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## A WORD FROM KEN

It was a joy to be back with you last Sunday and we look forward to the coming weeks as we work together for the strengthening of the church in this city. My! it was wonderful to see all the new faces that were not here when we left the first of September. It will be a real challenge for Jan and me to get names and faces connected, so please be patient with us.

I've been thinking of all those people we refer to as "Winter Members". I just wonder if Florida churches really know how to appreciate these wonderful people. Among them are Sunday School teachers, Elders, Preachers and just good solid Christian people who happen to have chosen this place to spend the winter, and sometimes eventually to take up permanent residence. There is such strength represented among this number. I can't speak for everyone, but I can speak for me. So let me say to our Winter Members that I love you and appreciate your devotion to the Lord Jesus. I welcome the opportunity to work alongside each one of you. During the next two months I look forward to forming friendships that will last the rest of my life on this earth...and then some.

For those of you who do not yet know me, I renew to you my commitment to preach the word. If I know my heart, it is the same as that of the apostle Paul when he said his only desire among them was to preach "...Christ and Him crucified...".

Just two weeks from today! That's the time for our BIG DAY when we will see more than 300 in this house of worship. I already have a few people committed to be my guest that day. Do you?

---Ken Joines

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** requests prayers for her continued health problems.
- ❖ **Chuck and Mary Jo Miller** have both been having health problems.
- ❖ **Dale Spung** will have surgery this week for a hernia.
- ❖ **Dwain Chambers** is recovering from another surgery on his neck.
- ❖ **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 Highlands Regional, rm. 205.
- ❖ **Don Ware Sr.** will see a neurologist on the 28<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ **Helen Piety, Don and Elizabeth Ware** our shut-ins.

### EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

- ❖ **Heidi Jones**, mother of Hayden Parker, has a serious health problem requiring many blood transfusions.
- ❖ **Major Key**, grandnephew of Gwin Barnum has lost his eye sight. He is 2 years old.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Andrea Barret**, sister of Helen Underwood and her husband, **Euwing**, both have health problems.
- ❖ **Aimee Lawrence**, sister of Laura Ware, was injured recently as a result of a mugging. Her condition is improving.
- ❖ **Alisa Adkins**, daughter of Carl and Nancy Adkins, is having problems with her neck.
- ❖ **Becky Gates** is having chemo treatments.
- ❖ **Emily Powell**, great grandchild of the Parnetts, is going to have heart surgery this month. She is 2 years old.
- ❖ **Thelma Sheets' daughter Kim**, was involved in an automobile accident with a tractor trailer. Her condition has improved and she was released from the hospital.

### 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

### Okeechobee Lectureship

The church in Okeechobee will begin a lectureship today through Wednesday evening. Frank Parker will be speaking tonight at 6pm. More details are posted on the bulletin board.

### Gospel Meeting

The church in Arcadia starts their meetings today through Wednesday. See the bulletin board for more information.

## Our Record: February 11, 2007

Bible Study	138
Sunday AM Worship	205
Sunday PM Worship	137
Contribution	\$3826
Wednesday Bible Study	132
Building Fund	\$6
Ukraine Building Fund	\$25
F.H. Gates	\$0
Special Mission – Guyana	\$0
World Bible Translation (Ladies Class)	\$25
Clothing Room/Pantry 02/15	31



Ebert Cribbs	02/18
Betty Anderson	02/19
Lori Brockwell	02/24
Ronald Horton	02/24
James Ware	02/24



Vernon & Lois Olds	03/03
Edison & Carmi Green	03/05

### Visitors for February 11, 2007

Charles, Jade, Michael Koch	Jim & Thelma Sheets
Mary Shepard	Golda & Elmer Everts
Emma Tedrick	Joyce Hall
Bud & Sandy Merrifield	Stan & Barb Dvorak
Mickey Landon	Dick & Sharon Sears

### He Thought Nothing of Money

He paid \$250,000 for a house to live in for a few years upon this earth.

He thought nothing of money.

He paid \$30,500 for a car.

He thought nothing of money.

He paid \$1,800 for a big screen television set.

He thought nothing of money.

He paid \$800 for fishing gear

He thought nothing of money.

He paid \$1000 for a deer hunt.

He though nothing of money.

He paid \$30 per week for tobacco.

He thought nothing of money.

He gave \$5 whenever he went to church.

**He thought nothing of money!**

## Preaching Schedule

2/18 Ken Joines AM  
PM Roger Leonard



## Ladies Class Schedule



Feb. 20th the teacher will be Marie Barber, with the topic of *Joyful Noise*.

### Clothing Room

On Thursday, 9-11am, the clothing room is open for the community. **On the last Thursday of each month the time will be changed to 4-6pm.** 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. **Your help is needed. There are still some months that still need people to be willing to do this.**



## CEO

The CEO will meet on Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30pm at the Nichols Restaurant in Wauchula. All are invited to attend.

## Bring a Friend or Neighbor Day

On March 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Prayer Meeting

Group 3 will hold a prayer meeting for men and women of that group on Sunday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at the building.

