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## SHAMGAR

Shamgar receives little attention in the Bible; the bulk of our information about this man comes from one verse, **“And after him was Shamgar the son of Anoth, which slew of the Philistines six hundred men with an ox-goad and he also delivered Israel” (Judges 3:31).**

One of the most obvious lessons deductible from this incident is that we should not complain of our tools when we have hard work to do. The bad writer blames his pen. The unskillful carver grumbles at this knife. The disappointed hunter criticizes his gun. The unsuccessful preacher says he could do better if the church met in a better locality or had a newer building. The average Christian, downhearted at lack of church growth blames the preacher. **WHO EVER BLAMES HIMSELF FOR FAILURE?**

Or even if blaming himself, who does not suggest that he could have done better if the tools had been more distinctly adapted to the service he had to accomplish. What wonders we should do if we had better instruments!

Shamgar used an ox-goad. Samson wielded the jawbone of a dead donkey; David had but a sling and a stone. Our success in the great battles of life depends more upon attitude, intelligence, devotion, and enthusiasm, than upon merely mechanical arrangements.

A feeble instrument in the hands on one man becomes a mighty instrument in the hands of another simply because of a determination to accomplish the work that has to be done. Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might. Other instruments may be far heavier, keener, and likelier altogether, but an ox-goad in the hand of a dedicated man works wonders. Jim Martin

We would like all of our Guests to join our members in filling out an attendance card so that we might have a record of your visit.

There are two things that we would like to explain to you about our worship service. Our singing *is acappella* or *without accompaniment*. Although instruments of music were used by the Jews in the Old Testament, they are conspicuously absent in the church of the New Testament. We are told to, “Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord.” (Ephesians 5:19)

We partake of the *Lord’s supper* or *Communion* every Sunday as the early church did (Acts 21:7). The partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine is a weekly memorial that reminds us of what our Savior did for us. (I Cor. 11:23-26)

## 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

- ❖ **Carmie Green** is waiting on test results from Shands.
- ❖ **Betty Burton** is having problems with her eyes as a result of her diabetes.
- ❖ **Anne Gunter** is in Highlands Regional Room 204 recovering from surgery.
- ❖ **Sterling Allen** has problems with his foot healing.
- ❖ **Ernie Zink** is finished taking radiation treatments.
- ❖ **Pray for Winter Members** as they begin to return.
- ❖ **Helen Piety**, our shut-in.

### EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

- ❖ **Cindy LaForte**, sister of Mary Welsh, is in the final stages of cancer.
- ❖ **Brenda Keivet**, a neighbor of Linda Cochran and Della Martin, has a thyroid and depression problem. She is doing some better recently.
- ❖ **Ken Joines** will be having knee surgery on 11/28.
- ❖ **Wayne Perry** had heart cath on Friday.
- ❖ **Glenda Friend**, sister of Carol Johnson, is at home.
- ❖ Glen and Joanne Wooters' son, **Debbie Vigar** (Marjorie Vandivor's sister has started radiation treatments), **Carolyn Shook**, cousin of Betty Parker, shows some improvement, **Sherry (Johnson) Brown** ex daughter-in-law of Harry and Carol Johnson, **Donna Coandrea** and **Marilyn Martin**, friends of Mary Welsh are all currently undergoing treatment for cancer.
- ❖ **Dennis Fauble**, cousin of Tracey Stalter, has been diagnosed with prostate cancer.
- ❖ **Lori Anne Hessler**, a friend of Carolyn Thomas, has had a kidney transplant. Pray that her body will not reject the transplant.
- ❖ **Wayne Adkins**, brother of Carl Adkins, had a very serious heart attack.
- ❖ **Lynn Einfeldt**, father of Rachel Capps is at the Palms for physical therapy.
- ❖ **Jim Leisey**, has stage 4 cancer and will have chemo.
- ❖ **Randy Showalter**, friend of Patty Massey, has a brain tumor.
- ❖ **Thelma Eubanks**, Gwin Barnum's mother, has been placed in the care of hospice and is in a declining condition. Gwin has gone to be with her.

### 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

## Our Record: October 22, 2006

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Bible Study                            | 62     |
| Sunday AM Worship                      | 96     |
| Sunday PM Worship                      | 68     |
| Contribution                           | \$1825 |
| Wednesday Bible Study                  | 78     |
| Building Fund                          | \$25   |
| Ukraine Building Fund                  | \$0    |
| F.H. Gates                             | \$0    |
| Special Mission – Guyana               | \$0    |
| World Bible Translation (Ladies Class) | \$0    |
| Clothing Room/Pantry 10/26             | 20     |

### Upcoming Birthdays



|              |       |
|--------------|-------|
| Linda George | 10/29 |
| Dave Marcum  | 11/03 |
| John Burton  | 11/03 |
| Della Martin | 11/07 |
| Ruth Maire   | 11/09 |

### Upcoming Anniversary

|                    |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| Herb & Norma Ellis | 10/31 |
| Cliff & Ruby Blain | 11/14 |

### Visitors for October 22, 2006

Cam and Charlotte Usher  
 Mickey Landon  
 Steve Ashworth  
 Lori Prescott  
 Joe & Judy Ryan  
 Cindy Vigue

### Of What Value Is History?

When Oliver Cromwell was planning the education of his son Richard, he said, "I would have him learn a little history."

