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COUNTDOWN...

We're in the final stages now as we prepare for our *Bring You Neighbor* day. Next Sunday we expect to have at least 300 present in this room. This will happen because you have lovingly asked your friends and neighbors to come share this time of worship with you. If you have not invited someone, please do that. One never knows who might just be waiting for an invitation. They've thought about their need for God. They've even thought about visiting a few churches; but they wonder, "Would I be accepted there? Would I really feel welcome and wanted?" It might just be someone you'd least expect to attend church with you. Try it. Today.

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All of which reminds me of a story I heard about an elderly woman who walked into a church. The friendly usher greeted her and said, "Where would you like to sit?" "The front row, please." The usher said, "You might not like to do that. Our minister is really boring.", to which she responded indignantly, "Do you know who I am?" "No", he said. She said, "I am the minister's mother." The usher said, "Do you know who I am?" "No", she said. "Good", he said. They never saw the usher again.

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We'll have a lot of visitors next Sunday. Some will be first-time visitors. We'll want to concentrate on these because we want them to return. If they find us friendly and loving they'll likely return, otherwise, they'll look elsewhere.

Just where does friendliness begin? Actually it begins out yonder in the parking lot. Watch for new people to get out of their car. Greet them with a smile. Ask if they've been here before. If not, offer to show them in. See that they get a bulletin. Introduce them to others. Ask them to sit with you, unless they've come as someone else's guest. Tell them what a great place this is.

---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.
- ❖ **Herman Klahn** had a pacemaker put in his heart this past week.
- ❖ **Dale Spung** had hernia surgery Wed. and is at home.
- ❖ **Dwain Chambers** has continued neck problems.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Gwin Barnum** will have thyroid surgery March 7th.
- ❖ **Don Ware Sr.** will see a neurologist on the 28th.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Sylvia Figueroa's** foot is not healing and she requests prayers for personal problems as well.
- ❖ **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

Thank You Note

Dear Sisters:

Thanks so very much for your kindness in every way while I visited with you in Sebring. Your invitation and hospitality both honored me. I'm especially grateful to the Massy's for opening their home to me and for several hours spend providing transportation as well as a delicious meal. Please express to your elders my gratitude for the generous support.

I will pray for much good for His glory from your efforts.

Love, Cindy Colley. (PS Your "teapot chorus" was wonderful!)

Our Record: February 18, 2007

Bible Study	115
Sunday AM Worship	181
Sunday PM Worship	116
Contribution	\$3442
Wednesday Bible Study	123
Building Fund	\$340
Ukraine Building Fund	\$50
F.H. Gates	\$100
Special Mission – Guyana	\$0
World Bible Translation (Ladies Class)	\$0
Clothing Room/Pantry 02/22	23



Betty Abrams	02/26
Patty Massey	02/26
Mike Tubbs	02/27
Nicholas Stalter	03/01
Hilda Oregon	03/02
Herb Ellis	03/05



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

Visitors for February 18, 2007

Emma Tedrick	Bud & Sandy Merrifield
Stan & Barb Dvorak	Dick Seers
Mickey Landon	JR, Zandra & Katelynn Gossage
Paul & Barb Maynard	Roger Leonard and family

What Profit?

“For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?” (Matt. 16:26)

I want to ask you a question: What is a man profited in this world if he knows all about botany and does not have in his life the beauty of Jesus, the Rose of Sharon? What is a man profited if he can look through a telescopic lens and talk to you about astronomy if he does not know Jesus, the Bright and Morning Star, and Jesus, the Sun of Righteousness, with healing in His wings? What is a man profited if he knows all about the ages of the rocks and does not know the Rock of Ages?

**What will it profit, when life here is o'er,
Though gathering riches and fame,
If gaining the world I lose my own soul.
And in Heav'n unknown is my name**

Via Attalla Advocate

Preaching Schedule

2/25/18 Ken Joines AM & PM



Ladies Class Schedule



Feb. 27th 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.



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, March 2nd at 5:30pm at the Golden Corral in Lake Placid. 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.

Prayer Meeting

Group 3 will hold a prayer meeting for men and women of that group today at 5pm at the building.

From the Elders

The elders wish to announce that on March 11th, 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.

The Call to Nobility

Luke 6:32 reads, "You will be sons of the most high, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish!"

