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Reflections

One of my college professors began a class one day with a story about a couple of old mountain goats.

As these two mountain goats were separately walking they met on a narrow pathway. On one side of the pathway was a 1,000 foot drop...the other was a steep cliff rising straight up! The trail was so narrow the goats had no room to turn around or to even back up without falling! What would they do? After standing face to face for a while one of the goats knelt down and made himself as flat as possible. The other goat then walked over him, and they both proceeded safely.

I still find this story very hard to believe, however, it presents us with an attitude that we find in God's word! In today's world we are taught to never yield! Cut someone off so you can get to work 30 seconds faster! Do anything and everything it takes to win! Lie, cheat, or steal to get the promotion...Don't take anything off anybody! Someone probably needs to coin the phrase! "It is better to bully than to be bullied!" While some people may see nothing wrong with the attitude that is demonstrated through such actions the child of God is called to a higher standard! Romans 12:9-20 talks about this standard.

Notice what is said in Romans 12:9-20...

9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. 11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. 12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. 13 Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. 16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. 17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. 18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. 19 Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. 20 On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

May we all strive to live the life that God has called us to live in Christ!

Have a great week!

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** will be having 3 epidural procedures in the future.
- ❖ **Carmi Green** is receiving therapy for back pain.
- ❖ **Dwain Chambers** is tentatively scheduled for surgery on Tuesday.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Lori Barnett** has a frozen right shoulder but it is showing signs of improvement.
- ❖ **Anne Gunter** had kidney stones blasted on last Wednesday and is at home recuperating.
- ❖ **Helen Piety, Don and Elizabeth Ware** our shut-ins.
- ❖ **Carolyn Thomas** has a pinched nerve in her back.

EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- ❖ **Heidi Jones**, Hayden Parker's mother, is out of the hospital in Naples and will be having more tests.
- ❖ **Glenda Friend**, sister of Carol Johnson is at home.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Jan Fannin**, Cari Waller's mother, is having problems with diabetes and blood pressure.
- ❖ **Becky Hansbarger**, daughter of Joey Rugenstein, has to remain in bed until the birth of her baby. She welcomes phone calls and visits.
- ❖ **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.

A Small Boy's Definition of KNEES

Knees are pretty important.

They're the things that push through your pants when you play marbles. They're the things that get the hard bumps when you fall. They're the things that shake when you get scared. They're the things that you sometimes open doors with when you're carrying bundles. They're the things that your daddy puts you across when you are bad. They're the things that you hug when you're cold. They're the things that you sit on when you say your prayers. And they're the things that you lean against when you tell your mother stuff.

Most people never stop to think that knees are pretty important.

Via Bossier City, LA

Our Record: August 19, 2007

Bible Study	95
Sunday AM Worship	121
Sunday PM Worship	100
Contribution	\$2438
Wednesday Bible Study	NA
Building Fund	\$0
Ukraine Building Fund	\$1060
F.H. Gates	\$0
Special Mission – Guyana	\$3100
World Bible Translation (Ladies Class)	\$0
Clothing Room/Pantry 08/23	30



Dwain Chambers	08/31
Billy Nix	09/01
Joey Rugenstein	09/03
Olin Shinholser	09/03
Andrew Pintor	09/04
Ricky Rugenstein	09/05



Bill and Bar Cole	08/29
Robert and Charlaine Adams	09/01
John and Donna Roberts	09/05
Clyde and Kitty Bush	09/12

Visitors for August 19, 2007

Ray Fisch	Mike Thompson and family
Billy and Lynsey Varnadore	Robert Hodge
Jim and Jo Miller	Cam and Charlotte Usher

IT'S NOT FUNNY

I read a comic in a church bulletin that had two young people talking to each other. One made the comment, "You know, I'm beginning to unravel the mysteries of the Old Testament...I've started reading it!" The humor is obvious, but there is no humor in the fact that so many of our brethren know so very little about the Bible. Many feel it's just too difficult to understand, but they never try reading it.

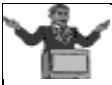
In Nehemiah 8:8 we are told, "*So they read in the book, in the law of God, distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.*" Understanding of the word of God is not different for us. We must "read in the book" before we can begin to understand.

No one would expect to master any discipline without first studying in that field. Likewise, to understand the Bible, we must dig into its depths. Dig deep, for therein one will find great, eternal treasures.

Marty Edwards

Gospel Meeting

Pinecrest Church of Christ is holding a Gospel Meeting with Rex Dutton, minister from Bell Shoals Church of Christ in Brandon, Florida, from Sunday-Wednesday September 2-5th. See the bulletin board in the hall way for further information.



Preaching Schedule

AM Jason Waller
PM Frank Parker

Ladies Class Schedule



The Ladies Class will resume their weekly meetings on Tuesday, September 4th at 10:00 am.

