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**SUNDAY**

Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.  
 Worship.....10:20 a.m.  
 Worship.....5:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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## ON THE HOME FRONT

We had the pleasure of attending the 45<sup>th</sup> Makin' Music event on April 9<sup>th</sup> at Freed-Hardeman University. The theme of this year's event was "No Going Back". The event had the five social clubs on campus competing against one another in several categories. The clubs performing several musical numbers that were performed well and in food taste. The costumes were imaginative and very creative. It is encouraging to see young people, the majority being Christians presenting an entertaining and above board show. Thank you, Freed-Hardeman University.

In connection this year's Makin' Music event was dedicated to Roy Sharp. Roy is a Christian educator and minister who I hold in high regard that I have known practically all my life. In addition to Roy, I have great respect for the entire Sharp family and have very fond memories of Roy's godly mother, Pearl Sharp. She was definitely a pearl. Below is the dedication to Roy Sharp found in the Makin' Music program. Our prayers go out to Roy, Jan and his family.

Dr. Roy Sharp served Freed-Hardeman University from 1971 until 2018 as a teacher, administrator, coach and counselor. In addition to his work at FHU, he devoted 25 summers to Mid-South Youth Camp and thousands of young people who came there.

For more than 50 years, Dr. Sharp has preached for churches in Oklahoma and Tennessee. Much of his preaching career has been spent in Henderson at the Estes Church of Christ where he served 24 years. He also preached at the Henderson Church of Christ for six years. Currently he is the minister of the Linden Church of Christ.

The Sharp family includes three children: Meg, John and Rachel; son-in-law, Josh Wyatt; and grandchildren: Cyrus, Cora, Florine and Kai.

It is our honor to dedicate Makin' Music 45 to Dr. Sharp. We commend his exemplary life of service to the church, his family and the students of FHU. We send our best wished and our prayers for his complete healing and rapid return to his life of service. This weekend, Dr. Roy, we are makin' music just for you!

Ron Wallace

# What Satan Fears Most

The timeless admonition from the apostle Paul in Ephesians 6: 10-11 is prescient and relevant today:

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to **stand firm against the schemes of the devil**" (NAS emp. added).

While we have sufficiently hammered this truth home in our hearts, we have failed to imbibe the pivotal truths in verses 18-20:

"With **every prayer and request, pray at aU times in the Spirit**, and with this in view, be alert with all perseverance and **every request** for all the saints, and **pray** in my behalf, that speech may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that proclaiming it I may speak boldly as I ought to speak" (emp. added).

I really wish I knew who penned these words entitled "What Satan Fears Most." It certainly speaks to the power and effectiveness we have in drawing close to the God we love and keeping the evil one at bay! Let these words sink into your heart and mind:

What Satan fears most,  
Is a man on his knees;  
Not vast marching armies  
With great weaponry.  
He knows he can stand  
Against the power of men;  
To engage us in battle  
Is mere sport to him.

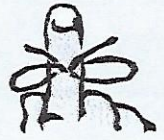
But a man on his knees  
With his head bowed in prayer  
Is something quite different  
To the prince of the air.  
For when he sees us in prayer  
To our God most high,  
He knows we have seen  
Through his devilish lies.

That's what Satan fears most---  
A man on his knees;  
And we'll keep him trembling  
If our prayers never cease.

We certainly would do well to remember that the person who kneels in prayer will be able to stand up-----to anything!

Billy R. Davis, PH.D, USAF Ret., Think Magazine, March 2022

# RON'S REMINDERS



In this week's bulletin is a reprint of a Facebook posting from Alan Highers on April 16<sup>th</sup>. The reason I am printing this post is because of Brother Highers ties to Getwell over the years and his current position as editor of the Spiritual Sword. Plus personally brother Highers was the first preacher I remember hearing as a child. He had a profound influence on my early years as a Christian. I know brother and sister Highers would appreciate your prayers as they battle health issues. The post is very interesting and good reading, it will increase your respect for this man and his lovely wife.

## AT HOME.

It has been said that "home" is the sweetest word in the English language. I do not know if this is accurate or not, but I know there is a pleasant and peaceful sensation about being in that place we call home. After spending five days in the hospital, including three days in ICU, I am happy to be home. I am not speaking merely of the "house" where we live, although that is part of it, but I am thinking of family, loved ones, friends, brothers and sisters in Christ, and everything that creates the relationship that we call "home."

I have been poked, pierced, prodded, stuck with needles, given blood, deprived of food and water, and awakened at 2:00 and 3:00 in the morning, but it is something we endure because we know people are trying to be helpful and to nurse us back to health. I will turn 85 on my next birthday, which seems impossible, as I remember being a student a "few" years ago at Freed-Hardeman where I met a lovely bride who is still by my side after almost 65 years. We married on August 2, 1957, in Jackson, Mississippi. We moved back to Henderson in July 1984 and have lived here ever since. The people of Chester County have been good to us. My wife taught at the high school and the people of Chester County have elected her to the County Commission multiple times where she has served with dedication and honor. She was instrumental in bringing the Tech School to Chester County, and she has rarely missed a meeting in all the years she has served. I hope the county may see fit to name something after her at some future date.

I served as a Circuit Judge in Memphis, Shelby County, until then-Governor Lamar Alexander appointed me to the state Court of Appeals, meeting at Jackson, where I served from 1982 to my retirement in 2014. For the last seven years of my term, I was the Presiding Judge of the Western Section. At the time of my retirement, I was the senior appellate judge in the entire State of Tennessee. I served as president of the Tennessee Judicial Conference in 1984-85. My name is inscribed in the Supreme Court Buildings in Jackson, Nashville, and Knoxville. My portrait hangs in the Shelby County Courthouse in Memphis in Division 1 of the Circuit Court where I once served. I always received high ratings from the Bar Association in Memphis (above 90%). I endeavored to treat lawyers and litigants with courtesy and respect.

My recent illness and hospital stay reminded me of the fragility of life. The Book of James tells us life is like a vapor that arises for a little while and then vanishes away. No matter what we accomplish in life, there is a vast eternity that looms before us. I consider that the most important work in my life has been as a Bible teacher and proclaimer of the gospel. I conducted the Open Forum at the annual Freed-Hardeman Bible Lectureship for fifteen years. For over thirty years I have been editor of the Spiritual Sword journal. I am grateful for every friendship I have established across the years—in the church, in education, in the state judiciary, and wherever I have served.