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| | <p style="text-align: center;">TIME OF SERVICES</p> <p>Sunday:</p> <p>Bible Classes 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Worship Service 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Worship Service 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Wednesday:</p> <p>Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.</p> |
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1 Peter 2:7

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What If I Told You America Will Someday Be Gone?

“Babylon shall become a heap of ruins, the haunt of jackals, a horror and a hissing, without inhabitant” (Jer 51:37).

Babylon was an impressive city. It was in the shape of a giant square, each side being 15 miles long. The walls were wide enough that chariots could ride around the city on top of them. The famous Ishtar Gate was decorated with bulls and dragons. After you entered that gate you would then be led down the Processional Way with 120 lions carved on the walls on either side of you. There were lavish buildings and temples throughout the city. The Ziggurat was a tower that stood 300 feet tall in the center of the city. The Hanging Gardens were one of the seven wonders of the ancient world.

But this city, as massive and fortified and prosperous as it was, has been left without inhabitants for thousands of years. It is a desolate place in the deserts of Iraq (about 50 miles south of Baghdad) only about 2% of this once great city has been excavated by archaeologists.

Look at all the things around you right now. Imagine everything around you as it will certainly be when our great nation falls someday. No houses to be seen. No roads or bridges with cars and trucks driving on them. No stores open for business. Everything is gone.

Now ask yourself the question, why am I obsessing over things that will so soon vanish away to nothing? Father, forgive us of our foolish pride. Help us to learn the lesson the Babylonians never did. Help us to see what matters most.

Seven People I Would Love to See in Heaven:

1. **Barabbas**, for it would mean he was truly a son of his Father and released from his sins - John 18:40; Luke 23:18-19.
2. **Pilate**, for it would mean he finally had his heart washed and not just his hands.
3. **Elymas**, for it would mean his eyes were opened to point people to Jesus and not pushing them away from Him - Acts 13:6-11
4. **Felix**, for it would mean he abandoned his fear and found his convenient season - Acts 24:25
5. **Festus**, for it would mean that he finally found truth and reason - Acts 26:24.
6. **Agrippa**, for it would mean he was fully persuaded to become a Christian - Acts 26:28
7. **YOU**.

REPORTER: "How were the audiences the previous Sunday?" **PREACHER:** "We lacked a little having the building filled on Sunday morning and we lacked a little having it empty Sunday night."

News/Notes/Quotes.

THE SICK. ...**River Moody** was to have surgery this past Friday to remove adenoids and insert tubes in his ears... **Leon Christenberry** fell last week. Fortunately there was no serious damage...**Kaitlynn** and **Easton Blackford** both have Flu-B...**Aiden** and **Kodi Herndon** have been sick recently...We were glad to see **Melissa Pierce** out after a prolonged illness... It was good to see the **Ledgerwoods** after a bout of sickness...**Virginia Bishop** is still recovering from knee surgery... **Debbie Spencer** still has an appointment for back pain on Feb. 6... ... **Frances Jones** is receiving therapy for her back. Hopefully she won't have to have surgery... **Karen Livesay** has an upper GI scheduled for January 29...**Sherry Horton** is still receiving treatment for some serious back issues...**Katherine Williams** (Almon's sister-in-law) is now at Arkansas Continued Care . She is 93...**Beverly Allen** is being treated for Lukemia...**Pat Spencer** continues to receive chemo treatments... Remember to pray for **Chloe Humblet** who is away for some extended treatment **Shut-ins:** **Rhea Vines** (at Roger's house)...**Gail Brooks** room 423 Lawrence Hall, Walnut Ridge... **Rita Kieffer**, St. Bernard Village ...**Shirley Coots**, Lawrence County Nursing (hospice care)... **Joyce Riley** at St. Elizabeth's Place... **Bob** and **Jean Evans** at home...**Betty Shrable** at home. Pray for these!

SYMPATHY. We offer sincere condolences to the family of **Wayne French** and **Nola Christenberry**. Wayne's son and his family (from Mammoth Spring) were involved in a car wreck and his oldest granddaughter, **Melissa**, was killed at the age of 17. We grieve with them in this terrible loss.

PODCAST! Hear a lesson from God's word each morning from John Mundy on Facebook & YouTube, 8 am., or you can catch it throughout the day.

Group Meeting. Group 2 will meet at the Stubblefield's on January 27 at 5:30 p.m. The groups will be shuffled after that meeting.

Some folks we love because they are lovable – others because they could be.

Gossip needn't be false to be evil. There's a lot of truth that shouldn't be spread around.
