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Convenient Religion

When I was a boy, attending church was not nearly as convenient as it is now. We often walked to church, the weather was sometimes bad, the roads muddy. We had no modern conveniences such as plumbing, electric power, etc. We had coal stoves. Our building was hot in summer and cold in winter. Pews were not padded, and no nurseries for crying babies. Revival meetings lasted two or three weeks and the preacher preached an hour or longer. We often had these meetings outside (cooler) and insects were *bad*. All of these things kept people away, right? *Wrong!* People came in great numbers. Conversions were many.

Obviously, we did not go to church because of these inconveniences. We were not attracted by hot buildings nor cold buildings, but neither did they keep us away.

Now we have nice buildings that have central air. We have padded pews and carpeted floors. We have well furnished nurseries. We have water fountains and nice restrooms. We preachers have learned to preach 25 to 30 minute sermons (some of us). We have fellowship halls and some have "family centers." All these things have increased interest and attendance, right? Wrong again!

I like conveniences as well as the next fellow, but I do not go to church because of convenience. Neither do you, nor the next person. We are here because of love and devotion to the God who loved us and saved us. We are absent because of a lack of these same things.

What's the point? Quit looking for gadgets and gimmicks to interest people in church. Lift up the cross of Christ. Bring men to love and respect God, and their obedience and service will follow.

via Your Friendly Visitor

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.
- ❖ **Kitty Bush** is suffering with shingles.
- ❖ **Betty Burton** is having vision problems due to her diabetes condition.
- ❖ **Dave Marcum** is home and recovering from surgery.
- ❖ **Herman Klahn** has been released from the hospital. His heart rhythm is doing better.
- ❖ **Dwain Chambers** is recovering from another surgery on his neck and receiving physical therapy.
- ❖ **Marvin McElwain** has been moved to the Royal Care Nursing Home, Room 121B in Avon Park and would appreciate visitors. He sends his love to us.
- ❖ **Kathryn Taylor** has been moved to Kenilworth Rehabilitation, Room 107, and would appreciate visits.
- ❖ **Mary Jo Miller** is having back problems.
- ❖ **Helen Piety, Don and Elizabeth Ware** our shut-ins.

EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

- ❖ **Bob Loush**, friend of Bob Maire, has cancer and requests prayer.
- ❖ **Thomas Bush**, son of Clyde and Kitty, had a stroke.
- ❖ **Cindy LaForte**, sister of Mary Welsh, has had her chemo treatments changed because of difficulties with the drugs.
- ❖ **Ken Joines** is home from the hospital after his knee surgery and is going to therapy during the week.
- ❖ **Glenda Friend**, sister of Carol Johnson, is at home.
- ❖ Glen and Joanne Wooters' son, **Carolyn Shook**, cousin of Betty Parker, shows some improvement, **Carol Underwood**, a neighbor of Chuck and Mary Jo, are all currently undergoing treatment for cancer.
- ❖ **Rita Bridges**, sister of Linda Bridges, has bone cancer.
- ❖ **Gurney Tucker**, brother-in-law of Carl Adkins, is in the hospital recovering from surgery.
- ❖ **Wayne Adkins**, brother of Carl Adkins, is improving following a heart attack.

MISSION EFFORTS

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

PRAYER

**True prayer does not begin
When we kneel
Nor does it cease
When we rise**

Our Record: January 7, 2007

Bible Study	106
Sunday AM Worship	152
Sunday PM Worship	98
Contribution	\$3627
Wednesday Bible Study	107
Building Fund	\$160
Ukraine Building Fund	\$55
F.H. Gates	\$0
Special Mission – Guyana	\$0
World Bible Translation (Ladies Class)	\$0
Clothing Room/Pantry 01/11	31

Upcoming Birthdays



Sue Morris	01/14
Carolyn Thomas	01/15
Nathan Ramer	01/15
David Parson	01/18
Delbert Mason	01/20
Harold Bridges	01/24
Helen Underwood	01/25

Upcoming Anniversary

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

Visitors for January 7, 2007

Jim & Thelma Sheets
Ray Fisch

The Promise and Blessings of Psalm 23

FAITH. The Lord is my shepherd

ASSURANCE. I shall not want

CONTENTMENT. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures

PEACE. He leadeth me beside the still water

LIFE ETERNAL. He restoreth my soul

LEADERSHIP. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

CONFIDENCE, COURAGE AND COMPANIONSHIP. Yea, though I walk through the Valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for thou art with me

COMFORT. Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me

PROVIDENCE. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies

FAVOR AND BLESSING. Thou anointest my head with oil

ABUNDANCE AND JOY. My cup runneth over

BLESSINGS. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life

IMMORTALITY. And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Preaching Schedule

1/14 Frank Parker AM
Singing Night PM
1/21 Frank Parker AM
Timothy Class PM



Ladies Class Schedule



Jan. 16th the teacher will be Patty Massey, with the topic of *Percentage Giving*.

