



March 18, 2007

3800 Sebring Parkway
Sebring, FL 33870
(863) 385-7443

<http://www.sebringcoc.com>
sebringparkway@sebringcoc.com

FROM KEN TO YOU

I especially enjoyed last Sunday with Doug Yates speaking to us; also getting to spend some private time with him Monday and Tuesday. As you know, he is being seriously considered as our next minister. We just hope that positive things will develop to this end. Doug is a diligent and effective church builder who loves people, and is esteemed highly by those who know him best. He is a "people person" who comes across in a positive way.

oOo

Most of us are sometimes frustrated when we try to pronounce names of foreign origin. A Polish immigrant went to the Department of Motor Vehicles to apply for a driver license. First, of course, he had to take an eye test. The optician showed him a card with the letters: CZWIXNOSTACZ. "Can you read this?", the optician asked. "Can I read it?", the Polish man replied, "I KNOW the guy."

oOo

Did you notice that some of the wonderful people who were here for our "Friends & Neighbors Day" were back last Sunday? We hope they're here today, too. Please be sure to welcome all such people and make them want to return again and again. Help us to convince them that the Lord wants a place in their life. Look for opportunities to encourage and teach them. This is what we're about, you know!

In this connection, may I offer a word of appreciation and encouragement to those of you who are actively engaged in teaching the gospel to some who are attending. You know who you are. The Lord knows, to of course; and He will bless.

---ken joins

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.
- ❖ **Ben Shepard** is having 2 weeks of therapy on his neck and then will then be re-evaluated to see if surgery will be necessary.
- ❖ **Herman Klahn** is doing well following his pace maker implant.
- ❖ **Dale Spung** is at home and doing well. He will be on oral antibiotics for his condition.
- ❖ **Dwain Chambers** is waiting for approval for more surgery.
- ❖ **Marvin McElwain** is in back at Royal Care Nursing Home in Avon Park and welcomes visits and phone calls. His cell # is 644-9129. Please call after 9pm and anytime on weekends.
- ❖ **Gwin Barnum** is at home after having thyroid surgery.
- ❖ **Don Ware Sr.** will probably have to have a stint replaced soon.
- ❖ **Sterling Allen** fell and had to have 10 stitches above his right eye.
- ❖ **Helen Piety, Don and Elizabeth Ware** our shut-ins.

EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

- ❖ **Lane White** a neighbor of Betty Abrams has terminal cancer.
- ❖ **Major Key**, grandnephew of Gwin Barnum has regained some of 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, **Becky Gates**, and **Jim Lawrence**, a friend of John Roberts, are all undergoing treatment for cancer.
- ❖ **Andrea Barret**, sister of Helen Underwood and her husband, **Euwing**, both have health problems. Also her other sister, **Kate Kriss** is having surgery.
- ❖ **Heidi Jones**, mother of Hayden Parker had emergency surgery at Florida Hospital. She is doing okay now. Hayden is staying with Frank and Betty.
- ❖ **Alisa Adkins**, daughter of Carl and Nancy Adkins, is having problems with her neck and does not show much improvement.
- ❖ **Lisa Hartman**, niece of John Roberts, is having a difficult time with a pregnancy.
- ❖ **Lorena Gooding**, secretary at the congregation where the Morris's attend in the north has experienced the death of her aunt at the hands of her aunt's grandson.

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

Reminder

Group 3 will hold its monthly prayer meeting for men and women at 5pm on Sunday, March 25th.

Our Record: March 11, 2007

Bible Study	124
Sunday AM Worship	175
Sunday PM Worship	135
Contribution	\$3133
Wednesday Bible Study	115
Building Fund	\$58
Ukraine Building Fund	\$65
F.H. Gates	\$450
Special Mission – Guyana	\$0
World Bible Translation (Ladies Class)	\$65
Clothing Room/Pantry 03/15	25



Joanne Wooters	03/22
Bill Weaver	03/24
Marvin McElwain	03/25
Forest Ritenour	03/25
Paul Talbert	03/26
Frank Parker	03/26



Dave & Sandy Marcum	03/20
Joe & Oleta Wallis	03/23

Visitors for March 11, 2007

Charles & Shirley Oatts	Joy Barber
Bob Nall & family	Jack & Sheila Sabo
Stan & Barb Dvorak	Ann Reinwand
Doug, Judy and Daniel Yates	Gilbert Stitt
Fred & Totti Hupp	Gerald & Florence Scheffler
Leisa Perry	Travis & Shelvina Golden
Jayne & Joni Overfield	

Reach

REACH!----meaning “to stretch.” It implies an inconvenience. It involves movement. You can’t lean back, relax, get comfortable--- and then reach, without giving up some of the comfort (at least for a moment). Reaching involves a little extra effort to get to something you want. How much extra energy you are willing to spend depends on how badly you want what you’re reaching for. The more it means to you, the farther you are willing to stretch (even if it hurts).

