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The Saga of Harriet, the Frog

Two years ago, Harriet the Frog (then a tadpole) arrived at the Post Office in a plastic bag of blue water secured inside a Styrofoam cup. We put her in a tiny aquarium where she lived until she was a full-fledged frog. Watching the tail disappear while the legs steadily developed was fascinating—one of the wonders of God's creation.

All things bright and beautiful,
Creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.

After being transferred to a larger aquarium, Harriet continued to grow. Being an aquatic frog (native to Africa and South America), she attained her full size (about as big around as a silver dollar without ever being out of the water).

LESSON: Individuals function in various ways. Other frogs hop around on land; but Harriet would have died if out of the water for long. People function in different ways, too, like diverse parts of a body (see I Cor. 12:12ff).

About a year ago we decided Harriet could use some company. The instructions that came with her said "semi-aggressive" fish would be all right. We assumed this restriction was to keep the fish from picking on the poor little frog. How wrong we were! Four semi-aggressive fish became banquet-sized meals for Harriet the frog!

LESSON: Snap judgments aren't always accurate. Before deciding who's at fault, be sure you have all the facts (Johns 7:24).

The fourth fish was fatal for Harriet, it was so big she couldn't swallow it, and she choked to death.

LESSON: Greed and lust will get you into trouble. You can think you really want something, and when you get it, you don't want it after all. Amnon lusted for his half-sister, Tamar, until he raped her; then he hated her (II Sam. 13:1-5). Her brother, Absalom, killed him in revenge.

I'm sorry Harriet is gone. We'll probably get another aquatic frog before long. In the meanwhile, may all of us appreciate the lessons her life illustrated! Joseph A Slater

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** will be having more tests.
- ❖ **Elizabeth Tubbs** has a badly sprained ankle with soft tissue damage.
- ❖ **Betty Burton** is having vision problems due to her diabetes condition.
- ❖ **Chuck and Mary Jo Miller** have both been having health problems.
- ❖ **Bill and Barb Cole** both have sinus/bronchitis problems.
- ❖ **Dave Marcum** is recovering from surgery.
- ❖ **Betty Parker** has a nerve damage problem with her foot.
- ❖ **Dwain Chambers** is recovering from another surgery on his neck and receiving physical therapy.
- ❖ **Marvin McElwain** is in Royal Care Nursing Home, Room 121B in Avon Park and would appreciate visitors and calls. His Cell # is 664-9129, PLEASE CALL AFTER 9 PM & WEEKENDS. He would love to hear from you or see you.
- ❖ **Kathryn Taylor** is in Kenilworth Rehabilitation, Room 107, and would appreciate visits.
- ❖ **Helen Piety, Don and Elizabeth Ware** our shut-ins.

EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

- ❖ **Thomas Bush**, son of Clyde and Kitty, had a stroke.
- ❖ **Sylvia Figueroa** has a badly sprained foot.
- ❖ **Glenda Friend**, sister of Carol Johnson, is at home.
- ❖ **Cindy LaForte**, sister of Mary Welsh, **Rita Bridges**, sister of Linda Bridges, **Bob Loush**, friend of Bob Marie are all currently undergoing treatment for cancer.
- ❖ **John Malmberg**, father of Nancy Statler, recently had cataract surgery.
- ❖ **Anne Welsh**, mother of Wayne Welsh, has some general health problems.
- ❖ **Duane Click**, son of Jean Click had a stroke.
- ❖ **Pat Coleman**, a Sebring neighbor of the Atkins, is having problems with her blood pressure.
- ❖ **Gurney Tucker**, brother-in-law of Carl Adkins, is in the hospital recovering from surgery.

MISSION EFFORTS

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

Ladies Day

On February 3rd we will be having our annual Ladies Day from 9am-2pm. Ladies of all ages are urged to attend. Cindy Colley will be our speaker of the day. Invite someone to come with you.

Our Record: January 21, 2007

Bible Study	129
Sunday AM Worship	178
Sunday PM Worship	109
Contribution	\$4818
Wednesday Bible Study	124
Building Fund	\$50
Ukraine Building Fund	\$90
F.H. Gates	\$0
Special Mission – Guyana	\$0
World Bible Translation (Ladies Class)	\$0
Clothing Room/Pantry 01/25	27

Upcoming Birthdays



Beth Parker	01/29
Clyde Bush	01/30
Margaret Cole	02/01
Laura Ware	02/02
Kitty Bush	02/08
Betty Burton	02/09
Robert Lynch	02/09
John Roberts	02/09

Upcoming Anniversary

Carl & Della Martin	01/17
Gordon & Jeanette Smith	01/25

Visitors for January 21, 2007

Emma Tedrick	Jim & Sheila Sabo
Dalton Stroop	Edwin & Sandra Merrifield
Stan & Barb Dvorak	Paul & Mary Blue
Jack & Nancy Shepherd	James Roberts
Russell & Janet Burgett	Don & Lavone Coppage

A Few Words from Ken

The calendar pages are swiftly turning. In just over a week we'll head for Sebring, hoping to arrive there no later than Thursday the 8th so we can settle in and hit the ground running (I use that term loosely, you understand!!) on Sunday the 11th.

You are so fortunate to have several capable men there who can take care of the preaching. So many, many churches would envy you in this respect. I hope you'll be constantly thanking them for filling in these many weeks. I look forward to my association with these men. Too, I am proud of every young man who helped lead the service last Sunday night. We must urge these kids forward so they can become leaders in God's church.

