



## FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember and check on our shut-ins: **Bonnie Allgor, Maxine Burnham, Ann Thomas** and **Francine Davis**.

**Sandy Burnham's** biopsy showed a slow growing cancer. Currently she is receiving an injection once a month but will be exploring options at MD Anderson.

**Cathy Monaghan** is waiting to start radiation next week.

**Daniel Allgor** is suffering from Covid.

**Joey Avance** is waiting on the results from his stress test.

**Bill Brittenham's** brother, **Paul**, and his wife, **Gin**, are both much improved.

The **Brittenham's** daughter-in-law, **Hannah Brittenham**, is still at Baylor in Dallas. **Matt** has been with her all the time. Please keep both of them in your prayers.

**Lyndee Brayley's** father is to have a biopsy to scrape his throat Mar. 12th.

**Donna Mobley** is in room 202B at Encompass Rehab. Currently she is scheduled to return home Mar. 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Rodney Ellis** is scheduled for his second cataract surgery Monday.

**Melvin** and **Sue Potts** have both had Covid recently. Melvin is recovering very slowly.

The **Garlock's** will be gone, March 14<sup>th</sup>.

not just talking about saying "no" to the point of alienation and missing out on some of life's pleasures. Resisting "to bloodshed, striving against sin" means saying "no" to sin until it kills us! That means a thousand times "no" to the sin that tempts us from within and from without. And when we have said "no" a thousand times it is then time to say it a thousand and one times, and more!

### If Only...

Frank Himmel

**If only** my boss wouldn't be so rude and domineering, I would be more cooperative at work. "Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable" (1 Pet. 2:18).

**If only** my husband weren't so lazy and self-centered, if only he would learn to control his temper better, I would live with him. "...wives, be submissive to your husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior" (1 Pet. 3:1-2).

**If only** the brethren were friendlier and that preacher not so dry, I would go to church more often. "...let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another..." (Heb. 10:24-25).

**If only** I had more income and fewer bills, I would give a lot more. "...in the churches of Macedonia...in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality" (2 Cor. 8:1-2).

**If only** my family would be more supportive, I would become a Christian. "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me..." (Mt. 10:37).

Do you notice that what God expects of us, He expects regardless of our particular circumstances? Instead of excusing ourselves due to adverse conditions, let us commit ourselves to our Creator and Benefactor. If only we would be like Jesus, who said, "...I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me" (Jn.5:30). He not only said it, He lived it — even to the point of death.

### Praise Him, Praise Him

M. Moore

Seek Him Sunday — Spending time in His Word, meditating on it, and tucking it into our hearts is crucial so we have the tools we need to stand firm against Satan. II Kings 12:1-4; Psa. 27:4; Acts 2:42; Prov. 1:1-7; Psa. 34:4

Magnify Him Monday — We have so much to praise God for even in the midst of the most challenging storms. Psa. 119:164; Rev. 5:12-13; Psa. 138:1-2; Psa. 86:12; Luke 1:46-55

Talk About Him Tuesday — Share the good news of our Father's love and mercy. Acts 5:42; Psa. 9:1; I John 1: 1-3 Jonah 3: 1-3 Luke 4:43

Worship Him Wednesday — What a joy it must be to God when we take the time to worship Him. Psa. 98:1; Isa. 12:5-6; Psa. 1:8; Psa. 147:1; Psa. 101:1

Thank Him Thursday — Don't forget to thank God for our many blessings, even the smallest of things.

Rom. 1:21; Psa. 136; Dan. 6:10; Rom. 1:8; Col. 3:15 -17

Walk in Faith Friday — When we walk in faith, God does way more than we can ask or imagine. Gen. 5:24; Luke 17:5-6; Rom. 1:17; John 20:27-31; Eph. 2:8

Serve Him Saturday — Have a heart that is open to shining God's light so everyone we meet can see Him. Eph. 2:10; Titus 8:11-14; Deut. 10:12; Luke 16:13; Psa. 62:11-12

### Pay The Cost?

Looking back over my life, there have been several things I would have liked, or at the time thought I wanted, but never got. Reflecting on those desires now, I realize most were never achieved because I was not willing to pay the price.

I probably could have had a better paying job, but I was not willing to move to certain areas for that job.

I would have liked a newer car or a nicer house, but I was not willing to go that much in dept or give up other things.

I'm sure I didn't always make the right choices, but overall, I'm now satisfied with the choices I did make.

If you ask anyone who believes in heaven if they want to go there, I'm sure they would readily say, "Yes!" But the real question is if they are willing to pay the price.

Attaining heaven doesn't just cost more or require more work. Heaven requires a total sacrifice of my will to God's. If I'm not willing to pay that price, I won't be in heaven.