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## Informer



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### A Beautiful Life

In a room full of family, friends, and sweet memories we were able to celebrate the wonderful life of Bill Jones today. It was an easier time together because everyone had good things to remember and good things to say. Bill had lived a beautiful life, and it was one of those that made this time of loss easier to celebrate. Grief makes the passing of anyone we love a difficult time, but a life well lived is also a cause for celebration, and we were able to do that today. Bill lived out a number of characteristics that are easy to celebrate. He was a humble man, and we know that the Lord loves to exalt those who are humble James 4:10. He was a loving man. This is the badge of a disciple of Christ John 13:35. We were able to celebrate the way this love showed in his relationship with Mrs. Peggy, and with all his children and grandchildren. He had a servant's heart, and we know that Jesus teaches us that "the greatest among us shall be your servant" Matthew 23:11. So many more things could be said about Bill's beautiful life. I am so thankful that I was able to know him.

As I reflect on this life, I realize a beautiful life does not come easy. It doesn't come on accident or by chance. It is the culmination of every choice we make day by day. A beautiful life is the sum total of daily choices of a person who wants to walk daily by the Savior's side and be led by the instructions in His word. I believe today we can celebrate the life of Bill Jones because of these things. As we celebrate his life well lived, let each of us rededicate ourselves to those daily choices that will enable others to one day reflect on the beauty of our lives as well.

John

### Follow Your Heart

*Ecclesiastes 11:9 Be happy, young man, while you are young, and let your heart give you joy in the days of your youth. Follow the ways of your heart and whatever your eyes see, but know that for all these things God will bring you to judgment.*

As this new year begins, consider these words of both encouragement and warning from Solomon. This year set goals that will help you to follow your heart. What you feel the need to do, make the plans to accomplish your desires. The advice is specifically given to the young. As this young year begins, consider your goals for this year no matter what your age may be. Life is short and uncertain. Life was designed by God to bring about joy. What most fail to realize is that the greatest joy will be found in serving God. Is your heart set on serving God in ways that you previously have not in the past? Go for it! Give it your very best efforts. Make the most of the days and years that God has given.

What is the warning? Far too often men believe that joy is found in various vices. The young man may think alcohol, drugs or sexual activity is the way to happiness but this is contrary to what God wants for us. Momentary enjoyment may be found but not lasting joy. Consequences will arise from activity that violates God's commands. The momentary joy may very well turn into lasting problems and then there are eternal consequences as well. This year set out to seek God to the fullest. You will find that you will have the fullest life that joy will be achieved. Set your heart on pleasing God.

Joe

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**OUR MEMBERS**

- Mike Andrews - Room 2301 NHC T.C.C.
- Alice Bolton
- Roberta Bolton
- Ann Brady - Life Care, Rm. 226-B
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown
- Mary Chumbley - Life Care, Rm. 113A
- John Churchwell
- Dave Coleman
- JoAnn Coleman
- Athaleen Cox-Life Care, Rm. 143B
- Vera Daniels
- Corrine Goetz
- Tal Gray
- Billy Ray Hardison
- Nell Hood
- Clayton & Myrna Jett
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Linda Luna
- Helen Lusk
- Frances Petty - NHC Columbia, Rm. 111-A
- Gene Porter
- Jimmy Quirk
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates, Rm. 6
- Suzanna White
- Donald White
- Elaine Whitehead

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

- Bill Harris** - NHC Walnut Lane. Room 129
- Jocinda Martin** - friend of Lisa & Jason Kelley
- Rick Heavner** - friend of the Britt's
- Joyce Crowe** - Debbie Massey's mother
- Johnny Andrews** - friend of Kim Fitzgerald
- Georgia Cook** - mother of Jennifer McNeese
- George Ervin** - Angie Massey's dad
- Wanda Nix** - sister of Debbie Massey
- Helen Deen** - mother of Sharon Davis
- Linda Collier** - sister-in-law of Linda Mabry
- JoAnn Posey** - sister of Jean Sims

**WORSHIP LEADERS JANUARY 7, 2018**

**SUNDAY 9:00 A.M**

Welcome.....Richard Farris  
 Song Leader: .....Nathan Hixson  
 Prayer:.....David Thomas  
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Trent Hill  
     Lenny Davis                      John Massey  
     Greg Gray                        Charlie Willis  
     Corey Smith                      Benny Bolton  
     Patrick Sullivan                 Barrow Brown  
 Read: Matthew 28:19-20.....Jerry Ballard  
 Sermon: A Church on the Go.....John Thomas  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Richard Farris

**SUNDAY 12:30 P.M.**

Welcome/Song Leader.....Trent Thomason  
 Prayer.....Gary Boyd  
 Read: James 1:22-27.....Eric Hixson  
 Sermon: A Challenge to Visit.....Joe Macer  
 Presiding.....Ed Hargrove  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Blair Keeling

Ushers: Jimmy Quirk, Jody Pritchett, Ryan Massey

Greeters: South Gate Elders & Ministers

A/V Operators: Lee Winchester & Austin Winchester

Security Team: A.M. Jesse Gilliam & Larry Nicholson- PM. Jesse Gilliam & J. W. Gilliam

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**NURSERY CARE**

A.M.....Cecelia Willis, Dana & Jessica Daniels  
 P.M.....Reba Jones

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 6:30 P.M.**

Song Leader: .....Ryan Grice  
 Prayer:.....Jacob Pollard  
 Announcement/Speaker:.....Trent Thomason