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 month of **November** still needs someone 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 request one from the elders or secretaries.

Prayer Meeting

Tonight at 5:00 PM will be the monthly prayer meeting for group #3.

Baptism

Charlotte Usher was baptized this past week. Be sure to encourage her in her new life in Christ. Her contact information is:

154 Lake Drive Blvd
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Airplane

How many parts go into the building of an airplane? One thousand or more, just how many? Well, your guess is as good as mine. What we do know is that the parts of an airplane will not fly by themselves. Now, assembled together as a body it will fly the friendly skies with no problem. But only if they are all functioning in perfect order. Bad parts need to be remanufactured or thrown in the junk pile. At least that was the quality standard I grew up with. Only good working parts make the trip. Any plane that is flown with bad or weak parts is headed for danger. It usually ends in a fire ball. Then people ask, why? What happened? Well to tell the truth, some person or persons who were held responsible to make sure all things were functioning well missed doing their job; checking that all things worked as they should.

The same goes with the spiritual body of Christ, the church. Its body members are countless, however no part of the body can go by itself and make the heavenly trip. Just like the law of aerodynamics, airplane parts will not fly individual. A Christian cannot make the heavenly trip without being a part of the body. Now that's the law of Christ. "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2:10)

We are to be in good working order and in his body. That is his standard. "Christ is the head of the church; and he is the Saviour of the body." (Ephesians 5:23).

Let's all work together and keep the body in good flying condition. "*Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air.*" (I Thess. 4:17)

Rudy Cantu

Some Parents Say

"We will not influence our children in making choices and decisions in matters of religion!" But why not?

- The **ADS** will!
- The **PRESS** will!
- The **MOVIES** will!
- The **NEIGHBORS** will!
- The forces of **SIN** will!
- The **POLITICIANS** will!

We use our influence over flowers, vegetables, cattle, etc. shall we ignore our own children? May God forgive us if we do!

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

Brief Rules for Bible Study

- 1. Read it through (Get something definite)**
- 2. Write it down (Mark your Bible).**
- 3. Work it out (In daily life).**
- 4. Pass it on (Tell others).**

SCHEDULED TO SERVE

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR MORNING WORSHIP

THIS SUNDAY

Prepare Communion:

Carolyn Thomas

Greeters:

Ron Horton BJ Thomas
 Bill Sweeton Carolyn Thomas

Pick Up Cards:

Austin Ritenour & Joshua Fowler

Pick Up Communion Cups:

Forest Ritenour & Nathan Ramer

Sound Room:

Bill Benton

Secure Building This Week:

Bill Benton

Announcements:

Paul Talbert

Song Leader:

Mike Tubbs

Opening Prayer:

John Roberts

Lord's Supper:

Preside:

Dave Marcum

Serve:

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| 1. BJ Thomas | 4. Edison Green |
| 2. Robert Capps | 5. Leon Tubbs |
| 3. Dale Spung | 6. James Ware |

NEXT SUNDAY

Prepare Communion:

Margaret Smith

Greeters:

Ron Horton Paul Talbert
 Bill Sweeton Sara Talbert

Pick Up Cards:

Nathan Ramer & Victor Oregon

Pick Up Communion Cups:

Austin Ritenour & Joshua Fowler

Sound Room:

Don Ware

Secure Building Next Week:

Don Ware

Announcements:

Harry Johnson

Song Leader:

Don Gunter

Opening Prayer:

Bill Benton

Lord's Supper:

Preside:

Clem Smith

Serve:

- | | |
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| 1. Chris Fowler | 4. Roger Gurganus |
| 2. Dave Marcum | 5. Chuck Miller |
| 3. John Roberts | 6. Leon Tubbs |

Announcements: Paul Talbert

Opening Prayer: John Roberts

Song: 382 Why Did My Savior
Come to Earth

Communion

Offering

Song: 415 Each Step I Take

Song: 560 Living by Faith

Song: 464 Because He Lives

Lesson: Jason Waller

Invitation Song: 907 Hark the
Gentle Voice

Song: 698 My Jesus as Thou Wilt

Closing Prayer: Tracey Stalter

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.

Closing Prayer:

Tracey Stalter

Sunday Evening

Song Leader: **Opening Prayer:**

Robert Capps Bill Benton

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

Dave Marcum Roger Gurganus

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: **Invitation:**

Troy Talbert Jason Waller

Closing Prayer:

Gordon Smith

Closing Prayer:

Cliff Blain

Sunday Evening

Song Leader: **Opening Prayer:**

Chris Fowler Gordon Smith

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

Clem Smith Paul Talbert

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: **Invitation:**

James Ware 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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interest
paid on
trouble
before it is
due.**