

Those Who Serve

Opening Prayer **October 26** **November 2**
 Kwesi Garvin Charles Hall Charles Hall

Communion Colin Morrison
Assist Charles Hall Olan Bacon
 Evan Hall Joe Burnsed
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**Speaking Where The Bible Speaks; Silent
 Where The Bible Is Silent**
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What's It Worth To You?

by Steve Higginbotham

Two days ago, one of our neighbors asked my youngest son and daughter if they would be willing to take care of her pets while she goes on vacation.



This request reminded me of a story about a little 10 year-old girl who was asked to take care of her neighbor's dog. She was told she would have to feed and walk the dog every day, and especially give him lots of love. Then the neighbor asked the little girl what the job would be worth to her. The little girl thought for a moment and said, "I'd really like that job. I could give you five

dollars." Needless to say, the little girl got the job. Every time I think of that story, I can't help but think of how this should parallel the attitude of one who serves Christ. Friends, we shouldn't have to be coaxed, enticed, and rewarded to serve the Lord. Rather, we should be asking what

we could willingly give away so that we could own the privilege of serving Jesus, wearing His name, and being called a disciple of Christ.

What's it worth to you to serve the Lord?

Copied from the bulletin of the Booker Church of Christ, Booker, TX
Email to the Windsong Church of Christ, Little Rock, Arkansas (rec'd October 17, 2008)

Dear sister Wilma,

Sorry for writing late. Forgive me for keeping silent without writing. May God continue to bless you and your family?

Sister Wilma, I am very grateful to you, to the Elders, the entire members of Windsong family and to your family for your love for the souls in Nigeria and for my family. Thank you for repairing my car for God's glory. Since you repaired that car we have converted fifteen souls in different locations. I have taught more than 45 Bible classes. I came back from Agoi Ibami three days ago. I taught and preach to almost every house in Uwuru and six souls were baptized. I spent two days at farm settlement at Agoi Ibami teaching none members, I am glad that one souls obeyed the gospel and was baptized before came back on Wednesday, 15th October, 2008.

I must be thankful to God and to you for those pants you sent to me. Tom has sent them from Jos to me. All the five pairs of pants are very good, the size is good. Thank you very much it will last for years and I will not soon need more pants.

May God continue to bless all of you in Jesus' dear name.

I will go back to Agoi Ibami, Uwuru and Ugep in November, 10th 2008. I will send my report to the elders soon. Tell them thanks you.

I am glad to tell you that my health is good. I measured my BP. (blood pressure and it was very good. I am taking my medicine as prescribed. I am sad to note that the medicine I am talking costs very high now. Now I am spending N3, 000 (three thousand naira) weekly. Continue to pray for my health and for Bassey's health. She does a lot of my driving now. I will write again soon.

Thank you

I am yours in Him

Tom Ekpot (Snr).

(Brother Tom Ekpot, Sr. is Tom's father who preaches in Southern Nigeria. I have reproduced his email to them here as I had reproduced another email of his when he was having so much trouble with his health. I thought you might like to know how he was doing now Sister Wilma Stevens serves as the church secretary at Windsong. -JH)

Announcements

Social-today after morning services

Meetings – tonight after evening services

Labels-Remember the labels we are saving

Food Pantry-Remember the Pantry as you shop

Change Jar-proceeds go to the Thanksgiving Appeal for Georgia AGAPE

Cans-save cans – we are trying to buy bicycles for the missionaries in India

Medicine Bottles-Remember to save prescription bottles for African Christian Hospitals.

Thank you Received from the Utley family. It is on the bulletin board

Thank you received from India Missions regarding your can saving. Also on the bulletin board

Thank you received from Raintree Village. It is also on the bulletin board

Make sure you read the bulletin board

Email from Nigeria (Rec'd October 20, 2008)

Hello brother Holloway,

Greetings. Thanks so much for all the information you have passed to me. I certainly appreciate all your kindness. I got an email from Sister Shirley. She mentioned that she is going to check with the doctor her chemotherapy. I pray she gets over this sickness. The Booker congregation have posted so much a challenge to us to keep the banner of Christ flagging. Their ages does nor discourage them for loving God. They are such great people like the Ellabell family.

Through the Lord's grace, one person was baptized into the body of Christ at Toro yesterday. We have been working on this woman for over a year now. We have been taught again to be patience with people as we study with them. Something very interesting happened in Jos last week Friday. One man who has been a Muslim from birth, a commercial cyclist, walked into the Church compound last Friday and demanded to be baptized. He said he wants to be a Christian. As we talked with him, he mentioned that he carried a sister on his bike some four months ago. The woman started talking to him concerning the gospel. Since then, he has not seen the woman again, but the message kept ringing in his heart until now that he cannot resist the desire to be saved. This man was baptized, his name is Mohammed. Please, do keep in your prayers. We are not unaware of the temptation that he is going to face, especially as he resides among the Muslims. He may even lose his life on account of this. We trust our God will help him through. Have a great day.

Prayer Request- Sister Shirley Mercer of the Booker Church of Christ is in a battle with cancer. Mankind, in all our knowledge has not been able to find a cure for this disease. **What is impossible with man is never impossible with Our Father.** Many of you have fought this disease. All of you know a loved one who has. Please join your brethren in **Booker, Ellabell, Nigeria, and Cameroon** in ascending to Our Father in Heaven in prayer for **Sister Shirley.**

-Joe