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Reflections

Is Your Hut Burning?

The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed up on a small, uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him, and every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming. Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut of driftwood to protect him from the elements, and to store his few possessions. But then one day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames, the smoke rolling up to the sky. The worst had happened; everything was lost. He was stunned with grief and anger. "God, how could you do this to me!" he cried.

Early the next day, however, he was awakened by the sound of a ship that was approaching the island. It had come to rescue him. "How did you know I was here?" asked the weary man of his rescuers. "We saw your smoke signal," they replied.

It is easy to get discouraged when things are going bad. But we shouldn't lose heart because God is at work in our lives, even in the midst of pain and suffering. Remember next time your little hut is burning to the ground---it just may be a smoke signal that summons the grace of God. For all the negative things we have to say to ourselves, God has a positive answer for it:

You say: **"It's impossible."** God says: **All things are possible.** (Luke 18:27).

You say: **"I'm too tired."** God says: **I will give you rest.** (Matthew 11:23-30) **Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.** (Isaiah 40:31)

You say: **"Nobody really loves me."** God says: **I love you.** (John 3:16; 13:34)

You say: **"I can't go on."** God says: **My grace is sufficient.** (II Cor. 12:9; Psalms 91:15)

You say: **"I can't figure things out."** God says: **I will direct your steps.** (Proverbs 3:5-6)

You say: **"I can't do it."** God says: **You can do all things.** (Philippians 4:13)

You say: **"I'm not able."** God says: **I am able.** (II Corinthians 9:8)

You say: **"It's not worth it."** God says: **It will be worth it.** (Romans 8:28)

You say: **"I can't forgive myself."** God says: **I FORGIVE YOU** (I Jn. 1:9; Rom. 8:1)

You say: **"I can't manage."** God says: **I will supply all your needs.** (Philippians 4:19)

You say: **"I'm afraid."** God says: **I have not given you a spirit of fear.** (II Tim. 1:7)

You say: **"I'm always worried and frustrated."** God says: **Cast all your cares on Me.** (I Pet. 5:7)

You say: **"I don't have enough faith."** God says: **I've given everyone a measure of faith.** (Romans 12:3)

You say: **"I'm not smart enough."** God says: **I give you wisdom.** (I Corinthians 1:30)

You say: **"I feel all alone."** God says: **I will never leave you or forsake you.** (Heb. 13:5)

Author Unknown

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** is undergoing further testing.
- ❖ **Lori Barnett** has a frozen right shoulder but it is showing signs of improvement.
- ❖ **Bob Parnett** is home recuperating.
- ❖ **Oletia Wallis** is still recuperating at home.
- ❖ **Don Ware, Sr.** had 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.
- ❖ **Glenda Friend**, sister of Carol Johnson is at home.
- ❖ **Clint Chaney**, nephew of Pat Voce, **Cindy LaForte**, sister of Mary Welsh, **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.
- ❖ **Becky Hansbarger**, daughter of Joey Rugenstein, has to remain in bed until the birth of her baby.
- ❖ **Mary Ballew**, mother of Anne Gunter, is in Kenilworth for a while with a broken arm.

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.

Sympathy

Rita Bridges, sister of Linda Bridges, passed away on August 2nd. If you wish to send cards, Linda's address is:

2602 Cosmos Drive
Loveland, OH 45140

Our Record: August 05, 2007

Bible Study	85
Sunday AM Worship	110
Sunday PM Worship	89
Contribution	\$3150
Wednesday Bible Study	
Building Fund	\$125
Ukraine Building Fund	\$5
F.H. Gates	\$0
Special Mission – Guyana	\$0
World Bible Translation (Ladies Class)	\$0
Clothing Room/Pantry 08/09	



Jim Morris	08/12
Chris Dale	08/23
Kathryn Taylor	08/24



Tracey and Nancy Stalter	08/14
Bill and Trudy Benton	08/21
Frank and Betty Parker	08/29
Bill and Barb Cole	08/29

Visitors for August 05, 2007

Ray Fisch	Mike Thompson and family
Ricky Brown and family	Cam and Charlotte Usher and family
Billy and Lyndey Varnadore	Kevin and Sharon Skeeles

Upcoming Events

On Monday, August 13th 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 25th from 3-6PM. James wishes to invite ALL AGES to join in this fun time.

Thank you

Dear Sebring Family

We appreciate all the prayers, calls, cards and visits during Bob's stay in Orlando. We love all our Sebring family and thank God for you always. Bob and Evelyn Parnett

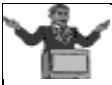
Notice to All Teachers

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 Singing Night

Ladies Class Schedule



The Ladies Class will meet on Tuesday at 10:00 am for a short devotion and then to celebrate August birthdays.

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. 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 ask one of the elders or secretaries.

Baptisms

Kelsey Keefe was baptized this past Sunday. Her address is:

1120 Forest Rd
Sebring, FL 33872
Phone: 863-414-2423

Ivett Pintor was baptized on this past Tuesday. Her address is:

111 Pinehurst
Sebring, FL 33870
Phone: 863-386-0729

Be sure to welcome both girls to our congregation and encourage them in their new life in Christ.

