mike Felts  
 Terry Joe Kee  
 Dan Nichols  
 Randy Oden

#### DEACONS

Scottie Blanchard  
 Jerry Dodson  
 Stacy Eddleman  
 Jason Garland  
 Scott Pratt  
 Kevin Roush  
 Mark Wooten

#### EVANGELIST

Terry Joe Kee  
**MISSIONARIES**  
 Samrit Kammanee,  
 Southeast Asia  
 Micah Robertson,  
 Montana

#### SERVICES

##### SUNDAY

Classes 9:00 a.m.  
 Worship 10:00 a.m.  
 5:00 p.m.

##### WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

#### What Must I Do To Be Saved?

**Hear** the Word of God  
*Romans 10:17*  
**Believe** the Word of God  
*John 8:24*  
**Repent** of your sins  
*Luke 13:3*

**Confess** your faith in Jesus  
 as the Son of God  
*Romans 10:9,10*

**Be Baptized** for the  
 remission of your sins  
*Acts 2:38*

**Live faithfully**  
*Revelation 2:10*

*“For we are laborers  
 together with God...”*  
 (I Cor. 3:9)

**Building For Thee  
 In 2023**