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AWOL From the Lord's Army

Mounting the pulpit and facing the congregation Sunday evening, my eyes were flooded with a sickening and saddening spectacle. That which only hours before had taken on the appearance of one great united and conquering army, now bore close resemblance to some ragtag outfit in full retreat.

What a change for the worse had overtaken this army in the space of a few short hours! Half of the regiment had gone over to the enemy, had remained in their tents on a pass, or had been slain in battle. To what did these missing troops fall victim?

I dare say some of them fell victim:

TO A DIVIDED LOYALTY AND ALLEGIANCE. They simply had never made up their minds fully to give themselves completely, finally, and irrevocably to God.

BECAUSE OF A PREFERENCE FOR CONVENIENCE ABOVE CONVICTION. Have you ever known or heard of a case where some Christian offered apology or made excuse for attending all the services of the church! No! Christians make no apology for following a course they know that is right. Why then do some fail to follow the course charted by conviction? The cry of self-will gives answer. "I just didn't want to. It didn't please me". How utterly contrary to the spirit of Christ is such an attitude.

TO LOVELESS UNCONCERN FOR THE CHURCH. Jesus loved the church and gave himself for it (Eph. 5:25). He was willing to suffer for it...die for it. But the missing recruit is unwilling to spare even so much as a few moments of his time to support the church with his presence.

TO THE SIN OF OMISSION. "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him, it is sin." (James 4:17) via Middlesboro, KY

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. They will be gone until the middle of June.
- ❖ **Dwain Chambers** is waiting for approval for more surgery.
- ❖ **Della Martin** had cataract surgery this past week.
- ❖ **Sue Morris** torn a ligament in her knee.
- ❖ **Barb Cole** has a problem with swelling in her leg.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Carol Johnson** has a problem with her back.
- ❖ **Sylvia Figueroa** is recovering from surgery on her hand.
- ❖ **Lori Barnett** has a frozen right shoulder and is going to be receiving therapy for an indefinite time period.
- ❖ **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

- ❖ **Mary Welsh** had surgery on her foot this past week.
- ❖ **Reta Roff** is recovering from surgery.
- ❖ **Mealdine Principi**, a former member, is in the hospital in Dallas, TX with a severe heart condition.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Wallace and Dorothy Maxwell**, parents of Brenda Shinholser, both experiencing declining health issues.
- ❖ **Charles Shinholser**, father of Olin, had a skin melanoma removed this past week.
- ❖ **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.

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.

Our Record: April 29, 2007

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| Bible Study | 86 |
| Sunday AM Worship | 122 |
| Sunday PM Worship | 65 |
| Contribution | \$2630 |
| Wednesday Bible Study | 77 |
| Building Fund | \$0 |
| Ukraine Building Fund | \$105 |
| F.H. Gates | \$450 |
| Special Mission – Guyana | \$0 |
| World Bible Translation (Ladies Class) | \$25 |
| Clothing Room/Pantry 05/03 | 27 |



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| Janice Nix | 05/07 |
| Mary Frank Paschall | 05/10 |
| Rachel Fowler | 05/13 |
| Wayne McElwee | 05/15 |



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| George and Linda Henderson | 05/11 |
| Jim and Carolyn Coleman | 05/15 |

Visitors for April 29, 2007

Cam and Charlotte Usher
Ray Fisch

Walking, Talking Bibles

Members of Churches of Christ were once known for their knowledgeable acquaintance with the Scriptures.

Years ago a court convened in West Tennessee and the time came for the first witness to be sworn in. The swearing in called for him to place one hand on a Bible, lift the other in the air and repeat the oath to tell the truth. But no one could find a Bible. The judge was not fazed at all. He asked if there was a member of the "Church of Christ" in the courtroom. A man on the jury raised his hand. Quick as a wink the judge instructed, "Then have the witness place his hand on the head of that man and take the oath. Members of Churches of Christ know the Bible cover to cover. This fellow-citizen will be our Bible until a real one is found."

True story? Maybe so; maybe not! But the very appearance of the story tells us something. It tells us that there was a time when "we" knew the book. Yes, even from cover to cover.

Would there be occasion today for such an event to occur or is our reputation such as to suggest even the making up of such a story?

H-m-m-mmm.

Max Johnson

Condolences

Helen Underwood's brother-in-law, **Ewing Barrett**, passed away last week after a long illness.

Eleanor Mason died on Thursday, May 3rd as the result of an auto accident. See the insert in the bulletin for further information.

Pray for all of these families in their time of sorrow.



