

Privileged to Serve

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| Announcements and Sick..... | Jody McCoy |
| Songs of Worship | Terry Abney |
| A.M. Prayer | Charles Mack Rice |
| A.M. Prayer before Worship..... | Homer Rice |
| A.M. Closing Prayer | Joe Slone |
| P. M. Opening Prayer | Dan Newell Jr.. |
| P.M. Closing Prayer..... | Greg Brewer. |

January:

Communion:

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| Reading | Greg Brewer |
| Serving | Terry Abney, Joe Slone` |
| Collection | Willard Dunn., Shane Burgher |
| Communion to Sick | Daniel Newell, Dan Newell Jr. |
| Prepare Communion | Carla Watson, Josie Watson |
| Van Driver 1/31/10..... | Greg Brewer |
| Van Driver 2/07/10..... | Mary Jayne Casey |

If you put a buzzard in a pen that is 6 feet by 8 feet and is entirely open at the top, the bird, in spite of its ability to fly, will be an absolute prisoner. The reason is that a buzzard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of 10 to 12 feet. Without space to run, as is its habit, it will not even attempt to fly, but will remain a prisoner for life in a small jail with no top.

A bumblebee, if dropped into an open tumbler, will be there until it dies, unless it is taken out. It never sees the means of escape at the top, but persists in trying to find some way out through the sides near the bottom. It will seek a way where none exists, until it completely destroys itself.

In many ways, we are like the buzzard and the bumblebee. We struggle about with all our problems and frustrations, never realizing that all we have to do is look up.

- Sorrow looks back,
- Worry looks around,
- But Faith looks up.

This and That

The song “Lily of the Valley”, begins by saying, *I have found a friend in Jesus, He’s everything to me.* And it is true that Jesus is everything to the Christian. Paul says it best when he states that God – “*hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, 23. Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.*”, Ephesians 1:22-23. This was prophesied many years ago by the prophet Isaiah. In chapter 9 and verse 6 of his book, Isaiah says, “*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counseller, The mighty God, the everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*”

1. Jesus is wonderful. The word wonderful comes from a Hebrew word that means marvelous and extraordinary. Jesus is not “just another prophet”. He was not an ordinary person. He was and is the blessed one of God.
2. Jesus is our counselor. This means that He is one to advise and is thus to be consulted. If there is any question that we may have, Jesus has the answer to it.
3. Jesus is the mighty God. When God created the heavens and the earth, Jesus was part of that Godhead. The three, God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit all participated in the creation. And so they do today in the redemption and salvation of mankind.
4. Jesus is the everlasting Father. When the apostles were desirous to see the Father, Jesus addressed Phillips inquiry by saying, “*have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?*” John 14:9.
5. Jesus is the Prince of Peace. The word Prince means leader. The word peace refers not only to quiet and tranquility, but also to completeness in number, soundness in body, and safety in our overall health and welfare.

Jesus is truly everything to us. We should be a Christian and live the type of life that He approves of. By doing this we can be assured that He is our extraordinary counselor that represents God to us and brings everlasting peace from the Father. Think about it.

Daniel Newell
