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THIS IS CHRISTIAN TEACHING MONTH

OPINION

Truth is not a matter of opinion. The devil steals the ball while humans huddle in opinion. So long as humans cling to the myth that opinion suspends reality the work of the evil one is done. Opinion is the sleep of hell. That the grass is green is a human consensus. That the flower holds beauty is a universal agreement. How green the grass is or which is the most beautiful flower are matters of opinion.

What is not a matter of opinion, however, is that the grass withers, and the flower fades, but the Word of God will stand forever. That there is the Word of God cannot be a matter of opinion. Ultimate truth cannot be a toss-up between parties whose existence is already under the judgment of what is ultimately true.

Argue and curse, debate and battle, things are as they are, regardless. Opinion changes nothing, creates nothing. Time does not allow mortals to read to the end of the story. But mortals know, no matter how fat the book, no matter how indecisive its aim, the logic of it all must in time fall into place, the story must have an ending. So Truth must be revealed. The Word of God must be. God's Word lives in the soul when opinion is known as the accessory to Truth, not its substitute.

Pray for Your Church

Your church needs your prayers. Even the wood and stones in the building need your prayers that those who pass by will be reminded by them of the love of God, offered in Jesus Christ. There are many people doing many things as a part of the church. People doing things cannot draw others to Christ as members of His Body unless what they do is used by the life-changing power of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit comes by prayer.

These are days of challenge and change in the church. New loyalty, more leaders, growing commitment will be necessary. Only prayer will produce these things. Our human hearts and hands make mistakes, fall into sin and mar the work we do.

Only forgiveness can make it right again. Forgiveness comes only by asking God in prayer to accept us and apply to us the cleansing blood of Christ. The worship services will be made fruitful through prayer.

If you want to have a part in the life of your church, pray for it each day. Pray for its members, its services, its workers, its staff. This is the chief part. It is a day of new dreams, new plans, new enthusiasm, new opportunity. It will be a day of great usefulness if, and only if, we pray without ceasing.

-Vernon S. Broyles, Jr.

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AIMWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Ridgeway, South Carolina Joseph D. Beale, Pastor

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"Thus saith the Lord: O Israel, Thou shalt not be forgotten of me. I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart."

PRELUDE

Mrs. J. L. Coleman

CALL TO WORSHIP *HYMN 21 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" *TNVOCATION AND THE LORD'S FRAYER ORGAN INTERLUDE (Those waiting may be seated) RESPONSIVE READING SELECTION 30 *HYMN 235 "Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me" *APOSTLE'S CREED - GLORIA PATRI HOLY SCRIPTURE ORGAN MEDITATION PASTORAL PRAYER - Response Choir WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OFFERTORY "Lord Of All Being, Throned A-Far" Choir *DOXOLOGY - PRAYER SERMON "Do I Show In My Life That I Know God?" PRAYER "HYMN 67 "Jesus. Thou Joy Of Loving Hearts" INVITATION BENEDICTION Response "Hear Our Prayer O Lord" POSTLUDE

IN MEMORIAM

OLA CRUMPTON HARTIN "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth" Revelation 14:13

FLOWERS have been placed in our sanctuary today for the Glory of God and in loving memory of RODDY ALFRED PEAKE brother of Mrs. Jane Davis.

MELCOME HOME Sung Kyu Kim is at home for a few days.

LONGTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Church at Camp Longridge

9:30 A. M. Worship Service

PRELUDE

Mrs. T. J. Clyburn

*DOXOLOGY *INVOCATION - LORD'S PRAYER **RESPONSIVE READING SELECTION 519** *HYMN 4 "O Worship The King" *APOSTLE'S CREED - GLORIA PATRI SCRIPTURE READING PASTORAL PRAYER RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS INFANT BAPT ISMAL SERVICE HYMN 184 "Give Me Thy Heart. Says The Father Above" ANNOUNC EMENTS OFFERTORY SERMON *HYMN 115 "Spirit Of God, Descend Upon My Heart" INVITATION BENEDICTION POSTLUDE

WELCOME INTO THE MEMBERSHIP OF LONGTOWN CHURCH -Frances Evelyn Smith comes by profession of her faith in Jesus Christ as personal Saviour and Lord. CHILD OF THE COVENANT - Mr. and Mrs. Sam L. Dixon present for infant baptism their son Eugene Harrison Dixon. "Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

CONGAREE PRESBYTERY TO MEET AT FAIRVIEW CHURCH IN NORTH AUGUSTA TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 12. Aimwell - J. L. Coleman, Longtown - W. Ray Moore. The ladies of Congaree Presbyterial are invited to be present at Presbytery at 11 A. M. to hear Dr. William Childs Robinson of Decatur, Ga. MEN OF THE CHURCH TO MEET - Fall Rally - September 29th at Conga ree Presbyterian Church in Cayce, S. C. MANY BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER- Today Mrs. A. B. Coleman Next Saturday the 16 - Mrs. George E. Moore Sr.