One of the striking things about Christian discipleship is that it is a call to the best, the highest, the noblest. No premium is placed on being "just average" or on "just being human." Instead we are challenged to rise above the human level to the divine. In other words, we are called on to be like God.

In this passage Jesus calls on us to rise above the lifestyle of sinners or those who follow the easy course. They love only those who love them; they are the ones who ask the question, "What's in it for me?"

One can see immediately how unlike God this is. He loves even those who curse his name; those who receive his daily grace and yet never stop to thank him; those who hate and despise all that is good, He loves them.

We are called on by Jesus to be sons and daughters of Him who loves like that. You say you can't do it? I can't either by myself; but with His help we can. How do I know? He does not demand the impossible he does ask that we rise above the average. Will you commit yourself to that task?

Jerry Fisher

Prayers and cards request

Please send cards to Marsha Perrin, daughter of Dick and Sharon Sears, who are neighbors of the Gunter's. Marsha is having surgery for cancer. Her address is:

916 Washington Street
Manted, NC 27954

Also include Richard Viggiano, a friend of Marjorie Vandivor who has lung cancer. His address is:

15 Point Rd.
Toms River, NJ 08753

SHEPHERDS

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

Dave Marcum385-8899
(Treasurer/ Administration)

Olin Shinholser382-1060
(Worship Services/ Education)

Paul Talbert385-3756
(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 Ware382-0194
(Special Mission Efforts/
Timothy Class)

What Does the Bible Say?

It strikes me as a strange circumstance that so many people lay claim to loving the Bible and holding it in high esteem, but know so little of its content. I am not complaining that people say they love the Bible, but I question the accuracy of the claim considering the treatment given it. It is not often read or studied with care, and there are so few who seem serious about writing its precepts upon their hearts and having it direct their path in life. Yet it still tells us (2Tim. 2:15), "***Study (give diligence) to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.***" C. McDonald

SCHEDULED TO SERVE		ORDER OF SERVICE FOR MORNING WORSHIP
<p style="text-align: center;">THIS SUNDAY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prepare Communion: Robert & Helen Underwood</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Greeters: Ron Horton Don Gunter Bill Sweeton Anne Gunter</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pick Up Cards: Forest Ritenour & Victor Oregon</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: Harry Johnson</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Song Leader: Paul Talbert</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Opening Prayer: Clem Smith</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lord's Supper: Preside: Robert Underwood</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Serve:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT SUNDAY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prepare Communion: Janice Nix & Nancy Adkins</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Greeters: Ron Horton Roger Gurganus Bill Sweeton Susan Gurganus</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pick Up Cards: Victor Oregon & Austin Ritenour</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: Olin Shinholser</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Song Leader: Jim Morris</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Opening Prayer: Allen Barber</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lord's Supper: Preside: Robert Adams</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Serve:</p>	<p>Announcements: Harry Johnson</p> <p>Opening Prayer: Clem Smith</p> <p>Song: 197 O 'Twas Wonderful Love</p> <p>Song: 126 The Lord My Shepard Is</p> <p>Song: 315 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</p> <p>Communion</p> <p>Offering</p> <p>Song: 884 Earth Holds No Treasures</p> <p>Lesson: Ken Joines</p> <p>Invitation Song: 926 What Will You Do With Jesus?</p> <p>Song: 738 Take the Name of Jesus With You</p> <p>Closing Prayer: Bill Cole</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Closing Prayer: Bill Cole</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday Evening</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Song Leader: Opening Prayer: Mike Tubbs Jim Morris</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lord's Supper: Closing Prayer: Robert Underwood Edison Green</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday Evening</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Song Leader: Invitation: James Ware Ken Joines</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Closing Prayer: Robert Gurganus</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Closing Prayer: Wayne Anderson</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday Evening</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Song Leader: Opening Prayer: Don Gunter Tracey Stalter</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lord's Supper: Closing Prayer: Robert Adams BJ Thomas</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday Evening</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Song Leader: Invitation: Troy Talbert Ken Joines</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Closing Prayer: Billy Nix</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 _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>Age Range:</p> <p>[] 0 - 10 yrs [] 11 - 17 yrs</p> <p>[] 18 - 50 yrs [] 51 - ?? yrs</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MEET WITH US</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>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;">And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Colossians 3:17</p>

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