## From the Elders

The elders wish to announce that on March 11<sup>th</sup>, Doug Yates and his wife Judy will be here for Doug to try out for the preacher position. He will be speaking to the combined morning adult Bible class as well as preaching on Sunday morning and Sunday evening. They will be here through the Wednesday night service.



**Due to the amount of goods donated by the scouts for our pantry with so many canned goods we do not need anything at this time. Thanks to all of you that helped the scouts with this project.**

## How Did It All Begin?

Travel back in time as far as the finite mind can conceive. What or "Who" is there?

Philosophers answer this question by referring to an Uncaused Cause, and Unmovable Mover, a Necessary Being behind all contingent beings, or an Ultimate Reality. Atheist's answer this question by denying the idea that there ever was a beginning or by saying things began with life being produced by lifeless matter.

Thankfully, the Bible provides us with a rational and encouraging answer. All things exist because almighty God **"made heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is"** (Ex. 20:11).

Consider Genesis 1 & 2. These two chapters not only begin the Bible, they relate to the origin of all things (they tell us how all things began). Interestingly, these two origin-related chapters use the name God forty-six times, the name Jehovah eleven times, and twenty-four additional pronouns relating to God (count taken from American Standard Version of 1901). Thus, eighty-one times in fifty-six origin-related verses, God is alluded to as **"the God that made the world and all things therein"** (Act 17:24).

Without doubt, Jehovah God, the God of the Bible, is **"a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that in them is"** (Acts 14:19). Dan Winkler

## Mugs and Muffins

On Saturday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> at 10am there will be a meeting of all ladies interested in the planning of the ladies day event for 2008.

## Prayers and cards request

Please send cards to Marsha Perrin, daughter of Dick and Sharon Sears, who are neighbors of the Gunters. Marsha is having surgery for cancer. Her address is:  
916 Washington Street  
Manted, NC 27954

## 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)

## Positive Prohibitions

**AVOID** those things which have a tendency in the wrong direction. (2 Thess. 5:22)

**AVOID** those things wherein our companionship is corrupted in morals. (1 Cor. 15:22)

**AVOID** that which may cause others to stumble. (Matt. 18:5)

**REFRAIN** from those things which will weaken us spiritually or create an inordinate fleshly appetite. (Rom. 13:14)

**REFRAIN** from those things which will weaken our influence. (1 Pet. 2:22, 12)

**AVOID** those things which would be weakening to the physical body. (1 Cor. 6:19, 20)

**AVOID** those activities which would make us unprofitable stewards of God. (1 Cor. 4:2)

<b>SCHEDULED TO SERVE</b>		<b>ORDER OF SERVICE FOR MORNING WORSHIP</b>												
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>THIS SUNDAY</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Prepare Communion:</b> Robert &amp; Helen Underwood</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Greeters:</b> Ron Horton                      Jim Morris Bill Sweeton                     Sure Morris</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pick Up Cards:</b> Austin Ritenour &amp; Victor Oregon</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pick Up Communion Cups:</b> Nathan Ramer &amp; Joshua Fowler</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sound Room:</b> Tracey Stalter</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Secure Building This Week:</b> Tracey Stalter</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Announcements:</b> Bill Benton</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Song Leader:</b> Don Gunter</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Opening Prayer:</b> Clem Smith</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lord's Supper:</b> <b>Preside:</b> Allen Barber</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Serve:</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT SUNDAY</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Prepare Communion:</b> Robert &amp; Helen Underwood</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Greeters:</b> Ron Horton                      Don Gunter Bill Sweeton                     Anne Gunter</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pick Up Cards:</b> Forest Ritenour &amp; Nicholas Stalter</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pick Up Communion Cups:</b> Hayden Parker &amp; Austin Ritenour</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sound Room:</b> Don Ware</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Secure Building Next Week:</b> Don Ware</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Announcements:</b> Harry Johnson</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Song Leader:</b> Paul Talbert</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Opening Prayer:</b> David Parson</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lord's Supper:</b> <b>Preside:</b> Robert Underwood</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Serve:</b></p>	<p>Announcements: Bill Benton</p> <p>Song: 539 Higher Ground</p> <p>Opening Prayer: Clem Smith</p> <p>Song: 624 We'll Work till Jesus Comes</p> <p>Song: 383 Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross</p> <p>Communion</p> <p>Offering</p> <p>Song: 916 What a Day That Will Be</p> <p>Lesson: Ken Joines</p> <p>Invitation Song: 948 I am Resolved</p> <p>Song: 736 To Christ Be True</p> <p>Closing Prayer: John Roberts</p>												
<p>1. Roger Gurganus    5. Bill Cole 2. Herb Ellis            6. Clyde Bush 3. Edison Green       7. Leon Tubbs 4. BJ Thomas           8. Robert Capps</p>	<p>1. Bob Lynch            5. Wayne McElwee 2. John Burton         6. Billy Nix 3. Bob Parnett         7. Telles Oregon 4. Dale Spung          8. Don Yost</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reminder</b></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: right;">Thank you for your cooperation.</p>												
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