



Young at HEART

SENIORS MINISTRY

"No Senior Left Behind"



April Birthdays

- ?? Earlene Rose 4th
- ?? Ted McIntosh 8th
- ?? Sam Marcum 10th
- ?? Alma Nance 11th
- ?? Robert Sims 13th
- ?? Betty Winkler 14th
- ?? Grady Anderson 18th
- ?? JoAnn King 19th
- ?? Walter Rainer 19th
- ?? Fay Latham 20th
- ?? Virginia Guy Blake 24th
- ?? Eulon Tucker 24th
- ?? Mary Elmore 26th
- ?? Ronnie Baxter 27th
- ?? John Lollar 27th
- ?? Fran Johnson 28th
- ?? Steve Deavours 29th

March Review:

Prior to our regular meeting on Tuesday, the 23rd, 13 of our members took a wonderful trip to the Florence area. We ate a delicious meal at the Garden Gate Café, then toured the Christian Children's Home, and later visited the Helen Keller Museum. All who went enjoyed the trip. For our devotional meeting on the 23rd, Justin Brasfield led our singing and delivered our message on the theme, "HOPE." This message was just what we needed. Thanks, Justin for an outstanding job! Following this, eighteen of us went to Logan's Restaurant for a great meal associated with warm Christian fellowship. It is great to be a Young At Heart Christian!

Death Of Common Sense

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend by the name of Common Sense who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as knowing when to come in out of the rain, why the early bird gets the worm and that life isn't always fair. Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn) and reliable parenting strategies (adults, not kids, are in charge).

WISE SAYINGS

Life is too short to wake up with regrets. So love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don't. Believe everything happens for a reason. If you get a second chance, grab it with both hands. If it changes your life, let it. Nobody said life would be easy, they just promised it would be Worth It!

If people of faith really understood the full extent of the power we have available through prayer, we might be speechless. (James 5: 16; I Jno. 5: 14, 15).

Of all the things you wear, your expression is the most important.

The happiness of your life depends on the quality of your thoughts.



April Preview: Fun times with

Our next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, April 27th at 10:00AM. Grant Wilson, a lawyer, and one of our members here at Northport, will be bringing our devotional message. We appreciate him and his boss in making it possible for him to be with us for this occasion. Following our meeting, we will go down to our pavilion and eat. Our ladies want our men "cooks" to grill hotdogs and hamburgers, and they will bring the appropriate foods and drinks to make for a delicious meal. Please don't miss this day!



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A Day
Of
Fun!

The Courage Of Their Convictions

The courage to examine our convictions may be a quality that is in short supply. Yet, consider some who did have that courage. Simon the Zealot had to make major changes in his convictions. Matthew the tax collector was required to change convictions. Saul the persecutor had to make major changes in convictions before he could cease being the Pharisee who persecuted the Way and become Paul the Apostle, persecuted by his former companions. Stephen had to examine his convictions, then determined they were worth dying for. Polycarp was called to examine his convictions and chose to burn at the stake rather

than change convictions.

We can choose conviction or convenience as we set the course for our lives. It is not always convenient to live as we should for the Lord, but to live true to our convictions we must live for the Lord. It is not always convenient to be at the gatherings of the Saints, Sunday morning, Sunday evening, Wednesday evening, but what of conviction? It isn't always convenient to choose to teach, visit, serve, lead, share, care, give, but what of conviction?

The road to heaven is not paved with convenience but with conviction, conviction that is true to the

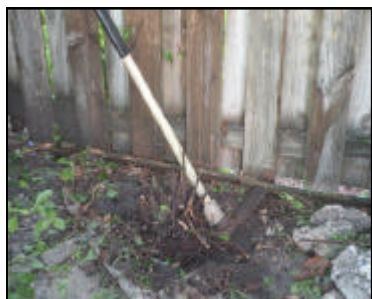
Lord who has already paid our price. If we are short on conviction in the practice of our religion, it just might not be convenient for us to share eternity with the Lord.

Have you examined your convictions lately, I mean your real convictions, the ones you live by?

'I am tired of hearing about men with the 'courage of their convictions.' Nero and Caligula and Attila and Hitler had the courage of their convictions-but not one had the courage to examine his convictions, or to change them, which is the true test of character.'

-Sydney Harris

Weeds And A Rusty Hoe by Dick Cupp



There are two things in my garden I don't want there: weeds and a rusty hoe. Once I begin using the hoe again, both the rust and the weeds will disappear. The same principle is true in our spiritual growth. The Bible is the "sword of the Spirit." The more we study God's Word and put it to use in our lives, the more "weeds," or unwanted things, we'll get rid of. But once we stop studying the Bible, or when God's

Word is no longer active in our lives, the sword becomes rusty, and sin takes over. Jesus was able to overcome every temptation by saying, "It Is Written," and then quoted from the Scriptures. We are never too young or too old to study the Bible. It is the great weapon that God has given us to overcome sin. It is a precious gift that we can all take with us through eternity. Don't let it get rusty!

Friends are like balloons:

Friends are like balloons; Once you let them go, you might not get them back. Sometimes we get so busy with our own lives and problems that we may not even notice that we've let them fly away. Sometimes we are so caught up in who's right and who's wrong that we forget

what's right and wrong. Sometimes we just don't realize what real friendship means until it is too late.

I don't want to let that happen so I'm going to tie you to my heart so I never lose YOU!

