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A FEW WORDS FROM KEN JOINES

This past week has been a busy one for us. Last Sunday I began a revival for the church at Crockett, Mississippi, about 30 minutes from our home. This is a country church and we enjoyed this time with God's people there. We finished on Thursday night and drove back to Sebring on Friday.

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The best babysitters are grandparents. You feel completely comfortable entrusting your baby to them for long periods, which is why many grandparents flee to Florida.

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I'm glad to be back among you here in Sebring and I look forward to the coming weeks. We will be here through the end of August, Lord willing. At that time we must return home where I have several engagements. A wedding, a family reunion, several gospel meetings await me. So, let's all try to make the most of these five Sundays. There is much to do. No time to let up.

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I heard about a woman who saw her first gray hairs. She thought she would dye.

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WHAT GOD DOES FOR US WHEN WE HURT HIM. Well, when we offend God, or sin against Him, He could say, "Let them pay." "Make them do penance.....I kinda enjoy seeing them suffer." "Get better, and maybe I can love you then." "I'll forgive them when I can. I'm hurt pretty deeply, you know." "I'll forgive you, but....."

But He does none of these. God said, "I've found a better way. I'll forgive them," ".....though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." (Isaiah 1:18) And if we are ever going to be like Jesus, we must learn this kind of forgiveness. We either choose to forgive or we become bitter people. The cost of forgiveness is nothing compared to the cost of bitterness. The first—and often the only—person to be healed by forgiveness is the person doing the forgiving. When we forgive, we set a prisoner free and then we discover that the prisoner we set free is our self. ---ken

EMAIL MESSAGE RECEIVED BY DAVE FROM ANIL

Greetings and best wishes to you and I do hope all is going well. Anyhow I am going good and I am writing to say that I have collected the money that you wired to my account. I must say thank you and my mother is very glad; she even says thank you too.

My sister is coming around and she has a couple of weeks more in the hospital; as soon as she comes out I will let you know.

Well, I guess this will be all for now and once again I want to say thanks and to all who have donated and help in sending that money. With love, Anil

WELCOME VISITORS:

We are so glad you decided to be here today! It is always such a blessing to be able to meet you and be encouraged by your presence. Thank you for coming our way.

FOR THE CHILDREN:

Children's Worship Bulletins are available at the back for ages 3-6 and ages 7-12.

Attended Nursery for infants through age two. Parents may leave their children in the nursery before the worship service begins.

A Training Room for parents to use anytime during the worship service is also provided across the hall from the attended nursery.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE:

Hearing aid devices are available and may be received from the attendant in the sound room at the rear of the auditorium.

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

HEAR (Luke 11: 28)

But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

BELIEVE (Mark 16: 16)

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."

REPENT (Acts 2: 38)

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit"

CONFESS (Matthew 10: 32)

"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven."

BE BAPTIZED (Acts 22: 16)

"And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

Preaching Schedule



7/30 Ken Joines
8/06 Bill Thomas



Ladies Class Schedule

August 8th 10:00 (August birthdays will be celebrated this Tuesday.)

In September, the ladies class will resume the normal weekly schedule.

Clothing Room

The clothing room is now open in its new home in the lot west of the building. Any donations that you have for this ministry, take directly to that building. Betty Abrams has taken over the leadership of this ministry and ***SHE NEEDS ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THIS.*** There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway or see Betty.

Communion Sign-up

No one has signed up to prepare the communion for worship services for the month of **December**. If you are interested, the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway.



Searching For Truth

There are still a lot of copies of World Video Bible School DVD *Searching for Truth*. These copies are located on the tables in the foyer of the main building and at the exits in the fellowship/classroom building. The elders encourage everyone to take these DVD's and share them with friends, family, and those in the community.

From the Elders

We will continue with a number of preachers trying out. It may take several months to make a selection. Please give the elders your input in writing as to any feedback you wish them to consider. There are forms on the tables in the back for you to use for this purpose. Remember the scale to use with 1 being best and 5 being poorest.

Baptism

Joe Wallace was baptized this past Sunday. Welcome him as a brother in Christ and encourage him in the Lord.

Announcement

If anyone would like to donate money for school supplies for use in the clothing room, please give the money to Elizabeth Tubbs. She will collect money until August 5th.

Pantry Needs

With Hurricane season upon us, our pantry is getting in short supply and we need your help to replenish it. Below is a list of the items in short supply that we need to keep on hand. Each week we will give a new list.

Paper Products	Soup (not Tomato)
Stew	Sweet Potatoes
Instant Coffee	Baby Food
Tea Bags	Small Boxed Cereal

Tapes

The lessons presented by Brother Lyle Gillis on June 18th and Brother Bill Thomas on June 25th have been recorded on Audio Tapes. These are available to be checked out from the church secretary. Brother Gillis and Brother Thomas are both trying out for the preacher's position. If you missed one or both of these lessons, please check out and listen to these lessons. The elders seek your written comments on both men's lessons.

