

Upcoming Events

Ron McDonald

Birthday 04/30/2021

Alan & Leigh Ann White

Anniversary 05/09/2021

Contributions

For those able to attend worship services at the building please leave your contribution in the box at the rear of the auditorium.

For those who give by check and are meeting by Zoom, you can simply mail your check to Kerry Lashlee 9748 Bent Brook Dr Montgomery, AL 36117

Contribution last week

\$4,438



Current Schedule of Services at the building and Zoom

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9:00 AM Sunday Adult Bible Study; Bill In Auditorium and ZOOM

Roger Cobia and John Demas in adult classrooms 1 and 2 and no Zoom

Children's classes in normal classrooms

10:00 AM Sunday morning worship In Auditorium and ZOOM

5:00 PM (ZOOM ONLY) - Followed by all group ZOOM

6:30 PM Wednesday Bible study with Bill in the auditorium and zoom

Roger Cobia and John Demas in adult classrooms 1 and 2 and no Zoom

Children's classes in normal classrooms

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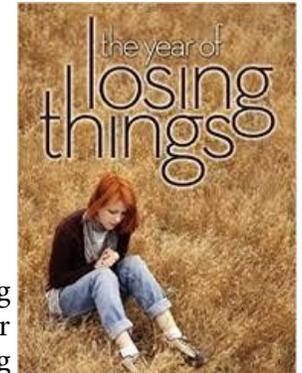
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We Learn More From Losing Things



“Better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting, for that is the end of all men; and the living will take it to heart” ([Eccl. 7:2](#)).

To lose is to learn. Rarely do we part with anything valuable without growing in wisdom. Yet the experience of loss is one we usually resist and resent. If it’s a choice between gaining and losing, we’d much rather be gaining. As for any losing we might have to do, we hope to defer that as long as we can. Nevertheless it’s true: we learn more from losing things than we do from gaining them. So Solomon said that it’s better to go to the “house of mourning” than the “house of feasting.” That will be our perspective during times of loss if our priorities are what they ought to be.

We humans are both “acquisitive” and “possessive” creatures, aren’t we? We love to acquire — to get and to gain — and having acquired at least some of what we want in this world, we feel a sense of entitlement to it: *Continued inside*

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LATEST MEMBER NEWS

PRAYER LIST - AS OF 05/01/2021

Jason Cicero - death of father 4/22.

Linda Wheatley Awaiting stress test results May 19th.

Linda Wheatley's granddaughter has a mild case of COVID-19, and her niece is in the hospital in Birmingham with problems with her liver. A liver transplant has been discussed,

Matthew Bruce family:

Matthew Bruce's father, Ricky, tested positive for COVID-19. Better. Still needs prayers!

His mother, Anita, now has a milder case of COVID-19

Madyson exposed and now quarantined for 10 more days

Gracelyn Cunningham - death of husband, Johnny 4/28. Burial set for 5/6.

Susan Smiley, Carrie Burks' youngest sister - Stroke - now in Rehab

Neal Smith continues to be weak after all his health problems.

Vaughn Thayer - Started Chemo April 9. Continues to need our prayers

Johnny Mae White - kidney issues.

Faye McLellan - former member - Parkinson's and spinal stenosis - Surgery not yet required.

Sawyer Burch- serious rare genetic digestive problem (Trifunctional Proterin Deficiency) (TFP).

Sundee Mahone asks prayers to protect Tillman who is away at school.

Thomas Brewer's mother now home from rehab. Keep in your prayers.

All Hart family - Jess & Pat at home

Janis has serious eye concerns following Shingles.

Pray for Gary, Janis & Janie as they care for Jess & Pat.

John Demas' mother, Janice Lindner- Cancer

Grace Meyers - in KY - friends of Bill's daughter - leukemia.

Marsha Williamson - Parkinson's - June 1 date for surgery. Pump a few days later.

Had annual doctor visit to Birmingham Apr. 23 .

Beth Beasley (Marsha's sister) - fractured shoulder, final stages of COPD, Hospice

Agnes Kochik (Ron's mother) home now.

Susan Kochik - (Ron's niece) - therapy working.

Willie Washington's grandfather, near death from cancer.

Don Pennington, Kaye McDonald's brother. Dialysis, in nursing home rehab. Better, but very sick man. Iron infusions.

James Powell - With us, but still having flare-ups of his stomach problem

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This is mine. I possess it. It would be wrong for this to ever be taken away from me. We are loathe to part with anything we have acquired, whether our money, our possessions, our health, our pleasures, our privileges, or our relationships.

Yet in a “temporal” world, there is nothing that is not temporary. Do you understand what that means? It means that there is nothing that is yours to keep. Whatever you have, you are going to have to let go of it — except God. And I am not talking about what happens at death. If you live very long, you’re going to part with most of what you enjoy before you die. And when the things you have cherished are taken away from you, one by one, you will grow in wisdom. You will learn more from losing things than you ever learned by gaining them. And what you will learn is that God is all you have to have. He is the only thing you can’t do without.

If nothing ever changed and we were allowed to keep our situations and our relationships as long as we wanted, we’d soon forget about God. Our tendency is to try to “possess” the creation and pay little attention to the Creator. But knowing our nature, God lets us enjoy our boons and benefits for a while . . . and then takes them away from us. With every loss, He is teaching us to fix our hearts on Him. So let me ask you: looking at life like that, is losing what you love in this world good or bad? You be the judge.

Gary Henry

