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# Reflections

## Tea Party

This past week I had the opportunity to participate in a ritual that has been a part of our culture for years. Typically, you will not find a man involved in this formal gathering but a very special person invited me and I couldn't refuse! The gathering is known as a "Tea Party". The tables are adorned with fine china and cloth napkins. The food consists of small sandwiches, fresh fruit, and other dainty creations that look as good as they taste. And of course, there was tea! As I sat down with my plate of thoughtfully created food I began to pan the room and noticed that everyone had a smile on their face! It was great! All of the ladies and children that were there were smiling and laughing and I knew that I was a part of something very special. It wasn't just a time to drink tea...it was a gathering! It was a time where people who cared about one another came to share life! The real treat was the conversation and the time to share a moment in life with God's family!

I was reminded of a segment of scripture found in Acts 2:46, *"So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved."* As our church family strives to grow spiritually may we all see the importance of being with one another, enjoying our time together and sharing our life as we live our lives faithfully for God!

I may never get invited to a tea party again! But I will cherish the memory of being my daughter's guest at the time-honored tradition...the tea party. Thanks to Amy and all her little helpers for a wonderful time!

Jason

**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

- ❖ **Robert Underwood** is waiting for results from tests.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Gwin Barnum** will be seeing a doctor this week for further testing.
- ❖ **Beth Parker** is at home now and back at work.
- ❖ **Lori Barnett** has a frozen right shoulder but it is showing signs of improvement.
- ❖ **Herman Klahn** had a pacemaker/defibrillator put in this past week.
- ❖ **Bob Parnett** has been released from the hospital and is home recuperating.
- ❖ **Don Ware, Sr.** will be having surgery on 8/10 to replace a brain shunt.
- ❖ **Helen Piety, Don and Elizabeth Ware** our shut-ins.
- ❖ **Carolyn Thomas** has a pinched nerve in her back.

## EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- ❖ **Mealdine Principi**, a former member, is now back in Midland, TX, at an assisted living center.
- ❖ **Heidi Jones**, Hayden Parker's mother, is in the hospital in Naples and will be having more tests.
- ❖ **June Nall** has been in the hospital in Lake Placid.
- ❖ **Glenda Friend**, sister of Carol Johnson is at home.
- ❖ **Clint Chaney**, nephew of Pat Voce, **Cindy LaForte**, sister of Mary Welsh, **Rita Bridges**, sister of Linda Bridges, has developed more tumors, **Bob Loush**, friend of Bob Maire, **Becky Gates**, **Jim Lawrence**, a friend of John Roberts, and **Jayne Davis**, a friend of BJ & Carolyn Thomas, are all undergoing treatment for cancer.
- ❖ **Mary Bellow**, mother of Anne Gunter, is in Kenilworth for a while with a broken arm.

## 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

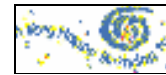
Our pantry is well stocked right now except for a few items. We need:

- Canned baked beans
- Canned black beans
- Bags of rice

Your cooperation in this will be greatly appreciated by those using our services.

## Our Record: July 29, 2007

Bible Study	79
Sunday AM Worship	96
Sunday PM Worship	84
Contribution	\$2211
Wednesday Bible Study	73
Building Fund	\$10
Ukraine Building Fund	\$0
F.H. Gates	\$0
Special Mission – Guyana	\$0
World Bible Translation (Ladies Class)	\$0
Clothing Room/Pantry 08/02	36



Devra Harris	08/07
Shan Wood	08/08
Joanne Cope	08/10
Carmi Green	08/11
Jim Morris	08/12



Chris and Julie Fowler	08/02
Wayne and Ruth McElwee	08/02
Don and Loretta Yost	08/07
Leon and Ruth Tubbs	08/08

## Visitors for July 29, 2007

Ray Fisch	Meaghan Thompson
Anne Reinwand	Cam and Charlotte Usher
Billy and Lyndey Varnadore	Haley and Ryan Gordon

## Upcoming Events

**A Pig Roast** is to be held on August 11<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM. All money needed to cover the cost of the meat has been received. Tracey says thank you for your donations. See the bulletin board for what other food to bring.

On Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM, there will be a meeting of anyone interested in a **Diabetes Club**. It will meet in the old fellowship hall. For further information contact Anne and Don Gunter, Fred and Tottie Hupp, or BJ and Carolyn Thomas.

The next **Water Game Day** will be on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> from 3-6PM. James wishes to invite **ALL AGES** to join in this fun time.

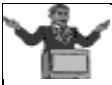
## Notice to All Teachers

It is time to select teachers for the fall and to order material. Please indicate your interest in teaching for the fall. If you are currently teaching, please let me know:

- 1) The name, grade and ages of the students in your class as of 9.01/2007.
- 2) The material name and quantity you want for fall.
- 3) The grade/age you teach and whether you are requesting any change.
- 4) Any suggestions or requests you have as to class structure, topics for study or any other ideas you want to suggest.

We always need teachers. If you are not teaching now and wish to, please indicate your interest and suggestions. My thanks to all of you for your hard work and dedication.

Olin



## Preaching Schedule

AM Jason Waller  
PM Jason Waller

## Ladies Class Schedule



The Ladies Class will not meet for their weekly Bible 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. The months of October - December still need people willing to do this.

