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How we spend our days is how we spend our lives. We are, today, the sum total of the choices we have made day by day over the years.

This past weekend Pastor Jim and I attended my high school reunion. Two people I spoke with there I have known since I was 3 years old. We went all through school together, from pre-school through grade 12. So, when we see each other every five years, we know each other.

I was asked to "say grace" before our dinner. I blessed the food and our time of fellowship "in Jesus' Name." I did this and many former classmates came up to me to say, "Yes!"

My class was the last graduating class before prayer was taken out of the public schools. We had a school chaplain, Bible devotions every morning, and you were not "in" unless you attended a church youth group. We had Christmas Break and Easter Break, not winter and spring. We were taken on field trips to see the movie The Greatest Story Ever Told. We sat around discussing religion, existentialism, philosophy, and tried to get past hypocrisy to the truth.

I spoke with a friend who is a neurosurgeon in New Orleans. He had been trapped during and after Katrina for two weeks in the hospital where he works there. It changed him.

I spoke with another friend who is editor of the newspaper in Salt Lake City, Utah. She is not Mormon. We spoke of my travels and insight into what I have seen firsthand of conditions in the world. We talked about the war, the world's water problem, China, and how the covenant bond in Jesus Christ can not be broken because it is a bond in Blood.

I talked with many people and realized that our class is characterized by a spirit of adventure, a desire for

truth, by something in us that kinda pushes the envelope to living on the edge. We're not afraid of responsibility. We're not afraid to explore and ask lots of questions. We grew up in stable homes, drug free, without fear of school violence, able to "rod" around town without our parents worrying about us. And with that, it was still much scarier than our own parents' time of growing up.

Reunions get emotional. One woman came up to me and mentioned an incident that happened between us in the fifth grade. She was still holding on to that thing. Some revert back into old cliques and old clichés. We need to forgive and to be forgiven.

So many years have passed now that the life choices we have made are making great differences in things like our health, our families, our jobs and/or careers. Some are finally all "partied out" and old. Others still look young and act young.

The reunion made me think. We are each and individually the living letters of God. We are His workmanship, clay pots and art in the making. Some of us cracked up a long time ago. Many have been broken and remolded. The lines in our faces reflect character, laughing or sorrow, strength or weakness.

As for me, I was glad that Jesus Christ apprehended me a long time ago. He has spared me from much depravity. He has taken me around the world and over backyard fences. He has been my Shepherd leading me to quiet waters and En Gedi. He has given me the wonderful gift of knowing Him and the Holy Spirit, drawing me to the Father as never before. As the Good Shepherd, He knows me and cares for me. Love and life. Those who have the Son have life and know God's continuing love. Those who do not have the Son have the wrath of God abiding on them still. At my reunion, this division becomes ever increasingly apparent.

Here on the home front, we had an amazing Power Lunch May 23rd. Here are some pictures, thanks to Deborah Nyce.



We had a fabulous time at our first Saturday Summer Social 2007. Lots of you came and enjoyed the food and the prizes for Bingo. We had a whole table from Calvary Chapel alone. Others came down from West Palm Beach and up from Miramar. Wow!



Our next Saturday Summer Social will be June 16th.
6:30 p.m. at Craighouse, with dinner provided once again. Come prepared to have fun and enjoy good company.



Mark your calendars now. The next Power Lunch with Rev. Jackie Clanton will be Wednesday, June 20th, Noon to 1:30 p.m. Jackie will be speaking on the Holy Spirit and after lunch. Ministry of the Holy Spirit follows the luncheon for those who want to stay. Every month the Holy Spirit has moved mightily, healing the sick, increasing the anointing, breaking yokes and bondages, bringing people into the glory.

People can feel the presence of God when they walk into Craighouse, the anointing is so strong. As more and more anointed people of God keep coming to Craighouse, we only see God doing more and more!



Sundays join Rev. Jim Craig and me for our celebration of grace worship services at 4:30 p.m. Prayer for the sick follows the service. The first Sunday of each month communion is served.



Tuesdays, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Jackie Marcott, R.N. leads a Christian support group for those caring for the chronically ill. This time is important, and Jackie has lots of resources and practical help in handling stress, how to care for others, etc. Her expertise can also help anyone wanting to know how to plan for the future. So come and get the support you need for the burdens you carry.



Tuesday nights, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Rev. Jim Craig continues his in depth study of the work of the Holy Spirit in evangelism. “The Heart of Evangelism” will help you as you witness for Christ, knowing both God’s part and your part.



Friday nights, 7:30 – 10:30 p.m., join Dr. Mary Craig as we explore the role of the prophets and the prophetic ministry today. This month’s teaching will take you into current issues of prophetic ministry and how to discern true from false prophets according to Scripture. Worship and ministry of the Holy Spirit follow the Bible study. This group is growing; and we’re so happy many of you are bringing friends!

Choices. We make them every day. Let the Good Shepherd lead you. Remember, this is eternal life, that you may know the one, true and living God and Jesus Christ whom He has sent. John 17.3



In His love,

Pastors:

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