The Stranger

A few years after I was born, my Dad met a stranger who was new to our small town. From the beginning, Dad was fascinated with this enchanting newcomer and soon invited him to live with our family. The stranger was quickly accepted and was around from then on.

As I grew up, I never questioned his place in my family. In my young mind, he had a special niche. My parents were complementary instructors: Mom taught me good from evil, and Dad taught me to obey. But the stranger...he was our storyteller. He would keep us spellbound for hours on end with adventures, mysteries and comedies.

If I wanted to know anything about politics, history or science, he always knew the answers about the past, understood the present and even seemed able to predict the future! He took my family to the first major league ball game. He made me laugh, and he made me cry. The stranger never stopped talking, but Dad didn't seem to mind.

Sometimes, Mom would get up quietly while the rest of us were shushing each other to listen to what he had to say, and she would go to the kitchen for peace and quiet. (I wonder now if she ever prayed for the stranger to leave.)

Dad ruled our household with certain moral convictions, but the stranger never felt obligated to honor them. Profanity, for example, was not allowed in our home... not from us, our friends or any visitors. Our longtime visitor, however, got away with four-letter words that burned my ears and made my dad squirm and my mother blush. My Dad didn't permit the liberal use of alcohol. But the stranger encouraged us to try it on a regular basis. He made cigarettes look cool, cigars manly and pipes distinguished. He talked freely (much too freely!) about sex. His comments were sometimes blatant, sometimes suggestive, and generally embarrassing.

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Our Record: July 23, 2006

Bible Study	70
Sunday AM Worship	96
Sunday PM Worship	63
Contribution	\$3830
Wednesday Bible Study	72
Building Fund	\$25
Ukraine Building Fund	\$50
F.H. Gates	\$0
Special Mission Efforts – Anvil	\$0
World Bible Translation (Ladies Class)	\$0

Upcoming Birthdays



Devra Harris	8/07
Mary Welsh	8/10
Carmie Green	8/10
Joanne Cope	8/10
Jim Moris	8/12

Upcoming Anniversary

Tracey & Nancy Stalter	8/14
Bill & Trudy Benton	8/21

Visitors for July 23, 2006

Ray Fisch
Bobby & Matha Dale
Wiley & Nancy McCall
Sharon Shields

The Stranger continued

I now know that my early concepts about relationships were influenced strongly by the stranger. Time after time, he opposed the values of my parents, yet he was seldom rebuked... and NEVER asked to leave.

More than fifty years have passed since the stranger moved in with our family. He has blended right in and is not nearly as fascinating as he was at first. Still, if you could walk into my parents' den today, you would still find him sitting over in his corner, waiting for someone to listen to him talk and watch him draw his pictures. His name? **We just call him, "TV." He has a younger sister now. We call her "Computer"**
(Submitted by Betty Parker)

Note

God gives us so many wonderful things to be thankful for...Especially the kindness and thoughtfulness of wonderful people like you!

Thank you, Love, Kathryn Taylor and Betty Abrams

Pray for our Shut In

Helen Piety

Prayer List

- ❖ **Kitty Bush** has 2 more chemo treatments to go and says Hi to all of us and thanks us for our prayers.
- ❖ **Carmie Green** has some health problems. She will be going to Shands hospital in Gainesville for further evaluation.
- ❖ **Brenda Shinholser** has a severally broken ankle.
- ❖ **Marvin McElwain** had a procedure done to try to open some clogged veins in his leg this week.
- ❖ **Al Overfield** is doing well; will try a cane next month. He hopes to come to Florida in September.
- ❖ **Ernie Zink** is continuing his radiation treatments.
- ❖ **Pray for members** who are traveling this summer.

EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- ❖ **Virginia Shinholser** continue to pray for her recovery. This will take a long time.
- ❖ **Thelma Eubanks**, Gwin Barnum's mother. has been placed under the care of hospice. They have gone to Texas to be with her.
- ❖ **Glenda Friend**, sister of Carol Johnson, has gone home from Kenilworth Care and Rehabilitation Center.
- ❖ **Lance**, 3 year old nephew of Laura Ware, had surgery on his eyes on Thursday.
- ❖ **Carolyn Shook**, a cousin of Betty Parker, has lung cancer that has spread to other parts of her body including her brain. Pray that the medicine she is on will be successful. She is a member of the church.
- ❖ Glen and Joanne Wooters' son, **Debbie Vigar** (Marjorie Vandivor's sister will have surgery in 30 days), **Dorothy McCracken**, **Diane Sweeton**, (daughter-in law of Bill and Marilyn), **Roberta**, aunt of Laura Ware. and **Shirley Waldrop** are all currently undergoing treatment for cancer.
- ❖ **Mae Dorst**, 96 year-old-mother of Patty Massey, continues to have health concerns.
- ❖ **Edward Weaver**, father of Carolyn Thomas, is not expected to live much longer. Carolyn is in Oklahoma with him.
- ❖ **Mary Loney**, Sara Talbert's mother, is at home in California after having received a pacemaker; she also has other complications.

