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Afraid to Invite?

Years ago a somber-faced Christian was driving his buggy down a back road when he overtook a young man. The Christian stopped and in a dark gloomy voice invited the man to join him.

As they drove along in silence, the Christian thought that he ought to say something to the young man about his soul. He was afraid to raise the issue and fretted about it for several miles. Finally, in a deep voice, he turned to his rider and asked, "Young man, are you prepared to die?"

The blood drained from his face as the young man jumped out of the buggy. When he landed on the ground, he shouted back, "Not if I can help it!"

The idea of inviting somebody to church, quite frankly makes many of us apprehensive. Maybe the uneasiness never completely goes away, but consider several of these fear stoppers.

1. Create a supportive, nourishing climate of communication. The better you know a person and the clearer they understand the forces that drive you, the less apprehensive you are likely to be.
2. Watch for opportunities to use the dual notion of compassion and confrontation. Jesus excelled in its use. He showed compassion to the woman at the well, but then confronted the spiritual issues. He showed compassion to the woman caught in adultery, but then told her to sin no more. Try compassion and then invitation.
3. Use the double invite. Invite someone to lunch or to your home and then invite them to go to church.
4. Lead with the least offensive issue. Many of our evangelistic efforts include a church meal, and most people don't mind being invited to a free dinner. Jesus often connected dinner on the ground and preaching, and used meal-time as a metaphor for evangelism.
5. Listen to others. Some who have studied the problem say that most people who do not attend church think church people do all the talking and no listening. Learn about a person's past and listen for permission to continue the discussion.

Maybe these pointers will take away some of our fear. Remember the buggy story. If you're afraid, you're likely to frighten off the person you intended to invite.

Harold Shank

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."

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.



Prayer List

- ❖ **Kitty Bush** is finished with her chemo treatments. She will start radiation treatments later this month
- ❖ **Brenda Shinholser** has a severally broken ankle.
- ❖ **Evelyn Smith** suffered a light stroke on Monday but is at home now.
- ❖ **Al Overfield** continues to improve.
- ❖ **Ernie Zink** still taking radiation treatments.
- ❖ **Pray for Winter Members** as they begin to return.
- ❖ **Helen Piety**, our shut-in.

EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- ❖ **Virginia Shinholser** continue to pray for her recovery. This will take a long time.
- ❖ **Glenda Friend**, sister of Carol Johnson, is at home.
- ❖ Glen and Joanne Wooters' son, **Debbie Vigar** (Marjorie Vandivor's sister will have surgery in 30 days), **Carolyn Shook**, cousin of Betty Parker, **Sherry (Johnson) Brown** ex daughter-in-law of Harry and Carol Johnson are all currently undergoing treatment for cancer.
- ❖ **Harold Cochran**, father of Rick Cochran, is doing much better after his surgery.
- ❖ **Mae Dorst**, 96 year-old-mother of Patty Massey, continues to have health concerns
- ❖ **Lynn Einfeldt**, father of Rachel Capps is in the Palms for physical therapy.
- ❖ **Rachel Olerud**, relative of Clyde and Kitty Bush, has a rare form of lymphoma.
- ❖ **Amy Lawrence**, sister of Laura Ware, will have further tests as a result of an abnormal mammogram.
- ❖ **Thelma Eubanks**, Gwin Barnum's mother, has been placed in the care of hospice.

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

Sympathy

Dorotha McCracken passed away on Friday, September 1st, in her sleep. Our condolences go to Mary Jo Miller, her cousin, as well as the rest of the family. You may send a card to Dorotha's son at:

Ronald Sams
100 Postage Court
Lafayette, LA 70506

Our Record: August 27, 2006

Bible Study	84
Sunday AM Worship	138
Sunday PM Worship	75
Contribution	\$3031
Wednesday Bible Study	NA
Building Fund	\$25
Ukraine Building Fund	\$0
F.H. Gates	\$0
Special Mission Efforts – Bibles for Russia	\$110
World Bible Translation (Ladies Class)	\$0
Clothing Room/Pantry 8/24	11

Upcoming Birthdays



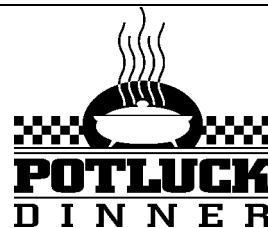
Olin Shinholser	9/03
Joey Rugenstein	9/03
Andrew Pintor	9/04
Ricky Rugenstein	9/05
Ruth McElwee	9/06
Ruth Tubbs	9/10
Carl Martin	9/10
Marcus Piety	9/13

Upcoming Anniversary

John & Donna Roberts	9/05
Clyde & Kitty Bush	9/12
Jim & Anne Headley	9/14

Visitors for August 27, 2006

Ray Fisch
Albert & Jane Hayes
Jim & Betty Wood



On September 10th following the morning worship service we will have a potluck dinner in the fellowship hall. Please plan to bring your favorite dish and join us. All visitors are urged to stay and eat with us. Group # 3 will be in charge of set up and clean up.

Preaching Schedule



9/03 John Roberts AM
John Robert PM
9/10 Frank Parker AM
Singing Night PM

Ladies Class Schedule



September 12th, the Bible study for ladies will resume its normal schedule. This will also be the week to observe birthdays for the month.

