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# NORTHSIDE BULLETIN

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## Sick

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Shut-ins and Elderly Members:

Sis. Darnell

Sis. Burns

Sis. Sharp

Sis. Higginbottom

Sis. Linda McClure

Bro. And Sis. Wade

Those Battling Health Issues

Carl Hollis Jr

The Wheelers

The Youngs

Sis. Shirley Berry is in NEA  
Room 5134

Family of Members

Amy Branscum's brother

Phyllis Hale's brother

Shirley Meade's niece

Brenda Fasulo's mother

Sue Southard's mother

Sheila Brogdon's brother

John Erickson

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## Other

### Announcements

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Remember The Hollis Family in  
the Death of Carl Hollis Sr.

## *When Church is Boring*

*by Frank Himmel*

What do you do when you find that church is boring? It's time for a change! Now the question is, change what?

Many folks think the answer is to change the church. I just read an article about a new church created for men only, men who find church boring. Discarding more traditional environments, they meet in a gymnasium one Saturday evening a month. A rock band provides entertainment. The preacher speaks in front of the scoreboard, with the clock running. He guarantees to have them out in one hour!

Some might not go that far, yet they still insist on change. Contemporary music, drama, and short sermons that are little more than pep talks are the order of the day. Celebration and praise are the buzzwords.

Malachi lived at a time when people found "church" boring. Speaking of Israel's worship, God said through the prophet, "*You also say, 'My, how tiresome it is!' And you disdainfully sniff at it*" (Malachi 1:13).

God proposed two changes in these who turned up their noses at His worship. One was to just stay home (1:10). The better solution - the change He preferred - was to repent (2:2). Notice what God did not approve of: changing the structure or activities of worship to accommodate individual tastes.

The preacher or the one who leads the prayer can give more thought to what he says and the song leader can try to select more meaningful hymns. But when worship as God directed is boring, the main change that is needed is in the heart of the worshiper.

## **Are You Weary in Well Doing?**

**By Steve Klein**

A wealthy heiress hired a new maid, who proceeded on her first day of work to drag around the house with all the vim and vigor of an aging snail. Finally, the mistress asked the maid, "Isn't there anything you can do quickly?" "Yes ma'am," said the maid, "I can get tired in a hurry!"

There are probably a lot of people who can get tired of doing housework in a hurry. Much of it involves labor that is little appreciated by others and will soon have to be repeated. The same can be true when it comes to our labor in the Lord's house. Bible study, worship attendance, visiting the sick, teaching Bible classes, prayer, and dealing with temptation are sometimes viewed as the spiritual equivalents of vacuuming and dusting. Because they must be done repeatedly, we may think of them as unpleasant or unproductive chores. And if that is our attitude, we'll get tired of them. But in 2 Thessalonians 3:13 Paul urged, "*But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary in doing good.*"

Feeling tired is often more a state of mind than a lack of physical energy. If we are properly motivated, weariness will seldom prevent us from doing what should be done. The New Testament provides Christians with tremendous motivation to continue doing good. It tells us that we should not become weary in working for the Lord because:

We'll reap a reward for doing good. Housework may not pay all that well, but working for the Lord does. In Galatians 6:9 Paul wrote, "*And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.*"

Others have worked harder. When we compare our efforts to those that Jesus put forth on our behalf, how can we be tired? Hebrews 12:3,4 says, "*For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin.*"

Others have received a great reward. Hebrews 6:12 states, "*Do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.*"

Jesus commended the church at Ephesus because they "*persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary*" (Revelation 2:3). Let us, like the Ephesians, be tireless in our labors, "*not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord*" (Romans 12:11).

### **This Week's Scripture Readings:**

**March 26 - Deut.27-31 Luke 12**

**March 27 - Deut.32-34, Ps.13; Luke 13**

**March 28 - Joshua 1-4, Ps.143; Luke 14**

**March 29 - Joshua 5-8; Ps.14, Luke 15**

**March 30 - Joshua 9-13 ; Luke 16**

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### **Assembling Times:**

**Sunday Bible Class: 9:00 am**

**Sunday Worship: 10:00 am and 5:00 pm**

**Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm**



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Our Guide**