MISSION EFFORTS

- ❖ **Anil Tejpaul and family and Javeed Ally** in Guyana.
- ❖ **Vovo Shoot and family and Dema Galook and family** in Chernovtsy.
- ❖ **F. H & Becky Gates** in Brazil

SCHEDULED TO SERVE		REMINDER:
THIS SUNDAY	NEXT SUNDAY	<p>If for some reason you find that you cannot serve as scheduled in the monthly assignment schedule, please call Chris Fowler as soon as possible so that a substitute can be selected.</p> <p>Those serving are asked to be here at least 10 minutes before the service starts.</p> <p>Those who participate Sunday morning are asked to wear appropriate dress attire, preferably, though not required, a dress shirt and tie. At other services casual sport shirt and slacks are acceptable; no T-shirts or shorts should be worn while serving the congregation.</p> <p>Thank you for your cooperation.</p>
<p>Prepare Communion: Julie Oregon</p> <p>Greeters: Ron Horton Clem Smith Bill Sweeton Margaret Smith</p> <p>Pick Up Cards: Forest & Austin Ritenour</p> <p>Pick Up Communion Cups: Nathan Ramer & Joshua Fowler</p> <p>Sound Room: John Ware</p> <p>Secure Building This Week: Don Ware</p>	<p>Prepare Communion: Bob & Evelyn Parnett</p> <p>Greeters: Ron Horton Bill Benton Bill Sweeton Trudy Benton</p> <p>Pick Up Cards: Forest Ritenour & Andrew Pintor</p> <p>Pick Up Communion Cups: Nathan Ramer & Joshua Fowler</p> <p>Sound Room: Roger Gurganus</p> <p>Secure Building Next Week: Roger Gurganus</p>	
<p>Announcements: Bill Benton</p> <p>Song Leader: Olin Shinholser</p> <p>Opening Prayer: Rick Cochran</p> <p>Lord's Supper: Preside: Harry Johnson</p> <p>Serve: 1. BJ Thomas 4. Nicholas Stalter 2. Leon Tubbs 5. Dave Marcum 3. John Ware 6. Bob Parnett</p> <p>Closing Prayer: Robert Capps</p>	<p>Announcements: Tracy Stalter</p> <p>Song Leader: Dan Luidhardt</p> <p>Opening Prayer: Rick Cochran</p> <p>Lord's Supper: Preside: Don Ware</p> <p>Serve: 1. Troy Talbert 4. Chuck Miller 2. Robert Capps 5. Chuck Miller 3. Harry Johnson 6. Herb Ellis</p> <p>Closing Prayer: Cliff Blain</p>	SHEPHERDS
Sunday Evening	Sunday Evening	<p>Harry Johnson655-3386 (Evangelism/Membership Directory/Membership Fellowship Clothing Room)</p> <p>Dave Marcum385-8899 (Treasurer/ Administration)</p> <p>Olin Shinholser382-1060 (Worship Services/ Education)</p> <p>Paul Talbert385-3756 (Building & Grounds/ Benevolence/ Membership Services)</p>
<p>Song Leader: Opening Prayer: Paul Talbert Chuck Miller</p> <p>Lord's Supper: Closing Prayer: Harry Johnson James Ware</p>	<p>Song Leader: Opening Prayer: Edison Green Dan Luidhardt</p> <p>Lord's Supper: Closing Prayer: Don Ware Cliff Blain</p>	DEACONS
Wednesday Evening	Wednesday Evening	<p>Bill Benton.....453-6002 (Treasurer/Visitation)</p> <p>Chris Fowler386-4661 (Youth Director/ Services Director/ Substitute Teacher Assignments/Sound Room)</p> <p>Roger Gurganus453-3939 (Building & Grounds Maintenance (Outside)/ Transportation/ Communion)</p> <p>Tracey Stalter471-9736 (Building Maintenance (Inside)/ Membership Directory/ Pews)</p> <p>BJ Thomas385-7270 (Building Maintenance (Outside)/ Benevolence, Clothing Room)</p> <p>Don Ware382-0194 (Special Mission Efforts/ Timothy Class)</p>
<p>Song Leader: Invitation: Robert Capps Mike Tubbs</p> <p>Closing Prayer: James Ware</p>	<p>Song Leader: Invitation: Troy Talbert Gordon Smith</p> <p>Closing Prayer: Tracey Stalter</p>	
FREE BIBLE STUDY BY MAIL	MEET WITH US	
<p>If you would like to receive a series of Bible Study Lessons, send this request to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sebring Parkway Church of Christ 3800 Sebring Parkway Sebring, FL 33870</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>Age Range: <input type="checkbox"/> 0 - 10 yrs <input type="checkbox"/> 11 - 17 yrs <input type="checkbox"/> 18 - 50 yrs <input type="checkbox"/> 51 - ?? yrs</p>	<p>Sunday Bible Study 9:00 AM Sunday AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday PM Service 6:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM</p> <p>Website: http://www.sebringcoc.com Email: sebringparkway@sebringcoc.com Office Hours: 9am-2pm M-F</p>	