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Reflections

Just like the sun reflects off of the ocean so should the "Son" reflect off our life.

Do you remember the first time you heard the words in Genesis 1:1-5, **"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. 3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning--the first day."**? What about a time when you felt the way David felt when he wrote Psalms 42:1-2, **"As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?"** Do you remember the first tear you shed when you began to realize that God was speaking to you in the words of John 3:16, **"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."**

In my Christian walk there have been times when I felt the hand of God in my life and a closeness that only comes through devoted service. During those times...I feel so connected to the Lord...my Bible is a source of anticipation and excitement...and my prayer life is vibrant and strong! I have also found myself far away from the hand of God...longing...thirsting...for His presence once again! It was not that God left me...but I stepped away from Him! The fire in my heart was replaced with guilt and unsatisfied expectations! I am sure we have all found ourselves farther away from God than we want to be! It is at those times in our lives when we should dig deep and bring ourselves back to the throne of God!

I am sure that Peter felt far away from the Savior as he half heartedly fished in the account we read of in John 21. He had denied Jesus...turned his back on his friend and savior...Peter did what he said he would never do! Peter probably felt beaten and ashamed as he decided to go fishing. I wonder if he thought to himself, "No more miraculous catch of fish." Maybe he didn't care about catching fish! Maybe he was just trying to take his mind off of the disappointment and guilt that he probably felt. All we do know is that Jesus did show up...He provided a net full of fish...and had some fish waiting for them on the fire! Peter was filled with such emotion that he jumped off the boat to get to Jesus sooner! He found forgiveness and redemption that day!

For those of us who can identify with Peter...The Lord is ready to fill us up and give us the abundance of His love! To receive this gift from God we must come to Him! It was Jesus who said in Matthew 11:28-30, **"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."**

Jason Waller

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 20:7). 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.
- ❖ **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. He can now have visitors again.
- ❖ **Delbert Mason** had a five bypass heart surgery and is doing well. He has gone to rehab. Contact information is on the bulletin board.
- ❖ **Linda George** had surgery on her hand on May 29th, and is doing well.
- ❖ **Lori Barnett** has a frozen right shoulder and is going to be receiving therapy for an indefinite time period.
- ❖ **Marcus Piety** recently had carpal tunnel surgery.
- ❖ **Helen Piety, Don and Elizabeth Ware** our shut-ins.

EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- ❖ **Mealdine Principi**, a former member, has a heart condition and her condition continues to deteriorate.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Mary Bellow**, mother of Anne Gunter, is in Kenilworth for a few weeks with a broken arm.
- ❖ **Wallace and Dorothy Maxwell**, parents of Brenda Shinholser, both experiencing declining health issues.
- ❖ **Charles Shinholser**, father of Olin, will have another procedure done on May 29th and everything went well.
- ❖ **Lisa Hartman**, niece of John Roberts, is having a difficult time with a pregnancy.

MISSION EFFORTS

- ❖ **Anil Tejpaal and family** in Guyana.
- ❖ **Vovo Shoot and family and Dema Galook and family** in Chernovtsy.
- ❖ **F. H & Becky Gates** in Brazil.

PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

Canned meats	Tuna Fish	Chili
Chicken & Dumplings	Beef Stew	Crackers
Peanut Butter and Jelly	Macaroni and Cheese	
Canned Ravioli and Spaghetti		

Our Record: May 27, 2007

Bible Study	87
Sunday AM Worship	120
Sunday PM Worship	59
Contribution	\$2301
Wednesday Bible Study	78
Building Fund	\$0
Ukraine Building Fund	\$0
F.H. Gates	\$0
Special Mission – Guyana	\$50
World Bible Translation (Ladies Class)	\$0
Clothing Room/Pantry 05/31	23



Anne Headley	06/04
Linda Bridges	00/06
Magdaleno Oregon	06/06
Clem Smith	06/13




Don and Elizabeth Ware	06/08
Marcus and Helen Piety	06/10
Don and Anne Gunter	06/14
Olin and Brenda Shinholser	06/15

Visitors for May 27, 2007

Ray Fisch	Doug Horton and family
Anne Reinwand	Jim and Jo Miller
Vaughn Dobalian	Murray and Gail Benton
Keith Moss and family	

Coming Soon--Vacation Bible School

 The dates for VBS are June 10th-12th. Sunday hours are 6:00 –7:30pm and Monday – Tuesday times are 7:00-8:30 pm. Be inviting others to join in this fun time. This will be for ages preschool – completion of 3rd grade.

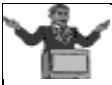
Directory Corrections

John and Betty Burton
Zip code 48532

Dwain and Jeanette Chambers
2817 East Oakwood Dr
Avon Park, FL 33825
863-386-0480

Ukraine Update

Frank and Betty Parker will be leaving on Wednesday, the 6th, to go to Chernovtsy and will return on the 16th. They will be checking the progress of the new building as well as encouraging the brethren in their spiritual progress and evangelism. Please keep them in your prayers for this trip.



Preaching Schedule

AM
PM

Ladies Class Schedule



The Ladies Class will not be meeting weekly again until September.