Clothing Room

On Thursday, 9-11am, is when the clothing room is open for the community. **On Jan. 25th the time will be changed to 4-6pm for this week only.** 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.



Communion Sign-up

The sign up sheet for 2007 for communion preparation is on the bulletin board in the foyer. *Your help is needed. January and February are the only months with a volunteer listed.*



CEO

The CEO will meet on Friday, January 19th at 5:30pm at the Breadboard Restaurant in Wauchula. 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 pot luck 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 may return after he recuperates from his surgery to assist us on an interim basis. Local brethren will be asked to fill the pulpit in the meantime.



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

Sympathy

Sherry Brown, ex daughter-in-law of Harry and Carol Johnson, died early Sunday morning, January 7th.

Leonard Anderson, brother of Wayne Anderson died on Wednesday, January 10th.

Steve Rice, nephew of Mary Welsh, passed away recently. We extend our condolences to all of them and other family members.

Social

On January 20th, at 6PM, will be our first fellowship of 2007. It will be a birthday party for **EVERYONE** for the year. Please keep this date reserved and join us in a good time of fellowship. Bring finger foods, desserts, chips, dip and drinks. Group 1 will be in charge.

SHEPHERDS

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

Dave Marcum385-8899
(Treasurer/ Administration)

Olin Shinholser382-1060
(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)

Service is Joy

**I slept and dreamt
that life was all
joy.**

**I awoke and saw
that life was but
service.**

**I served and
understood that
service was joy.**

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 Allen Barber Bill Sweeton Marie Barber</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pick Up Cards: Forest Ritenour & Nicholas Stalter</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pick Up Communion Cups: Hayden Parker & Austin Ritenour</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sound Room: Tracey Stalter</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Secure Building This Week: Tracey Stalter</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Announcements: Bill Benton</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Song Leader: Olin Shinholser</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Opening Prayer: Billy Nix</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lord's Supper: Preside: Allen Barber</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Serve:</p> <p>1. Bill Cole 4. Robert Capps 2. Henry Hargrove 5. Telles Oregon 3. Bob Lynch 6. Don Yost</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT SUNDAY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prepare Communion: Betty Parker</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Greeters: Ron Horton Betty Abrams Bill Sweeton Amy Horton</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: Roger Gurganus</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Secure Building Next Week: Roger Gurganus</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Announcements: Harry Johnson</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Song Leader: Paul Talbert</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Opening Prayer: Don Ware</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lord's Supper: Preside: John Roberts</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Serve:</p> <p>1. Leon Tubbs 4. Troy Talbert 2. Edison Green 5. John Burton 3. Herb Ellis 6. Don Gunter</p>	<p>Announcements: BJ Thomas</p> <p>Song: 962 Were You There?</p> <p>Communion Song: 962 Were You There? Vs. 5 Offering</p> <p>Song: 409 Just a Closer Walk with Thee Opening Prayer: Billy Nix</p> <p>Song: 570 A Beautiful Life</p> <p>Song: 568 Jesus, Rose of Sharon</p> <p>Lesson: Frank Parker</p> <p>Invitation Song: 945 Kneel at the Cross Song: 957 This World Is Not My Home Closing Prayer: Robert Adams</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Closing Prayer: Bob Lynch</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday Evening</p> <p>Song Leader: Opening Prayer: Singing Night Clem Smith</p> <p>Lord's Supper: Closing Prayer: Allen Barber Tracey Stalter</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday Evening</p> <p>Song Leader: Invitation: Mike Tubbs John Roberts</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Closing Prayer: Chuck Miller</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Closing Prayer: Robert Capps</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday Evening</p> <p>Song Leader: Opening Prayer: Timothy Class Timothy Class</p> <p>Lord's Supper: Closing Prayer: John Roberts Timothy Class</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday Evening</p> <p>Song Leader: Invitation: Troy Talbert Carl Martin</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Closing Prayer: Clem Smith</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Reminder</p> <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 style="text-align: center;">Thank you for your cooperation.</p>
<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 _____ Address _____ _____</p> <p>Age Range: [] 0 - 10 yrs [] 11 - 17 yrs [] 18 - 50 yrs [] 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;">Be Like the Watch.....</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Have:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">An Open Face, Busy Hands, Full of Good Works, Pure Gold, and Well regulated.</p>

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