It’s not convenient to “reach” up to God to find the hand He lovingly extends to us; or to reach out to other people who so desperately need to know someone cares. It’s not even easy to reach within ourselves to find out true feelings and values. But there is no more important way for us to spend our energy than to reach for a life that is pure, clean, and faithful to God. It may seem like a lot of trouble—but it’s worth it!

Tim Richardson

Preaching Schedule

3/18 Ken Joines AM
PM Singing Night



Ladies Class Schedule



March 20th the teacher will be Marie Barber.

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.

From the Elders

On March 11th, Doug Yates and his wife Judy were here for Doug to try out for the preacher position. The position was offered to him by the elders. At this time we are waiting to hear from him as to whether he is going to accept this position. Please continue to make this a matter of prayer.



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.

Frequent But Not Common

Bill Smith. There may be no name more common in the English language. In a seminary class, one professor related to us an event that happened his first day in college. This teacher possessed an uncanny command of the English language. It seemed that he always pulled out the most appropriate word for the occasion. On this, the first day of school, he was calling the roll. After recognizing each student he made some pertinent comment about his name—its history, meaning, or some historically related story. Finally, he came to Bill Smith. He said with a pause and in a reflective tone, "Bill Smith...this is a common name." Stirred from within, Bill arose from his seat and said in a loving but firm tone, "Sir, Bill Smith may be frequent but not common."

Who among us has not lived under the teacher's philosophy? Thinking there is nothing special about ourselves, we have concluded that we are common, everyday, ordinary. We then act in a common, everyday, ordinary way. Let us continually remind ourselves, that each one of us is a chosen person, a royal priest, a member of a holy nation, a person that belongs to God (1 Pet. 2:9). Augustine said that God loves each of us as though there were only one of us. Every day you awake, God has you specifically in mind. Look at the nature of God. Look especially at the cross. After a good hard look you will conclude that you may be frequent but you are not common in the sight of God.

Arthur Rawlings

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)

It is equally easy for God to supply our greatest as well as our smallest wants, to carry our heaviest as well as our lightest burden—just as the ocean bears the battleship as easily as it does the fisherman's vessel.



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 23rd at 5:30pm at Homers Restaurant in Sebring. All are invited to attend.

Building Debt

The balance on the building loan is now down to \$1575. The elders would like to see if it can pay it off by the end of the month. When the loan is completely paid off, we will have a mortgage burning party.

SCHEDULED TO SERVE		ORDER OF SERVICE FOR MORNING WORSHIP
<p style="text-align: center;">THIS SUNDAY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prepare Communion: Janice Nix & Nancy Adkins</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Greeters: Ron Horton Allen Barber Bill Sweeton Marie Barber</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: Don Ware</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Secure Building This Week: Don Ware</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Announcements: Roger Gurganus</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Song Leader: Don Gunter</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Opening Prayer: Billy Nix</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lord's Supper: Preside: Bill Benton</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 Clem Smith Bill Sweeton Margaret Smith</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pick Up Cards: Nicholas Stalter & Forest Ritenour</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pick Up Communion Cups: Hayden Parker & Austin Ritenour</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: Dave Marcum</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Song Leader: Paul Talbert</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Opening Prayer: Robert Adams</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lord's Supper: Preside: John Roberts</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Serve:</p>	<p>Announcements: Roger Gurganus</p> <p>Song: 19 Come Thou Almighty King Opening Prayer: Billy Nix</p> <p>Song: 113 His Grace Reaches Me</p> <p>Song: 328 Wounded for Me</p> <p>Communion Song: 700 More Love to Thee Offering</p> <p>Song: 452 Standing on the Promises Lesson: Ken Joines</p> <p>Invitation Song: 943 Do You Know My Jesus? Song: 646 Onward Christian Soldiers</p> <p>Closing Prayer: Carl Adkins</p>
<p>1. Delbert Mason 5. Bill Cole 2. Don Yost 6. Edison Green 3. Jim Morris 7. Carl Adkins 4. Clem Smith 8. Herman Klahn</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Closing Prayer: Carl Adkins</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday Evening</p> <p>Song Leader: Opening Prayer: Singing Night Robert Capps</p> <p>Lord's Supper: Closing Prayer: Bill Benton BJ Thomas</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday Evening</p> <p>Song Leader: Invitation: James Ware Ken Joines</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Closing Prayer: Troy Talbert</p>	<p>1. Telles Oregon 5. Henry Hargrove 2. James Ware 6. Bob Parnett 3. Robert Underwood 7. Herb Ellis 4. Clyde Bush 8. Robert Capps</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Closing Prayer: Harry Johnson</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday Evening</p> <p>Song Leader: Opening Prayer: Chris Fowler Jim Morris</p> <p>Lord's Supper: Closing Prayer: John Roberts Bill Cole</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday Evening</p> <p>Song Leader: Invitation: Troy Talbert Ken Joines</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Closing Prayer: Don Ware</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: right;">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: <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;">Anyone who is faithful in service to God; who is honest, fair, tolerant and charitable to others is a success regardless of his station in life.</p>