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Calculating the Profit

A man from the old country ran a small business in America. He kept his accounts payable in a cigar box, his accounts receivable on a spindle, and his cash in the cash register. His son said, "I don't see how you can run your business this way. How do you know what your profits are?"

The businessman replied, "Son, when I got off the boat, I had only the pants I was wearing. Today your sister is an art teacher, you brother is a doctor, and you are an accountant. I drive a new car, live in a fine home and enjoy a good business. Everything is paid for. So you add that up, subtract the pants, and there's your profit."

If you use the same wisdom to figure up your life, the profits are staggering. Let's see, the Bible says "*For we brought nothing into the world...*" (I Tim. 6:7). Now, you take what you have today, subtract nothing, and you have the total. That means that anything you have in your possessions right now is profit given you by God. Praise God for his blessings!

But God says, "No, that's not real profit. I have something better." If you are wise, you can trade in all this profit for more profit in the eternal kingdom. Christ said, "*What would it profit a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?*" (Matt. 16:26)

When we stand with the redeemed in the great day of judgment, how would we calculate our profit? We came to Christ with absolutely nothing we were in debt with our sin. He forgave our debt, then made us heirs with Christ of all His riches. Now there, my friend, is a profit.

David Lusk

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.
- ❖ **Dwain Chambers** is waiting for approval for more surgery.
- ❖ **Marvin McElwain** is at Royal Care Nursing Home in Avon Park, Room 119 and welcomes visits and phone calls. His cell # is 664-9129. Please call after 9pm and anytime on weekends. Marvin had a swallowing test Tuesday and passed. The feeding tube has been shut off for now and left in for a couple of months before removing to make sure everything is well.
- ❖ **Lori Barnett** has a frozen right shoulder and is going to be receiving therapy for a month.
- ❖ **Harlen Drew** is home from the hospital and is improving some everyday.
- ❖ **Helen Piety, Don and Elizabeth Ware** our shut-ins.

EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- ❖ **Lane White**, a neighbor of Betty Abrams, has died as a result of cancer.
- ❖ **Mary Welsh** had surgery on her foot this past week.
- ❖ **Reta Roff** is recovering from surgery.
- ❖ **Glenda Friend**, sister of Carol Johnson, is at home.
- ❖ **Cindy LaForte**, sister of Mary Welsh, **Rita Bridges**, sister of Linda Bridges, has developed more tumors, **Bob Loush**, friend of Bob Marie, **Rich Vendel**, nephew of Donna Roberts, **Becky Gates**, and **Jim Lawrence**, a friend of John Roberts, are all undergoing treatment for cancer.
- ❖ **Bonnie Coss**, sister-in-law of Della Martin, broke both of her legs.
- ❖ **Allie Hudson**, granddaughter of Rachel Capps, has a serious eye problem. She is 6 years old.
- ❖ **Lisa Hartman**, niece of John Roberts, is having a difficult time with a pregnancy.
- ❖ **James Roberts**, brother of John, has a very serious viral infection in his mouth and requests prayers.

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

Proverbs 3:5,6

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths.

Our Record: April 22, 2007

Bible Study	106
Sunday AM Worship	136
Sunday PM Worship	71
Contribution	\$2946
Wednesday Bible Study	NA
Building Fund	\$550
Ukraine Building Fund	\$0
F.H. Gates	\$0
Special Mission – Guyana	\$0
World Bible Translation (Ladies Class)	\$0
Clothing Room/Pantry 04/26	38



Bill Cole	05/02
Wayne Anderson	05/04
Janice Nix	05/07
Mary Frank Paschall	05/10



Chuck and Missy Jabas	05/02
George and Linda Henderson	05/11

Visitors for April 22, 2007

Robert and Doris Newcomer	Bruce and Linda Blanton
Anne Reinwand	Steve and Mary Roberson
Jim and Jo Miller	Bryant Brice

Less Traveled Roads

In his poem, "The Road Not Taken", Robert Frost closed with these lines:

*Two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.*

We are aware of the consequences which await big decisions. Choices like what job we will accept or whom we will marry will obviously have a huge and lasting impact on the courses our lives will take. But seemingly small decisions can have a big impact as well.

On the apostle Paul's second missionary journey, he had planned to go to Bithynia, but was prevented and went instead to Troas. There he found a ship going to Greece and took the Gospel to Europe for the first time.

On the other hand, when given a choice of which land he wanted, Lot "pitched his tent toward Sodom"---a decision which undoubtedly seemed less important to Lot and his family than it turned out to be. As our graduates begin to make more of their own decisions, I hope they will choose carefully the roads they travel in life. As they select from the alternative, I pray that they will not be afraid to choose, "the road less traveled by." It is usually the best! (Matthew 7:13-14)

via Jefferson St Church of Christ, Dallas TX



Preaching Schedule

4/29 AM Frank Parker
With Us or Against Us
PM Frank Parker Genesis 1

Ladies Class Schedule



May 1st the teacher will be Patty Massey.

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.

Help Needed

The Mount Dora Children's Home will be holding their Annual Food and Supply trip during the week of May 21-25, 2007. See the sheet on the bulletin board for a list of supplies that they need. Currently they provide 30 children with a safe home.

Email Corrections for Directories

Jim and Sue Morris:
jbsmorris@embarqmail.com
Allan and Marie Barber:
jam_barber@att.net

From the Elders

The elders have extended an offer to Jason Waller to be the pulpit preacher. He has accepted the offer and will begin here on June 3rd.