### 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.

The most recent financial statement is posted on the board in the educational building. Anyone who desires a copy see one of the elders or secretaries.

### Your Help Is Needed

The clothing room is in need of plastic bags. Please bring any that you have and leave with Betty or the office staff.

## Baptism

Charlie Smith was baptized this past week. Be sure to welcome him to our congregation. His address is:

Charlie Smith  
12842 US Hwy 98S  
Sebring, FL 33876  
Phone: 863-253-9183

## Calm Under Fire

As Christians, we must never forget that we are in conflict with Satan, the enemy of God. His attacks are fierce and the battle is long, but if we are prepared for the fight we can be victorious. Even when he unleashes his strongest offensive, we can remain calm.

The courage of Civil War leader Stonewall Jackson in the midst of conflict can be a lesson for the believer. Historian Mark Brimsley wrote, "A battlefield is a deadly place, even for generals; and it would be naïve to suppose Jackson never felt the animal fear of all beings exposed to wounds and death. But invariably he displayed extra-ordinary calm under fire. A calm too deep and masterful to be mere pretense. His apparent obliviousness to danger attracted notice, and after the First Manassas Battle someone asked him how he managed it. "My religious belief teaches me to feel as safe in battle as in bed," Jackson explained, "God knows the time for my death, I do not concern myself about that, but to be always ready, no matter where it may overtake me." He added pointedly, "That is the way all men should live, and then all would be equally brave."

That's the secret! To be calm under Satan's attack, we must always be ready for whatever comes—even if it means death. We must say, as did Paul's companions, "The will of the Lord be done." (Acts 21:14) When we have that attitude, we will find that we too can be calm under fire.

David C Egner

## Rattlesnake Hunting with a Mirror



Not long ago, I was watching a National Geographic special on the subject of rattlesnake hunting in Texas. I've always had a fascination with snakes, so I curled up on the couch for an hour of mindless activity.

Yet, when I saw how they hunted the snakes, I was reminded of something Jesus said in Matthew 5:14, "Ye are the light of the world!" How did they find the snakes? They took a mirror (that's right) and reflected the SUN'S LIGHT into the most inaccessible places they could find...and there were the rattlesnakes.

Now what does this have to do with you and the meaning of your life? That's one of the reasons you are on this earth...to reflect the SON'S LIGHT into the dark places of this world...into the black places in the hearts of men.

Jerry Max Morgan

## 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

## Faith

**Doubt sees the obstacles;**

**Faith sees the way.**

**Doubt sees the darkest night;**

**Faith sees the day.**

**Doubt fears to take a step;**

**Faith soars on high**

**Doubt questions, "Who believes?"**

**Faith answers, "I".**

**SCHEDULED TO SERVE**

**ORDER OF SERVICE FOR MORNING WORSHIP**

**THIS SUNDAY**

**Prepare Communion:**

Carolyn Thomas

**Greeters:**

Ron Horton                  June Hackbart  
 Bill Sweeton                Lori Brockwell

**Pick Up Cards:**

Forest Ritenour & Joshua Fowler

**Pick Up Communion Cups:**

Nathan Ramer & Victor Oregon

**Sound Room:**

Bill Benton

**Secure Building This Week:**

Bill Benton

**Announcements:**

Olin Shinholser

**Song Leader:**

Don Gunter

**Opening Prayer:**

Dave Marcum

**Lord's Supper:**

**Preside:**

Carl Martin

**Serve:**

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**Prepare Communion:**

Carolyn Thomas

**Greeters:**

Ron Horton                  Dave Marcum  
 Bill Sweeton                Sandy Marcum

**Pick Up Cards:**

Austin Ritenour & Joshua Fowler

**Pick Up Communion Cups:**

Forest & Austin Ritenour

**Sound Room:**

Chris Fowler

**Secure Building Next Week:**

Chris Fowler

**Announcements:**

BJ Thomas

**Song Leader:**

Olin Shinholser

**Opening Prayer:**

Clem Smith

**Lord's Supper:**

**Preside:**

Bill Benton

**Serve:**

Announcements: Olin Shinholser

Opening Prayer: Dave Marcum

Song: 627 There's a Royal Banner

Song: 383 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Communion

Offering

Song: 878 Sweet By and By

Lesson: Jason Waller

Invitation Song: 912 Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary

Song: 736 To Christ Be True

Closing Prayer: Roger Gurganus

- 1. Telles Oregon      4. Robert Capps
- 2. Troy Talbert      5. BJ Thomas
- 3. Nicholas Stalter   6. James Ware

- 1. Tracey Stalter      4. Edison Green
- 2. Dale Spung        5. Leon Tubbs
- 3. Harry Johnson    6. John Ware

**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:**

Roger Gurganus

**Sunday Evening**

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

John Ware                  Robert Capps

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

Carl Martin                Bill Sweeton

**Wednesday Evening**

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

James Ware                Jason Waller

**Closing Prayer:**

Cliff Blain

**Closing Prayer:**

Cliff Blain

**Sunday Evening**

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

Singing Night              Gordon Smith

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

Bill Benton                Roger Gurganus

**Wednesday Evening**

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

Mike Tubbs                Jason Waller

**Closing Prayer:**

Edison Green

**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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**It is better to hear the reproof of the wise than the song of fools.**

**Ecclesiastes 7:5**