To some, the history of mankind has simply been a record of repeated follies, endless tragedy and sorrows of no practical value. Birrell calls history "that great dust heap," and another has said it is "only a confused heap of facts." Gibbon viewed history as "Little more than the register of the crimes, follies and misfortunes of mankind."

Emerson, however, expresses the other view of history and gives its great value by saying, "The use of history is to give value to the present hour and its duty." Is this not the reason for the history on man that is revealed to us in the Bible? The Old Testament history was "written for our learning" (Romans 15:4) with the Old Testament characters serving as examples of us (I Cor. 10:11). God holds up before us great men of faith such as Able, Noah, Abraham, and Moses for us to emulate (Heb. 11). There are also the many warnings against disobedience, with examples to illustrate (Heb. 2:2ff).

We can all profit from the fact that often "hindsight is better than foresight." History does not have to repeat itself. We can avoid making the same mistakes.

"History is God's patient explanation to man of eternal principles."  
 Charles V Cash

## Preaching Schedule

10/29 Frank Parker AM & PM  
11/05 Frank Parker AM & PM



## Ladies Class Schedule



October 31<sup>st</sup> Through Christ  
November 7<sup>th</sup> Prophesying  
November 14<sup>th</sup> Preaching

## Clothing Room

On Thursday, 9-11am, is when the clothing room is open for the community. We can always use more help. If you have any furniture or household items to donate for use in this ministry, please let Betty Abrams or Harry Johnson know.



## Searching For Truth

A new supply of copies of World Video Bible School DVD *Searching for Truth* has come in and copies are available on the tables in the back. The elders encourage everyone to use these DVD's and share them with friends, family, and those in the community.

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## Communion Sign-up

The sign up sheet for 2007 for communion preparation is on the bulletin board in the foyer. Please sign up for the month that you can do it.

## Corrections

Ernie and Mary Jane Zink  
107 Hounds Way  
Salem, IN 47167  
Phone 812-883-2660  
Cell phone 812-844-0858

Robert & Helen Underwood  
Cell phone 615-631-7996

## Remember

General Elections will be held on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Do not forget to exercise your right to vote.

## 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.



Canned vegetables & fruits of all kinds  
Canned Meats  
Chicken Noodle and Vegetable Soup  
Spaghetti and Sauce  
Chili & crackers; Stew  
Syrup  
Chicken & Dumplings  
Canned White and Sweet Potatoes  
Rice  
Baby Food & Baby Cereal  
Toothpaste & Toothbrushes  
Bar Soap  
Deodorant  
Small Boxed Cereal

## Notice

Tonight after the evening services there will be a trunk or treat event for the young children. Adults wishing to participate will park their cars in the back row of the parking lot. After service the adults will stand at the trunk of their car. The children will pass by each car trunk and the adult will pass to the children candy, pencils, erasers, stickers or any treat they wish to give to the children. The entire event should take 10 to 15 minutes. This event is entirely voluntary and has been approved by the elders.

## CEO

The CEO will meet on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the Thai House Restaurant.

## 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)

## Note From the Elders

All minister candidates who have been scheduled or who have spoken to us as of 10/15 have either been eliminated from further consideration or have withdrawn their name or declined the position. Applications continue to come in. The additional applicants will be screened and, if appropriate, scheduled to speak to the congregation at the soonest feasible date. The elders continue to take into consideration congregational feedback. We thank you for your feedback to date and ask for your continued feedback, prayers and patience as we proceed thru this process.