The Lure of The Good Enough

Someone has written, "There is no more insidious danger than the lure of the good enough." This is particularly true in the realm of the spiritual. Self-satisfaction is the mother of complacency. Complacency is the mother of sloth; and sloth brings condemnation.

Well did Paul warn Christians, "*For if anyone thinks himself to be something when he is nothing, he deceives himself*" (Gal 6:3). One who thinks he knows enough will cease to study. One who thinks he gives enough will not increase his giving. One who thinks he does enough will cease from doing.

The feeling that we are "good enough" is the grave of growth. Growth is the law of life, like Paul of old, we should rather say, "*I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus*" (Phil. 3:13-14).

Like an old Scotch preacher, we should pray: "Lord, keep me alive as long as I live." Let us not be seduced by "the lure of the good enough."

James W Adams

Area Meeting

Lake Street Church of Christ, in Stuart, will be holding their 14th Annual Anniversary for their Minister Henry McFadden on July 14th at 4pm. They will be having a gospel meeting July 15-19. See the bulletin board for further details.



CEO

The CEO will meet on Friday, May 4th at 5:30pm at the Tony's Restaurant in Sebring. All are invited to attend.

Prayer Meeting

Group 3 will be holding their monthly prayer meeting for men and women tonight at 5pm. The men will meet in classroom 1 in the sanctuary and the women will meet in the old fellowship hall in the educational building.

OOPS!

Anna Stalter's birthday was missed in last week's bulletin. Her birthday was 4/24.

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 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 Stalter.....471-9736
(Building Maintenance (Inside)/
Membership Directory/ Pews)

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

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

A Smile

A smile is such a funny thing,
It wrinkles up your face,
And when it's gone you have to find
It's secret hiding place.
But far more wonderful it is
To see what smiles can do;
You smile at one, he smiles at you and so one smile makes two.
And since a smile can do so much
By cheering hearts of care,
Let's all just keep on smiling,
Till smiles go everywhere!

SCHEDULED TO SERVE

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR MORNING WORSHIP

THIS SUNDAY

Prepare Communion:

Lori Brockwell and Patty Massey

Greeters:

Ron Horton Tracey Stalter
Bill Sweeton Nancy Stalter

Pick Up Cards:

Victor Oregon & Austin Ritenour

Pick Up Communion Cups:

Nathan Ramer & Austin Ritenour

Sound Room:

Roger Gurganus

Secure Building This Week:

Roger Gurganus

Announcements:

Dave Marcum

Song Leader:

Chris Fowler

Opening Prayer:

Robert Capps

Lord's Supper:

Preside:

Carl Martin

Serve:

NEXT SUNDAY

Prepare Communion:

Bob and Evelyn Parnett

Greeters:

Ron Horton Roger Gurganus
Bill Sweeton Susan Gurganus

Pick Up Cards:

Nicholas Stalter & Forest Ritenour

Pick Up Communion Cups:

Hayden Parker & Austin Ritenour

Sound Room:

Don Ware

Secure Building Next Week:

Don Ware

Announcements:

Harry Johnson

Song Leader:

Olin Shinholser

Opening Prayer:

Bill Benton

Lord's Supper:

Preside:

Dave Marcum

Serve:

Announcements: Dave Marcum

Song: 123 Steadfast Love of the Lord

Song: 108 The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Opening Prayer: Robert Capps

Song: 578 We Will Glorify

Song: 325 Boundless Love

Communion

Offering

Song: 238 You Are the Song That I Sing

Lesson: Frank Parker

Invitation Song: 902 Nothing But the Blood

Song: 474 Thank You, Lord

Closing Prayer: Clem Smith

Reminder

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.

Those serving are asked to be here at least 10 minutes before the service starts.

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.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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| 1. James Ware | 4. Herb Ellis |
| 2. Wayne Anderson | 5. Don Yost |
| 3. BJ Thomas | 6. Bob Parnett |

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| 1. Dale Spung | 4. Clem Smith |
| 2. Bill Cole | 5. Carl Martin |
| 3. Leon Tubbs | 6. Tracey Stalter |

Closing Prayer:

Clem Smith

Sunday Evening

Song Leader: **Opening Prayer:**

Paul Talbert Dale Spung

Lord's Supper: **Closing Prayer:**

Carl Martin Tracey Stalter

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: **Invitation:**

Don Ware Gordon Smith

Closing Prayer:

James Ware

Closing Prayer:

Wayne Anderson

Sunday Evening

Song Leader: **Opening Prayer:**

Robert Capps Gordon Smith

Lord's Supper: **Closing Prayer:**

Dave Marcum Dwain Chambers

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: **Invitation:**

Mike Tubbs Paul Talbert

Closing Prayer:

Troy Talbert

FREE BIBLE STUDY BY MAIL

If you would like to receive a series of Bible Study Lessons, send this request to:

Sebring Parkway Church of Christ
3800 Sebring Parkway
Sebring, FL 33870

Name _____

Address _____

Age Range:

0 - 10 yrs 11 - 17 yrs

18 - 50 yrs 51 - ?? yrs

MEET WITH US

Sunday Bible Study.....9:00 AM

Sunday AM Worship.....10:00 AM

Sunday PM Service.....6:00 PM

Wednesday Bible Study....7:00 PM

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**The more of
Heaven in our
lives, the less
of earth we
covet.**