Jan and I are doing well, although she has had a case of "walking pneumonia" for a couple weeks. This type of pneumonia is weird. She is not sick and has had no fever; just congestion in the lungs, with lots of coughing. We hope some warm Florida sunshine will help that! I am finished with physical therapy. My doctor has dismissed me and said, "Check back with me in about 18 months."

I've been reading this bulletin each week. The attendance looks so very good! To be in the 150's and 170's is so encouraging. The more I see, the more I am sure we can have over 300 there on March 4th. Be making your list right now of people you plan to have at your side that day. It'll be such a great day.
By Ken Joines

Preaching Schedule

1/28 Allen Barber AM & PM

2/4 Frank Parker AM & PM



Ladies Class Schedule



Jan. 30th the teacher will be Patty Massey, with the topic of *Percentage Giving*.

Clothing Room

On Thursday, 9-11am, the clothing room is open for the community. **On Jan. 25th the time will be changed to 4-6pm. We will this time change on the last Thursday of the month for a while.** 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.



Communion Sign-up

The sign up sheet for 2007 for communion preparation is on the bulletin board in the foyer. **Your help is needed. The months of March through December still need people to be willing to do this.**



CEO

The CEO will meet on Friday, February 2nd at 5:30pm at the Sunrise Restaurant in Sebring. All are invited to attend.

Bring a Friend or Neighbor Day

On March 4th we will have a special day to invite a friend or neighbor to attend church services with us. There will be a potluck dinner following the morning service.

From the Elders

The elders continue to search for a new evangelist. If you are aware of a candidate you would recommend, either ask the candidate to send us a resume by email to the church or Olin, or provide the candidate's name and contact information to Olin. It would be helpful to provide some background information and why you recommend the candidate. Ken Joines will be returning in February to assist us on an interim basis.



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
Individual Small Boxed Cereal

The Biblical Appeal for Unity

THE PRAYER

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou has sent me (Jn. 17:20,21).

THE PLEA

Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same things, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment (I Cor. 1:10)

THE PLAN

Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit, in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as yea are called in one hope your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. (Eph. 4:3-6).

SHEPHERDS

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

Dave Marcum385-8899
(Treasurer/ Administration)

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

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

DEACONS

Bill Benton453-6002
(Treasurer/Visitation)

Chris Fowler386-4661
(Youth Director/ Services Director/ Substitute Teacher Assignments/Sound Room)

Roger Gurganus453-3939
(Building & Grounds Maintenance (Outside)/ Transportation/ Communion)

Tracey Stalter471-9736
(Building Maintenance (Inside)/ Membership Directory/ Pews)

BJ Thomas385-7270
(Building Maintenance (Outside)/ Benevolence, Clothing Room)

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

Do You Know...

How to relieve tension without tranquilizers...

How to have peace and happiness in your home...

How to find out God's will for you.....

How to be happy and at peace in spite of trouble...

How to face sickness and trouble.....

How to get the most out of life.....

How to live abundantly....?

Read Your Bible!

SCHEDULED TO SERVE		ORDER OF SERVICE FOR MORNING WORSHIP												
<p style="text-align: center;">THIS SUNDAY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prepare Communion: Betty Parker</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Greeters: Ron Horton Bill Cole Bill Sweeton Barb Cole</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pick Up Cards: Forest Ritenour & Nicolas Stalter</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pick Up Communion Cups: Hayden Parker & Austin Ritenour</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sound Room: Don Ware</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Secure Building This Week: Don Ware</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Announcements: Paul Talbert</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Song Leader: Chris Fowler</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Opening Prayer: David Parson</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lord's Supper: Preside: Billy Nix Serve:</p> <p>1. Don Yost 4. Delbert Mason 2. Ben Shephard 5. Henry Hargrove 3. Bob Parnett 6. Bill Cole</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT SUNDAY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prepare Communion: Robert & Helen Underwood</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Greeters: Ron Horton David Parson Bill Sweeton Dianne Parson</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pick Up Cards: Austin Ritenour & Victor Oregon</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pick Up Communion Cups: Nathan Ramer & Joshua Fowler</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sound Room: Bill Benton</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Secure Building Next Week: Bill Benton</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Announcements: Tracey Stalter</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Song Leader: Jim Morris</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Opening Prayer: Robert Underwood</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lord's Supper: Preside: Clem Smith Serve:</p> <p>1. Robert Capps 4. Leon Tubbs 2. John Burton 5. David Parson 3. Troy Talbert 6. Herb Ellis</p>	<p>Announcements: Paul Talbert</p> <p>Song: 100/101 Holy Ground</p> <p>Opening Prayer: David Parson</p> <p>Song: 287 There Is a Redeemer</p> <p>Song: 382 Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?</p> <p>Communion Offering</p> <p>Song: 704 Bind Us Together</p> <p>Lesson: Allen Barber</p> <p>Invitation Song: 922 Jesus Paid It All</p> <p>Song: 739 God's Wonderful People</p> <p>Closing Prayer: Edison Green</p>												
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<p style="text-align: center;">FREE BIBLE STUDY BY MAIL</p> <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:</p> <p><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 style="text-align: center;">MEET WITH US</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 style="text-align: center;">Email: sebringparkway@sebringcoc.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Office Hours: 9am-2pm M-F</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Express Your Christianity</p> <p>IN THE HOME-by love and unselfishness.</p> <p>IN BUSINESS-by honesty and diligence.</p> <p>IN SOCIETY-by purity, courtesy, and humility.</p> <p>TOWARD THE WEAK-by helpfulness and patience.</p> <p>TOWARD THE WICKED-by overcoming the evil.</p> <p>TOWARD GOD-by reverence, love and obedience. <small>Via The Northern Light</small></p>												

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