Preaching Schedule

AM Frank Parker **What Is T-O-D-A-Y** (a challenge to youth)

PM Frank Parker **The Beginning-Acts 3**

Ladies Class Schedule



May 8th the teacher will be Laura Ware.

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 Correction for Directories

Gwin Barnum:
ptbarnum@embarqmail.com



Vacation Bible School

The dates for VBS are Sunday 6:00 – 7:30pm and Monday - Tuesday, 7:00-8:30 pm, June 10-12th. Be inviting others to join in this fun time. This will be for ages 0 – completion of 5th grade.

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.

Don't Swat That Bee!

I read this quotation in *Reader's Digest*: "It isn't so much how busy you are; but why you are busy. The bee is praised. The mosquito is swatted." That sounds good, but I've known a few bees that got swatted as well.

In the church, we have our share of bees and mosquitoes. Some people work at building the church, while others expect the church to exist for their physical needs. One gives honey; the other sucks the lifeblood from the body. One group wants to serve, and the other wants to be served.

Unfortunately, the bee often gets swatted. Those doing much of the work of the church are criticized because they didn't do it the way someone else thought it should be done. Others are criticized because the lesson they worked hard to prepare wasn't interesting enough to suit another, and perhaps others are "swatted" in that they visited the wrong people (meaning not the one doing the swatting).

Let's protect the bee. We certainly don't want him to become an endangered species. In fact, while we are at it, let's change a few mosquitoes into bees. That's something we can do that science can't!

Robert T Oliver

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 11th at 5:00pm at the Hoosier's Restaurant in Spring Lake. All are invited to attend.



Socials

Tonight, following the evening service, we will have a finger food fellowship to honor our two graduates for 2007. They are Julie Oregon and Jody Rugenstein. Come and bring finger foods, desserts and drinks.

On June 3rd, following the morning service, we will have a pot luck dinner to welcome the Waller family. Make your plans to be here for this special occasion.

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)

Before the Beginning of Time

Before the beginning of time, God was,
And His Son was there with Him then.
Before the beginning of time, God planned
It's secret hiding place.
For a world and all things within.
Before the beginning of time, God knew
That His created man would sin.
Before the beginning of time, God made
A way to redeem fallen men.
Before the beginning of time, God gave
His Son over sin's power to win.
Before the beginning of time, God loved,
And his love continues always.

Adapted from Verna Mitchell

SCHEDULED TO SERVE

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR MORNING WORSHIP

THIS 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 This Week:

Don Ware

Announcements:

Harry Johnson

Song Leader:

Olin Shinholser

Opening Prayer:

Bill Benton

Lord's Supper:

Preside:

Dave Marcum

Serve:

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

Closing Prayer:

Wayne Anderson

Sunday Evening

Song Leader:

Robert Capps

Opening Prayer:

Gordon Smith

Lord's Supper:

Dave Marcum

Closing Prayer:

Dwain Chambers

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader:

Mike Tubbs

Invitation:

Paul Talbert

Closing Prayer:

Troy Talbert

NEXT SUNDAY

Prepare Communion:

Bob and Evelyn Parnett

Greeters:

Ron Horton Bob Parnett
Bill Sweeton Evelyn Parnett

Pick Up Cards:

Victor Oregon & Austin Ritenour

Pick Up Communion Cups:

Nathan Ramer & Forest Ritenour

Sound Room:

Chris Fowler

Secure Building Next Week:

Chris Fowler

Announcements:

Tracey Stalter

Song Leader:

Don Gunter

Opening Prayer:

Dale Spung

Lord's Supper:

Preside:

Bill Benton

Serve:

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| 1. Robert Capps | 4. BJ Thomas |
| 2. Herb Ellis | 5. Telles Oregon |
| 3. Roger Gurganus | 6. Bob Parnett |

Closing Prayer:

Dave Marcum

Sunday Evening

Song Leader:

Singing Night

Opening Prayer:

Carl Martin

Lord's Supper:

Bill Benton

Closing Prayer:

Cliff Blain

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader:

James Ware

Invitation:

Gordon Smith

Closing Prayer:

Dave Marcum

Announcements: Harry Johnson

Song: 585 Lean on His Arm

Opening Prayer: Bill Benton

Song: 509 I Will Sing the
Wondrous Story

Song: 375 Oh, the Depth and the
Riches

Communion

Song: 664 Take My Life (vs. 4)

Offering

Song: 659 I Love to Tell the Story

Lesson: Frank Parker

Invitation Song: 662 All to Jesus
I Surrender

Song: 705 A Common Love

Closing Prayer: Wayne Anderson

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.

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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Sometimes the Lord calms the storm; sometimes He lets the storm rage and calms His child.