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FAREWELL.....FOR NOW

Today marks the end of what—for Jan and me—has been a wonderful two months. I’ve always heard that time flies when you’re having fun (actually the frog said, *“time’s fun when you’re havin’ flies”*). We’ll, we’ve had fun in Sebring this summer and the time has flown. It started off with the great July 4th picnic at the Tubbs’ place where we enjoyed the day with so many of you. We’ve been invited to many of your homes. The friends we’ve made here will always be treasured. I truly believe that some of God’s best people worship right here in this church family. Please keep in touch with us: 7154 Golden Oaks E., Southaven, MS 38671. Phone 662-349-3400.

Family. I like that word. I’m glad God saw fit to make families. I have two families; my earthly family and my church family, and I need them both. Families are not perfect. Every family has rough spots. Sometimes it’s the children; sometimes it’s the parents. Sometimes both. Not everyone in my earthly family does exactly as I would have them do. But I love them still. I always will. Similarly, my church family isn’t always what I want it to be. Sometimes it’s the members; sometimes it’s the elders. Sometimes both. Read your Bible. The Corinthian church was in awful shape—doctrinal problems and moral problems. Most of us would probably bail out. But in spite of this, Paul called them, *“the church of God at Corinth.”* (1:1). You wouldn’t really want to place membership there. Yet it was all that God had in that city, so He decided to be patient with them. After all, they could change. I believe they did change; but not overnight. It took time. That’s what the church is all about. Changing people, growing people, people loving each other and tolerating each other.

May I challenge this congregation—leaders and members alike—to look back at the mistakes and miscues we’ve made, and then determine not to repeat those mistakes. Look closely at the role you’re playing in His family. If you’re not really well-suited to that role, then change roles. Let God change you.

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A man near Moore Haven had a flat tire, pulled off onto the side of the road and put a bouquet of flowers in front of the car and another behind it, then got back in the car to wait. A passerby studied the scene as he drove past, then turned around and went back. He asked what the problem was. The man replied, “I have a flat tire.” The passerby asked, “But what’s with the flowers?” The man responded, “When you break down they tell you to put flares in the front and flares in the back. I never did understand it, either.” (It takes a Southerner to get this one).

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Did you notice our numbers for last Sunday? 123. This is the highest number I’ve seen this summer. A good number of them were visitors, too. Remember what I said last week about visitors? The first five or ten minutes they’re here will probably determine whether they want to come back. Look around you right now. If you spot someone you don’t know, introduce yourself and make them welcome. (If it turns out to be a member you don’t know, then that’s good, too.)

—ken

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



8/27 Ken Joines
9/03 John Roberts



Ladies Class Schedule

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

Clothing Room

If you any furniture or household items to donate for use in this ministry, please let Betty Abrams or Harry Johnson know. Betty *STILL NEEDS ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THIS*. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway or see Betty.

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.

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.

Make Laughter a Priority

"He who laughs, lasts!"

One of the most limiting factors to quality leisure is simply that laughter has never been high enough on the priority list. The writer of the Book of Wisdom prepared us for the New Testament reminder that joy is a fruit of the Spirit.

"A cheerful heart is a good medicine, but a downcast spirit dries up the bones," (Prov. 11:22) You can choose to be jubilant. Likewise you can choose to be gloomy. But hearty, sincere laughter is a powerful tonic for weary battered souls.

Tim Hansel

Bibles for Russia

August 27, 2006 has been set aside as "The \$1,000,000 Sunday" by Eastern European Mission and Bible Foundation overseen by the Bammel Church of Christ in Houston, Texas (www.MILLIONDOLARSSUNDAY.ORG is their website for this event). Their address is Eastern European Mission & Bible Foundation, P.O. Box 90755, Houston, Texas 77290; (www.EEE.org); 1-800-486-1818.

This organization provides bibles in Russian and Eastern European languages as one of their primary missions.

Another Russian state or region has requested bibles for their public schools. The Russian educational ministry has requested enough bibles to cover 1500 schools with 390,000 students.

This is the fourth district that has made this request with the needs of three school districts already fulfilled in the Novosibirsk, Tomsk and Altai Regions. Once this fourth need is fulfilled that will add up to 6,950 or 1.4 million students studying the bible during the school day in Russian public schools to raise the ethical and literary standards of their students.

It appears that there is a growing interest in godly principles in Russia. At the Spiritual Growth Workshop, Vladimir Skovorodnikov spoke as our brother in Christ and head over one of these school districts in Siberia.

Love in Christ,
Don Ware

Cell Phone vs. Bible

I wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phones?

- What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?
- What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?
- What if we flipped through it several times a day?
- What if we used it to receive messages?
- What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?
- What if we gave it to kids as gifts?
- What if we used it as we traveled?
- What if we used it in case of an emergency?
- What if we upgraded it to get the latest version?

This is something to make you go...hmmm...where is my Bible?

