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# Reflections

When I lived in Baird, Texas, a group of men would meet every morning to drink coffee and socialize at a local café in Baird. The topics of discussion ranged from religion to the stock market and almost everything in between. To the casual observer it would seem that it was just a bunch of men getting together to pass time, but they would fail to realize that the men sitting around that table were sharing their lives with one another. I remember those mornings at the coffee shop being a time where we would laugh together but it was also a time to encourage one who may be having a difficult time. I realized this when one of the regulars had to go to Lubbock, TX, to be with his mother while she was in the hospital. He called the café almost daily to let everyone know how she was doing and to check on everyone else.

Driving back from my time with this group of men one day I began to think about the connection that we should have in the church. According to Acts 2 the early church met together regularly... *“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”* Acts 2:42-47

As we strive to be a light in this dark world let us remember to be a light to our brothers and sisters in Christ as well! Invite someone into your home...go to dinner with a church member...sit down and drink a cup of coffee or tea! It is not just passing the time it is taking an opportunity to share in the lives of one another and acquaint ourselves with another child of God!

May God bless your life richly!

Jason

*“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”* Matthew 5:14-1

**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

- ❖ **Russell Swihart** recently had a knee replacement surgery and is having therapy at home.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Delbert Mason** is at home now. He thanks everyone for their cards and prayers. He will be having some home health care for a while.
- ❖ **Sue Morris** is doing well following her knee surgery. She wants to thank all for their cards and prayers.
- ❖ **Lori Barnett** has a frozen right shoulder and is going to be receiving therapy for an indefinite time period.
- ❖ **Edison Green** will be seeing a pulmonary doctor concerning a cyst on his lung later this month.
- ❖ **Helen Piety, Don and Elizabeth Ware** our shut-ins.

## EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- ❖ **Mealdine Principi**, a former member, is out of ICU and in a regular room now.
- ❖ **Loye McRae**, brother-in-law of Gwin Barnum, has been given six months to live.
- ❖ **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, **Becky Gates**, **Jim Lawrence**, a friend of John Roberts, and **Jayne Davis**, friend of BJ & Carolyn Thomas, are all undergoing treatment for cancer.
- ❖ **Heather** delivered a baby girl the first of last week.
- ❖ **Mary Bellow**, mother of Anne Gunter, is in Kenilworth for a while with a broken arm.
- ❖ **Lisa Hartman**, niece of John Roberts, delivered twin boys. Mother and boys are doing fine. She thanks everyone for their prayers.

## MISSION EFFORTS

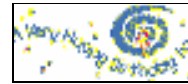
- ❖ **Anil Tejpaal and family** in Guyana.
- ❖ **Vovo Shoot and family and Dema Galook and family** in Chernovtsy.
- ❖ **F. H & Becky Gates** in Brazil.

## PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

Our pantry is getting bare in places. Instead of putting a list in the bulletin, there is list on bulletin board in the hallway. Please check off the items that you will bring. Remember, we can only give out what we have. Since we are in the hurricane season, we need a good supply on hand. Your cooperation in this will be greatly appreciated by those using our services.

## Our Record: June 24, 2007

Bible Study	73
Sunday AM Worship	112
Sunday PM Worship	61
Contribution	\$1938
Wednesday Bible Study	73
Building Fund	\$0
Ukraine Building Fund	\$0
F.H. Gates	\$0
Special Mission – Guyana	\$0
World Bible Translation (Ladies Class)	\$0
Clothing Room/Pantry 06/28	



Hunter Ritenour	07/01
Anne Gunter	07/03
Hayden Parker	07/04
Linda Cochran	07/07
Vernon Olds	07/07
Emily Waller	07/08
Brenda Shinholser	07/10



Jack and Nancy Sheperd	07/02
BJ and Carolyn Thomas	07/06

## Visitors for June 24, 2007

Kelsey and Jared Keefe	Kevin and Sharon Skeeles
Anne Reinwand	Taylor Hedrick
Ray Fisch	Charles Smith
Cam and Charlotte Usher	Mary Antanavica

## Immediate or Imminent?

First Peter 4 warns against confusing *immediacy* with *imminence* in looking for the Lord's return and the day of judgment. The apostle Peter knew no more about the time of the Lord's return than does anyone today, but he knew the fact and certainty of it. Jesus said no one knows the exact moment of His return. He counseled us to "watch," not to "guess". His coming may not be today or tomorrow, as we count time; but whenever He comes it will be with suddenness. Our need is not to set dates but to set our lives in order so that whenever the Lord suddenly comes we will be ready. Practically speaking, His return is not farther away for any individual than the length of that person's own lifetime. One's eternal destiny is sealed at his death, so we should live life with that sobering thought in mind. John T. Smithson

## July 4<sup>th</sup> Get Together

Wednesday, starting at around 10:00 am, all are invited to go to the home of Leon and Ruth Tubbs for their annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July party. Bring hot dogs or hamburgers to be cooked on the grill and a dish to share. Everyone is welcome to stay until time to go to the church building for Bible classes.



## Preaching Schedule

AM Jason Waller  
PM Jason Waller

## Ladies Class Schedule



The Ladies Class will not hold their weekly class 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.

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## 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.

## Area Meeting

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

## From the Elders

If anyone has anything that they want discussed when the elders meet, present it to the elder in charge. From July – September that will be Dave Marcum.