| <b>SCHEDULED TO SERVE</b>  |  | <b>ORDER OF SERVICE FOR MORNING WORSHIP</b>   |
|--|--|---|
| <b>THIS SUNDAY</b>   | <b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>   | Announcements: Bill Benton  |
| <p><b>Prepare Communion:</b><br/>Trudy Benton</p> <p><b>Greeters:</b><br/>Ron Horton           Olin Shinholser<br/>Bill Sweeton        Brenda Shinholser</p> <p><b>Pick Up Cards:</b><br/>Forest Ritenour &amp; Nicholas Stalter</p> <p><b>Pick Up Communion Cups:</b><br/>Nathan Ramer &amp; Joshua Fowler</p> <p><b>Sound Room:</b><br/>BJ Thomas</p> <p><b>Secure Building This Week:</b><br/>BJ Thomas</p>         | <p><b>Prepare Communion:</b><br/>Carmie Green</p> <p><b>Greeters:</b><br/>Ron Horton           Wayne Anderson<br/>Bill Sweeton        Betty Anderson</p> <p><b>Pick Up Cards:</b><br/>Victor Oregon &amp; Austin Ritenour</p> <p><b>Pick Up Communion Cups:</b><br/>Hayden Parker &amp; Austin Ritenour</p> <p><b>Sound Room:</b><br/>Troy Talbert</p> <p><b>Secure Building Next Week:</b><br/>Paul Talbert</p> | Song: 572 Each Step I Take  |
| <p><b>Announcements:</b><br/>Bill Benton</p> <p><b>Song Leader:</b><br/>Olin Shinholser</p> <p><b>Opening Prayer:</b><br/>John Roberts</p> <p><b>Lord's Supper:</b></p> <p><b>Preside:</b><br/>Tracey Stalter</p> <p><b>Serve:</b></p> <p>1. Clem Smith       4. Dwain Chambers<br/>2. Don Ware        5. Roger Gurganus<br/>3. Herb Ellis       6. Troy Talbert</p> <p><b>Closing Prayer:</b><br/>Chuck Miller</p>    | <p><b>Announcements:</b><br/>Paul Talbert</p> <p><b>Song Leader:</b><br/>Chris Fowler</p> <p><b>Opening Prayer:</b><br/>Clem Smith</p> <p><b>Lord's Supper:</b></p> <p><b>Preside:</b><br/>Dan Luidhardt</p> <p><b>Serve:</b></p> <p>1. Chuck Miller    4. Herb Ellis<br/>2. Edison Green   5. Leon Tubbs<br/>3. Don Gunter      6. Bill Cole</p> <p><b>Closing Prayer:</b><br/>Carl Martin</p>                  | Song: 122 The Love of God   |
|  |  | Song: 235 I Believe in Jesus  |
|  |  | Communion   |
|  |  | Song: 662 All To Jesus I Surrender  |
|  |  | Offering  |
|  |  | Song: 831 Let Me Live Close to Thee   |
|  |  | Lesson: Frank Parker  |
|  |  | Invitation Song: 908 There's a Stranger at the Door   |
|  |  | Song: 853 When We All Get to Heaven   |
|  |  | Closing Prayer: Chuck Miller  |
|  |  | <b>Reminder</b>   |
|  |  | 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.   |
| <b>Sunday Evening</b>  | <b>Sunday Evening</b>  |   |
| <p><b>Song Leader:</b> Edison Green</p> <p><b>Opening Prayer:</b> Don Gunter</p> <p><b>Lord's Supper:</b> Tracey Stalter</p> <p><b>Closing Prayer:</b> Harry Johnson</p>   | <p><b>Song Leader:</b> Mike Tubbs</p> <p><b>Opening Prayer:</b> Dale Spung</p> <p><b>Lord's Supper:</b> Dan Luidhardt</p> <p><b>Closing Prayer:</b> Cliff Blain</p>  |   |
| <b>Wednesday Evening</b>   | <b>Wednesday Evening</b>   |   |
| <p><b>Song Leader:</b> James Ware</p> <p><b>Invitation:</b> Don Ware</p> <p><b>Closing Prayer:</b> Cliff Blain</p>   | <p><b>Song Leader:</b> Dwain Chambers</p> <p><b>Invitation:</b> Bill Benton</p> <p><b>Closing Prayer:</b> James Ware</p>   |   |
| <b>FREE BIBLE STUDY BY MAIL</b>  | <b>MEET WITH US</b>  | <b>I JOHN 1:9</b>   |
| <p>If you would like to receive a series of Bible Study Lessons, send this request to:</p> <p><b>Sebring Parkway Church of Christ</b><br/>3800 Sebring Parkway<br/>Sebring, FL 33870</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>Age Range:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 0 - 10 yrs   <input type="checkbox"/> 11 - 17 yrs</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 18 - 50 yrs   <input type="checkbox"/> 51 - ?? yrs</p> | <p>Sunday Bible Study.....9:00 AM</p> <p>Sunday AM Worship.....10:00 AM</p> <p>Sunday PM Service.....6:00 PM</p> <p>Wednesday Bible Study....7:00 PM</p> <p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.sebringcoc.com">http://www.sebringcoc.com</a></p> <p><b>Email:</b><br/>sebringparkway@sebringcoc.com</p> <p>Office Hours: 9am-2pm M-F</p>  | <b>IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST, AND WILL FORGIVE OUR SINS AND CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS</b>   |