Fall Schedule Adult Classes

Sunday Bible Study

Auditorium Class Frank Parker

Class Room # 1 Olin Shinholser

Wednesday Bible Class

Auditorium Class Dale Spung

Class Room # 1 Olin Shinholser

Our Record: August 20, 2006

Bible Study	80
Sunday AM Worship	123
Sunday PM Worship	70
Contribution	\$3061
Wednesday Bible Study	71
Thursday Clothing/Pantry Room (for 8/17)	24
Building Fund	\$25
Ukraine Building Fund	\$0
F.H. Gates	\$0
Special Mission Efforts	\$0
World Bible Translation (Ladies Class)	\$0

Upcoming Birthdays



Dwain Chambers	8/31
Bill Nix	9/01
Olin Shinholser	9/03
Joey Rugenstein	9/03
Andrew Pintor	9/04
Ricky Rugenstein	9/05
Ruth McElwee	9/06

Upcoming Anniversary

Robert & Charlaine Adams	9/01
John & Donna Roberts	9/05
Clyde & Kitty Bush	9/12

Visitors for August 20, 2006

Albert & Jane Hayes
Cam & Charlotte Usher
Ray Fisch

Pantry Items Needed

Baby Food	Personal Hygiene Items
Canned Meat	Peanut Butter & Jelly
Saltine Crackers	Boxed Macaroni & Cheese
Small Boxed Cereals	Spaghetti Sauce
Rice	Individual juice

Fellowship

Following the evening service tonight we will hold a fellowship to honor the Ken and Jan Joines as this is their last Sunday with us. Bring finger foods, drinks, or desserts to share with everyone. Be sure and come to say how much you appreciated their being with us this summer. **Note: All tables need to be taken down following the fellowship in readiness for next week's elections.**



Prayer List

- ❖ **Kitty Bush** has her last chemo treatment this week. She will start radiation treatments the end of September.
- ❖ **Carmie Green** has chronic pancreatitis.
- ❖ **Rebecca Allen** is still having health problems.
- ❖ **Joanne Cope** feels much better since returning home.
- ❖ **Marvin McElwain** is doing much better.
- ❖ **Brenda Shinholser** has a severally broken ankle.
- ❖ **Al Overfield** is doing well; he is progressing with his cane. He still plans to come to Florida in September.
- ❖ **Ernie Zink** has 39 more radiation treatments to go.
- ❖ **Pray for members** who are traveling this summer.
- ❖ **Helen Piety** our shut-in member.

EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- ❖ **Virginia Shinholser** continue to pray for her recovery. This will take a long time.
- ❖ **Rachel Olerud**, relative of Clyde and Kitty Bush, has a rare form of lymphoma. She is only 11 years old.
- ❖ **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, is at home and receiving physical therapy.
- ❖ **Amy Lawrence**, sister of Laura Ware, will have further tests due to an abnormal mammogram.
- ❖ **Sherry (Johnson) Brown**, ex daughter-in law of Harry and Carol Johnson, has terminal cancer. She is in the cancer treatment center in Detroit. Her address is on the bulletin board.
- ❖ **Carolyn Shook**, cousin of Betty Parker, 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 Sweeton), **Robertta**, aunt of Laura Ware, and **Shirley Waldrop** are all currently undergoing treatment for cancer.
- ❖ **Lynn Einfeldt**, father of Rachel Capps, will be going to the Palms for physical therapy.
- ❖ **Mae Dorst**, 96 year-old-mother of Patty Massey, continues to have health concerns.

MISSION EFFORTS

- ❖ **Anil Tejpaal 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: Bob & Evelyn Parnett</p> <p>Greeters: Ron Horton Don Ware Bill Sweeton Laura Ware</p> <p>Pick Up Cards: Forest Ritenour & Victor Oregon</p> <p>Pick Up Communion Cups: Nathan Ramer & Joshua Fowler</p> <p>Sound Room: BJ Thomas</p> <p>Secure Building This Week: BJ Thomas</p>	<p>Prepare Communion: Nancy Stalter & Carolyn Thomas</p> <p>Greeters: Ron Horton Robert Capps Bill Sweeton Rachel Capps</p> <p>Pick Up Cards: Austin Ritenour & Andrew Pintor</p> <p>Pick Up Communion Cups: Forest Ritenour & Joshua Fowler</p> <p>Sound Room: Troy Talbert</p> <p>Secure Building Next Week: Paul Talbert</p>	
<p>Announcements: Olin Shinholser</p> <p>Song Leader: Chris Fowler</p> <p>Opening Prayer: John Roberts</p> <p>Lord's Supper: Preside: Dave Marcum</p> <p>Serve: 1. Rick Cochran 4. Bill Benton 2. Herb Ellis 5. James Ware 3. Edison Green 6. Nicholas Stalter</p> <p>Closing Prayer: Cliff Blaine</p>	<p>Announcements: Don Ware</p> <p>Song Leader: Olin Shinholser</p> <p>Opening Prayer: Robert Capps</p> <p>Lord's Supper: Preside: Clem Smith</p> <p>Serve: 1. Carl Martin 4. John Roberts 2. Bill Benton 5. Bob Parnett 3. Don Gunter 6. Tracey Stalter</p> <p>Closing Prayer: Rick Cochran</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: Don Gunter Robert Capps</p> <p>Lord's Supper: Closing Prayer: Dave Marcum Bob Parnett</p>	<p>Song Leader: Opening Prayer: Edison Green Dave Marcum</p> <p>Lord's Supper: Closing Prayer: Clem Smith James Ware</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: Edison Green Paul Talbert</p> <p>Closing Prayer: James Ware</p>	<p>Song Leader: Invitation: James Ware Robert Capps</p> <p>Closing Prayer: Troy Talbert</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>	