The Good Old Days

When someone asks me to tell him about “the good old days,” my first impulse is to say: “I can’t. I haven’t lived then yet!” It seems strange that nostalgia about the past almost demands that we consider those days better than these days. Will Rogers had a classic statement: “Things ain’t what they used to be and probably never was.”

If you ask me to tell you about a time when we grabbed our clothes on a cold morning, ran to the old coal stove that heated the house, and danced around, trying to keep warm while we dressed, but not burn up in the process, I can tell you about that. Or, if you ask me to tell you about walking all over town—to school, to church, to the stores—because we didn’t have a car, I can describe that for you. Or, maybe you would like to hear of living out your childhood without any television, without any stereo sets, without any vacation trips, I could tell you of that. But what’s good about those “good old days.”

I think Solomon hit it on the head when he said: “*Say not thou, What is the cause that the former days were better than these? For thou dost not inquire wisely concerning this*” (Eccl. 7:10).

Looking back on “days that never were” can only stifle the progress of today. I don’t want to relive the depression years, nor the bloodshed of World War II. Nor do I want to refight the battles through which the church of our Lord has struggled. I would rather look to the glorious future of the church, the chapters that haven’t been written yet, the songs that haven’t been composed, the sermons that haven’t been preached. I would rather grab hold of the technology of our age and apply it to the demands of the gospel. I would rather look at “what might be,” as to try, nostalgically, to recall “what never was.”

Perhaps there is something to be said about the blessings of “selective memory,” but may those blessings never deter us from pressing forward and onward in our service to God.

Gene Carrell

If Man Followed God’s Standard of Morality

There would be no illegitimate children.
We would completely eliminate venereal disease in our society.
AIDS could be controlled or eliminated.
Many counseling agencies could be eliminated or assigned to other problems.
There would be little divorce. Millions of children, for the first time, would have a happy home.
Crime rates would drastically drop.
Drug abuse would end.
Many hospitals would be closed or converted to other uses.

...**IF MAN FOLLOWED GOD’S STANDARD OF MORALITY!**

Bob Leonard

SHEPHERDS

Harry Johnson655-3386
(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 Benton.....453-6002
(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 Thomas.....385-7270
(Building Maintenance (Outside)/
Benevolence, Clothing Room)

Don Ware382-0194
(Special Mission Efforts/
Timothy Class)

MINISTER

Jason Waller.....385-0488

**Even back in
Grandpa’s
time there
was
something
to make you
sleep. They
called it
work.**

SCHEDULED TO SERVE

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR MORNING WORSHIP

THIS SUNDAY

Prepare Communion:

Carolyn Thomas

Greeters:

Ron Horton Harry Johnson
Bill Sweeton Carol Johnson

Pick Up Cards:

Austin Ritenour & Victor Oregon

Pick Up Communion Cups:

Forest & Austin Ritenour

Sound Room:

Chris Fowler

Secure Building This Week:

Chris Fowler

Announcements:

BJ Thomas

Song Leader:

Olin Shinholser

Opening Prayer:

Clem Smith

Lord's Supper:

Preside:

Bill Benton

Serve:

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

Closing Prayer:

Cliff Blain

Sunday Evening

Song Leader:

Singing Night

Opening Prayer:

Robert Capps

Lord's Supper:

Bill Benton

Closing Prayer:

Roger Gurganus

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader:

Mike Tubbs

Invitation:

Jason Waller

Closing Prayer:

Edison Green

NEXT SUNDAY

Prepare Communion:

Carolyn Thomas

Greeters:

Ron Horton Dave Marcum
Bill Sweeton Sandy Marcum

Pick Up Cards:

Nicholas Stalter & Nathan Ramer

Pick Up Communion Cups:

Joshua Fowler & Victor Oregon

Sound Room:

Roger Gurganus

Secure Building Next Week:

Roger Gurganus

Announcements:

Tracey Stalter

Song Leader:

Paul Talbert

Opening Prayer:

Carl Martin

Lord's Supper:

Preside:

Mike Tubbs

Serve:

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| 1. Harry Johnson | 4. James Ware |
| 2. Herb Ellis | 5. Troy Talbert |
| 3. Telles Oregon | 6. BJ Thomas |

Closing Prayer:

Edison Green

Sunday Evening

Song Leader:

Harry Johnson

Opening Prayer:

BJ Thomas

Lord's Supper:

Mike Tubbs

Closing Prayer:

Cliff Blain

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader:

Chris Fowler

Invitation:

Jason Waller

Closing Prayer:

James Ware

Announcements: BJ Thomas

Opening Prayer: Clem Smith

Song: 412 Jesus, Hold My Hand

Song: 386 He Loves Me

Communion

Song: 453 Love Lifted Me

Offering

Song: 258 The New Song

Song: 286 Wonderful Story of Love

Lesson: Jason Waller

Invitation Song: 904 Have You Been to Jesus?

Song: 652 We Have Heard the Joyful Song

Closing Prayer: Cliff Blain

Reminder

If for some reason you find that you cannot serve as scheduled in the monthly assignment schedule, please call Tracey Stalter or 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.



I hate to complain about the quality of TV programming, but every time I use my remote control the garbage disposal turns on.

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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