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## **"Help for Heavy Hearts" Part 3**

**By Pastor Amos L. Durham**

Have you fallen victim to uncontrolled anger, the destroyer of joy? Are you carrying around a load of guilt and shame, the killers of self-confidence? Do you find that you don't really like yourself sometimes? Jesus says to you -- **"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."** (Matthew 11:28-30)

OK, you're shaking your head, thinking, "I've tried that. I've read the Bible, I've tried to pray, I've sat in a pew -- but I've never received relief. I never found that rest."

If that's the case, may I ask you a delicate but deliberate question? Could it be that you went to church but didn't really go to Christ? Could it be that you tried religion, but didn't really ever try having a relationship with the living Lord? **"Come to me"**, Jesus says, not to the church building with a steeple on top, not to a pastor or Bible teacher, but **"Come to ME"**. Not religion, but relationship. Christ is the solution to weariness of soul. But before you can have a relationship with Him, two things are required. One, you must admit that you do not yet have a real relationship with Him, and that you do need one. Two, you must decide to trust Him.

Before you can enter a relationship with Christ, you need to quit fooling yourself and come to the realization that if you have not yet come to know Jesus Christ in a very clear and personal way, then you don't yet have a personal relationship with Him. And if you have not yet allowed yourself to be found by Him, that means that as of now, you are now what the Bible calls **"lost"**.

Can you relate to that feeling of being lost? Do you want to be **"found"** and come home to God where you belong? If so, you need to decide to trust in Jesus Christ as your only Savior and God.

When you look at what Jesus went through for you on the cross, you realize that God loves you so much, it hurts. What's the cause of salvation? God's love for you. What's the cost of salvation? Christ's death for you. What's the condition for salvation? That you trust in what Christ has done for you. What's the consequence of salvation? That you get to experience both abundant life now and eternal life later on.

The real question is not "What do I have to do?", but rather is, "Who am I going to trust?" We want a plan, a procedure manual for a do-it-yourself salvation, and instead, God gives us a Person.

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## **"Help for the Heavy Hearts"**

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In order to become a genuine Christian, you don't have to outwardly "do" anything; you just need to "trust" in the Lord Jesus Christ, believing that He is God, that He is your Savior who died in your place on the cross and rose again from the dead. That's it. Salvation is based not on your own power, but from His power. If you insist on trusting in yourself, you won't make it into heaven, for there is sin on your record. But when you trust in Jesus Christ to be your Savior, He removes all that sin and guilt from your record, and gives you the assurance of forgiveness and a fresh new beginning in its place.

### **September Birthdays**

3 Min. Cecilia McIntyre  
6 L. J. Lyles Jr.  
7 Elnora Anderson  
9 Tyrone Toland  
13 James Miller  
19 Roberta Clark  
22 Dawn Burgess  
30 Mary Clark

4 Charlene Brown  
6 James Twitty  
7 Leon Burgess  
10 Chase Dietz  
14 Wanda Fowler  
20 Cidney Foster  
26 Mary Osby  
30 Tawanna Pearson

5 Rev. Stanley Johnson  
6 Alexandria Wallace  
7 Samantha Spencer  
12 Latrell Cates  
15 R. Charles Jeter  
20 Angie Spencer  
28 Joanne Briggs

### **September Anniversaries**



**John & Malinda Briggs**  
**September 14**  
**32 years**



**Bryon & Tamara Scurry**  
**September 15**  
**5 years**



**Jerry & Cecelia McIntyre**  
**September 16**  
**45 years**



**Adolphus & Katisha Hardy**  
**September 30**  
**23 years**

# Remember in Prayer List

Name	Address	Phone
Levada Anderson	61 Bobo St. Inman, SC 29349	
Joanne Briggs	875 Midnight Rd. Inman, SC 29349	864.384.2777
Zetha Cannon	815 Redstone Dr. Inman, SC 29349	
Nellie Cates	3 W. Miller St. Inman, SC 29349	864.630.9025
Roberta Clark	302 Cates Dr. Inman, SC 29349	864.592.3027
Venora Copeland	<b>Magnolia Manor</b> 63 Blackstock Rd, Inman, SC 29349	864.472.9055
Lois Davis	<b>White Oak Manor</b> 295 E. Pearl St. Spartanburg, SC 29305	864.573.9107
Clyde Foster Sr.	<b>Wesley Court</b> 916 Wesley Ct. Boiling Springs, SC 29316	864.814.2773
Wanda Fowler	709 Rossi Way Inman, SC 29349	
Jimmy Holbert	9565 New Cut Rd. Campobello, SC 29322	864.205.3142
Mary McGill		
Mary Osby	630 Foster Grove Rd. Chesnee, SC 29323	864.599.5457
Mamie Smith	410 Sibley St. Una, SC 29378	
Tabitha Wallace	405 Slate Dr. Boiling Springs, SC 29316	864.490.1756
William Wilkins Sr.	<b>Camp Care</b> 59 Blackstock Rd, Inman, SC 29349	

## ENCOURAGE THEM THROUGH YOUR PRAYERS, CARDS, CALLS & VISITS

*When it is desired for the names to be removed from our prayer list, please contact Sis. Janice Durham.*

## Word Search

### Bible Wordsearch

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Matt. 12:29-40

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**Answers from August Word Search:** *Deliver us and forgive our sins. Psalms 79:9 NIV*

## Medical News: Dementia

Dementia is not a specific disease. It is a descriptive term for a collection of symptoms that can be caused by a number of disorders that affect the brain. People with dementia have significantly impaired intellectual functioning that interferes with normal activities and relationships. They also lose their ability to solve problems and maintain emotional control, and they may experience personality changes and behavioral problems such as agitation, [delusions](#), and hallucinations. While memory loss is a common symptom of dementia, memory loss by itself does not mean that a person has dementia. Doctors diagnose dementia only if two or more brain functions - such as memory, language skills, perception, or cognitive skills including reasoning and judgment - are significantly impaired without loss of consciousness.

There are many disorders that can cause dementia. Some, such as Alzheimer's disease (AD), lead to a progressive loss of mental functions. But other types of dementia can be halted or reversed with appropriate treatment.

With AD and many other types of dementia, disease processes cause many nerve cells to stop functioning, lose connections with other neurons, and die. In contrast, normal aging does not result in the loss of large numbers of neurons in the brain.

[www.medicinenet.com](http://www.medicinenet.com)

## September 2017

**September 24 "It's a Family Affair!" Pastor's Aide Fundraiser – during morning worship**

**SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 21, 2017  
136<sup>TH</sup> CHURCH ANNIVERSARY GALA**



## Worship Services

9:15 a.m. **Sunday School/ Dea. M. Spencer**  
10:00 a.m. **Worship/Children's Church**  
7:00 p.m. **Mid-week service/Rev. S. Johnson**

## Worship Assignments

**September 3** Deacons' Ministry  
**Holy Communion**  
Sanctuary Choir  
Senior Ushers  
Children's Church

**September 10** Sanctuary Choir  
Junior Ushers  
Children's Church

**September 17** Praise Team  
Senior Ushers

**September 24** All Male Choir  
Junior Ushers  
Children's Church