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 some months that still need people to be willing to do this.

Mission Trip

Don Ware, James Ware and Harry Johnson will be going on a mission trip in July to Guyana. Keep praying for this mission trip that many people will be reached for Christ.

Come Unto Me Matthew 11:28

C stands for Children

O stands for Old people

M stands for Middle-aged people

E stands for Everybody

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.

Social

Today, following the morning service, we will have a pot luck dinner to welcome the Waller family. All are invited to stay for this special occasion. There is no group in charge for this event so all groups need to help with the set up and cleanup operations.

As a Baby Rights Sleep

When a child cries, it is for a reason. Though the reason may not be as apparent as pain, hunger, or discomfort, there is a reason. New parents often are perplexed by their baby's crying before sleep. I have noticed that when a baby reaches that stage of unpacifiable crying it is then that the child is closest to sleep. I do not know why, I just have made the observation. How ironic it is that entrance into peaceful rest is preceded by such a period of turmoil. But have we not seen this spiritually?

When we have an overwhelming feeling of uncleanness, we must be careful not to think that all is lost. It is that moment that we may be closer to understanding our dependence upon God than at any other time.

We often talk about the heartache that is caused by one's desire to sin, but when examined closely, the heartache is not caused by one's desire to sin but by one's desire to do the right thing. We feel bad when we sin because we want to do what is right.

In Psalm 32, David was a man who was overwhelmed because he desired to do good but had sinned against God. When he did not confess his sin, he said that his bones felt like they were "waxed old" because "day and night thy hand was heavy upon me."

When we are burdened with guilt, let us not conclude that all is without hope, for that which makes us feel so unclean is also that which gives us cause for hope. When you hurt, do not give up for you are probably close to God than you think. Your pain tells you that you want to come back to God. Come home. Mel Martin

James 4:7-8

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts ye double minded.

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)

Why Sing?

It is the only activity of the assembled church which is eternal.

In heaven, there will be no Lord's Supper—we will be with the living Lord. In heaven, there will be no need for prayer—we will see and talk with Him face to face. In heaven, the gospel will not be preached—only the saved will be there. In heaven, no contributions will be taken—riches are abundant and unlimited.

But in heaven, we will gather around our God and sing praises to Him (Rev. 15:3).

In light of this, don't you think it would be well for you to practice singing? Even if the Lord had not directed us to sing, the spirit of happy, forgiven and redeemed people will burst forth in song. Via Fort Worth, TX

SCHEDULED TO SERVE

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR MORNING WORSHIP

THIS SUNDAY

Prepare Communion:

Della Martin

Greeters:

Ron Horton June Hackbart
 Bill Sweeton Betty Abrams

Pick Up Cards:

Nicholas Stalter & Forest Ritenour

Pick Up Communion Cups:

Hayden Parker & Austin Ritenour

Sound Room:

Roger Gurganus

Secure Building This Week:

Roger Gurganus

Announcements:

Olin Shinholser

Song Leader:

Mike Tubbs

Opening Prayer:

Bill Benton

Lord's Supper:

Preside:

Robert Capps

Serve:

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| 1. Telles Oregon | 4. Tracey Stalter |
| 2. Dale Spung | 5. Bob Parnett |
| 3. James Ware | 6. John Ware |

Closing Prayer:

Wayne Anderson

Sunday Evening

Song Leader:

Chris Fowler

Opening Prayer:

Gordon Smith

Lord's Supper:

Robert Capps

Closing Prayer:

Cliff Blain

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader:

John Ware

Invitation:

Jason Waller

Closing Prayer:

Bill Sweeton

NEXT SUNDAY

Prepare Communion:

Della Martin

Greeters:

Ron Horton Clem Smith
 Bill Sweeton Margaret Smith

Pick Up Cards:

Victor Oregon & Austin Ritenour

Pick Up Communion Cups:

Nathan Ramer & Forest Ritenour

Sound Room:

BJ Thomas

Secure Building Next Week:

BJ Thomas

Announcements:

Olin Shinholser

Song Leader:

Paul Talbert

Opening Prayer:

Robert Capps

Lord's Supper:

Preside:

Carl Martin

Serve:

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| 1. Troy Talbert | 4. John Roberts |
| 2. Leon Tubbs | 5. Herb Ellis |
| 3. Roger Gurganus | 6. Harry Johnson |

Closing Prayer:

Chris Fowler

Sunday Evening

Song Leader:

Olin Shinholser

Opening Prayer:

Clem Smith

Lord's Supper:

Carl Martin

Closing Prayer:

Bob Parnett

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader:

Troy Talbert

Invitation:

Jason Waller

Closing Prayer:

John Roberts

Announcements: Olin Shinholser

Opening Prayer: Bill Benton

Song: 337 Hallelujah! What a Savior

Communion

Offering

Song: 626 Christ for the World We Sing

Song: 548 The Lily of the Valley

Song: 544 Without Him

Song: 791 On Bended Knee

Lesson: Jason Waller

Invitation Song: Jesus, the Loving Shepherd

Song: 414 Anywhere with Jesus

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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A trying
time is no
time to
quit
trying.