Clothing Room

If you have 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.

Election Day

Remember that Tuesday, Sept. 5th, is the day to cast your vote in the primary elections. Do not neglect to exercise your right to vote.

Thought for the Day

All problems become smaller if you don't dodge them but confront them. Touch a thistle timidly and it will prick you; grasp it boldly and its spines crumble.

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



Crème Style Corn
Canned Meats
Spaghetti and Sauce
Tomato Sauce
Ketchup
Chili
Stew
Chicken & Dumplings
White and Sweet Potatoes
Rice
Baby Food
Canned Drinks
Instant Coffee
Tea Bags
Small Boxed Cereal

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

SHEPHERDS

Harry Johnson 655-3386
(Evangelism/Membership
Directory/Membership
Fellowship Clothing Room)

Dave Marcum..... 385-8899
(Treasurer/ Administration)

Olin Shinholser..... 382-1060
(Worship Services/ Education)

Paul Talbert..... 385-3756
(Building & Grounds/
Benevolence/ Membership
Services)

DEACONS

Bill Benton 453-6002
(Treasurer/Visitation)

Chris Fowler..... 386-4661
(Youth Director/ Services
Director/ Substitute Teacher
Assignments/Sound Room)

Roger Gurganus..... 453-3939
(Building & Grounds
Maintenance (Outside)/
Transportation/ Communion)

Tracey Stalter..... 471-9736
(Building Maintenance (Inside)/
Membership Directory/ Pews)

BJ Thomas..... 385-7270
(Building Maintenance (Outside)/
Benevolence, Clothing Room)

Don Ware..... 382-0194
(Special Mission Efforts/
Timothy Class)

The Best Things to Give

To a friend: **loyalty**
To an enemy: **forgiveness**
To your boss: **service**
To a child: **good example**
To your father: **respect**
To your mother:
gratitude and devotion
To your wedded mate:
love and your
faithfulness
To all men: **charity**
To God: **your life**

SCHEDULED TO SERVE		ORDER OF SERVICE FOR MORNING WORSHIP
THIS SUNDAY	NEXT SUNDAY	Announcements: Don Ware
<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 This Week: Paul Talbert</p>	<p>Prepare Communion: Nancy Stalter & Carolyn Thomas</p> <p>Greeters: Ron Horton Harry Johnson Bill Sweeton Carol Johnson</p> <p>Pick Up Cards: Nicholas Stalter & Forest Ritenour</p> <p>Pick Up Communion Cups: Nathan Ramer & Austin Ritenour</p> <p>Sound Room: Harry Johnson</p> <p>Secure Building Next Week: Harry Johnson</p>	Song: 23 Song: 509 Opening Prayer: Robert Capps Song: 364 Communion Song: 117 Offering Song: 629 Lesson: John Roberts Invitation Song: 908 Song: 574 Closing Prayer: Rick Cochran
<p>Announcements: Don Ware</p> <p>Song Leader: Olin Shinholser</p> <p>Opening Prayer: Robert Capps</p> <p>Lord's Supper: Preside: Clem Smith Serve:</p> <p>1. Carl Martin 4. Dale Spung 2. Bill Benton 5. Chuck Miller 3. Don Gunter 6. Bob Parnett</p> <p>Closing Prayer: Rick Cochran</p>	<p>Announcements: Paul Talbert</p> <p>Song Leader: Dan Luidhardt</p> <p>Opening Prayer: Bill Benton</p> <p>Lord's Supper: Preside: Carl Martin Serve:</p> <p>1. James Ware 4. Troy Talbert 2. Herb Ellis 5. Leon Tubbs 3. Edison Green 6. Roger Gurganus</p> <p>Closing Prayer: Don Gunter</p>	Reminder 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. Those serving are asked to be here at least 10 minutes before the service starts. 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. Thank you for your cooperation.
Sunday Evening	Sunday Evening	
<p>Song Leader: Opening Prayer: Edison Green Dave Marcum</p> <p>Lord's Supper: Closing Prayer: Clem Smith James Ware</p>	<p>Song Leader: Opening Prayer: Singing Night Gordon Smith</p> <p>Lord's Supper: Closing Prayer: Carl Martin Rick Cochran</p>	
Wednesday Evening	Wednesday Evening	
<p>Song Leader: Invitation: James Ware Robert Capps</p> <p>Closing Prayer: Troy Talbert</p>	<p>Song Leader: Invitation: Dwain Chambers Bill Benton</p> <p>Closing Prayer: John Roberts</p>	
FREE BIBLE STUDY BY MAIL	MEET WITH US	Tragedy in the BIBLE CLASS
<p>If you would like to receive a series of Bible Study Lessons, send this request to:</p> <p>Sebring Parkway Church of Christ 3800 Sebring Parkway Sebring, FL 33870</p> <p>Name _____ Address _____ _____</p> <p>Age Range: [] 0 - 10 yrs [] 11 - 17 yrs [] 18 - 50 yrs [] 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</p> <p>Email: sebringparkway@sebringcoc.com</p> <p>Office Hours: 9am-2pm M-F</p>	<p>The Vacant Chair and The Unopened Bible Are They Yours?</p>