## One Nation Under God Let Freedom Ring Through Christ

Over two hundred years ago, "...our forefathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war..." No, not the one that Abraham Lincoln talked about in the Gettysburg Address, but one being fought today. I speak of a spiritual civil war dividing this country. Secular Humanism and the traditional moral standards on which America was founded have collided. No longer can we pray or speak of God in many public places. Will God and His name be banned in America? Will absolute standards of right and wrong become a part of an out-dated moral code?

America was founded on the principle of freedom for all people. However, today a vocal minority has done a great deal to abuse the freedoms that American's enjoy. Our babies are being murdered (abortion). Convicted murderers are being let back onto the streets to kill again. No one seems to accept personal responsibility for his actions anymore. It is always someone else's fault!

National freedom is not free. Several times our nation has gone to war and men and women have given their lives to protect our freedom. Freedom is a wonderful thing, but it costs! Spiritual freedom in Christ cost God the life of His Son on the Cross! If we are to enjoy the blessings of freedom in Christ and freedom for our nation, we must abide by the moral standards given to us in the Bible! God has richly blessed America and my prayer is that he will continue. Let us pray for a spiritual rebirth in our nation so that it can truthfully be said that this is "one nation under God!"

Daniel Whitworth

## Sympathy

Missy Jabas' mother Betsy Cosentino died last week. The service was Wednesday morning at Silver Hills Cemetery in Frost Proof.

FH Gates' father died. FH will come home for the funeral and Becky will remain in Brazil for her 7<sup>th</sup> chemo treatment. The address for sending cards to Mary Lou Gates is:

814 3<sup>rd</sup> St NE  
New Philadelphia, OH 44663

## 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 Benton ..... 453-6002  
(Treasurer/Visitation)

Chris Fowler ..... 386-4661  
(Youth Director/ Services  
Director/ Substitute Teacher  
Assignments/Sound Room)

Roger Gurganus..... 453-3939  
(Building & Grounds  
Maintenance (Outside)/  
Transportation/ Communion)

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

BJ Thomas ..... 385-7270  
(Building Maintenance (Outside)/  
Benevolence, Clothing Room)

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

## MINISTER

Jason Waller.....385-0488

## Happiness Resolutions

I will talk health instead of sickness....

I will talk prosperity instead of failure....

I will carry good news instead of bad news...

I will encourage instead of criticize....

I will try to be a friend to everyone....

I will let Christ radiate from the center of my life.

Via Stanton, TX

## SCHEDULED TO SERVE

## ORDER OF SERVICE FOR MORNING WORSHIP

### THIS SUNDAY

**Prepare Communion:**

June Hackbart

**Greeters:**

Ron Horton                      Leon Tubbs  
Bill Sweeton                      Ruth Tubbs

**Pick Up Cards:**

Forest Ritenour & Nathan Ramer

**Pick Up Communion Cups:**

Hayden Parker & Austin Ritenour

**Sound Room:**

Don Ware

**Secure Building This Week:**

Don Ware

**Announcements:**

Paul Talbert

**Song Leader:**

Olin Shinholser

**Opening Prayer:**

Robert Capps

**Lord's Supper:**

**Preside:**

Carl Martin

**Serve:**

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|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1. James Ware   | 4. Bob Parnett      |
| 2. Leon Tubbs   | 5. Nicholas Stalter |
| 3. Troy Talbert | 6. Chris Fowler     |

### NEXT SUNDAY

**Prepare Communion:**

June Hackbart

**Greeters:**

Ron Horton                      Lori Brockwell  
Bill Sweeton                      Betty Abrams

**Pick Up Cards:**

Austin Ritenour & Victor Oregon

**Pick Up Communion Cups:**

Nathan Ramer & Forest Ritenour

**Sound Room:**

Roger Gurganus

**Secure Building Next Week:**

Roger Gurganus

**Announcements:**

Tracey Stalter

**Song Leader:**

Paul Talbert

**Opening Prayer:**

John Roberts

**Lord's Supper:**

**Preside:**

Clem Smith

**Serve:**

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|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. Dave Marcum  | 4. Telles Oregon |
| 2. Edison Green | 5. Robert Capps  |
| 3. BJ Thomas    | 6. Carl Martin   |

Announcements: Paul Talbert

Song: 351 He Bore It All

Opening Prayer: Robert Capps

Song: 572 Each Step of the Way

Song: 362 Nailed to the Cross

Communion

Song: 117 God Is the Fountain  
Offering

Song: 286 Wonderful Story of  
Love

Lesson: Jason Waller

Invitation Song: 907 Hark the  
Gentle Voice

Song: 625 Zion's Call

Closing Prayer: Cliff Blain

### 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.

**Closing Prayer:**

Cliff Blain

### Sunday Evening

**Song Leader:**                      **Opening Prayer:**

John Ware                              Don Ware

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

Carl Martin                              Gordon Smith

### Wednesday Evening

**Song Leader:**                      **Invitation:**

Chris Fowler                              Jason Waller

**Closing Prayer:**

Edison Green

**Closing Prayer:**

Bill Sweeton

### Sunday Evening

**Song Leader:**                      **Opening Prayer:**

Singing                                      Gordon Smith

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

Clem Smith                                      Edison Green

### Wednesday Evening

**Song Leader:**                      **Invitation:**

John Ware                                      Gordon Smith

**Closing Prayer:**

Cliff Blain

### 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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