



Family Matters

January 24, 2010

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Schedule of Services
Sunday
Bible Study 9:00 A.M.
Worship Assembly 10:00 A.M.
Evening Assembly 5:00 P.M.
Life Groups meet in various locations
Wednesday Bible classes 7:00 P.M.
Bible Classes for all ages

Contact Elder for January
Bailey Howell

Assignments

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Assignments for Sunday, January 24

Greeters: the Palmers

Elder to Serve: David Shaw

Worship assembly:

Head of Table	Perry Jinkerson
Serving	Kenton Coble
Serving	Chad Hankins
Serving	Dean Stewart
Serving	Jason Ross
First Prayer	Kale Moody
Closing Prayer	Richie Orr
Song Leader	Daniel Russell
Media Room	JW Bruce

Nursery: 10:00 A.M. Ruth Giesemann and Amelia Williams
 5:00 P.M. Attended with love

Shepherds' Prayer: David Shaw and Johnie Jenkins

January 17, 2010

Bible Class	167
Worship Assembly	227
Evening worship	54
Life Groups (7 groups met)	107
Previous Wednesday, Jan. 6	224

Birthdays

<i>Jimmye Allen</i>	<i>Jan. 19</i>
<i>Meg Giesemann</i>	<i>Jan. 20</i>
<i>Bailey Howell</i>	<i>Jan. 20</i>
<i>Reese Williams</i>	<i>Jan. 20</i>
<i>Jake Ellis</i>	<i>Jan. 21</i>
<i>Alec Cartwright</i>	<i>Jan. 22</i>
<i>Ethan Cartwright</i>	<i>Jan. 22</i>
<i>Gloria Kiser</i>	<i>Jan. 22</i>
<i>Leigh Kellum</i>	<i>Jan. 23</i>
<i>Lee Roy Phillips</i>	<i>Jan. 23</i>

SHEPHERD'S PEN

“Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.” Galatians 5:24. “For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.” Colossians 3:3.

Paul in his letters to the Christians in Galatia and Colossae makes one thing very clear – to be able to live a life that represents what God would have us be, we have no choice but to die to the old, selfish life. Die. Put to Death. Those terms have a finality to them that makes the world today very, very uncomfortable, just as it did to those in the First Century. That analogy carries through in another of Paul’s writings: “For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life.” 2 Corinthians 2:15-16. The world is so uncomfortable with the idea of living a Spirit-filled life, it sees that life as death itself.

But beyond the world, do you truly understand the death that must occur for you to live? One of the greatest challenges we face as Christians today is grasping what that means. We are drawn to live a “good” life, but not stand out. Not offend. Not stand for truth. Not live a life substantially different from those good people around us. However, when we do that, what results? We try to keep one foot in the world, and one in God’s kingdom. The result? Constant struggle with works of the flesh that Paul describes in his letter to Galatia and Colossae: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, passion, evil desires, covetousness, malice, wrath, slander, obscene talk, lying.... Sometimes it’s easy to read the “big” sins in this list. However, Paul puts gossip, envy, and lying in the same category as sexual immorality and idolatry.

Read over this list carefully, and think about whether you are trying to bridge between the two worlds, resulting in constant struggle and failure. God calls us to live a holy life. We can’t live that life by trying to live in both worlds. However, we can live a life of true freedom if we die, truly die, to the life Satan calls us to live, and in turn live for Him.

Have you truly died to Christ?

David Shaw

The Starkville Church of Christ
is a Christ-centered, Bible-based family
striving to be like Jesus and committed to
sharing Him with others.

Marriage Matters
Sunday, January 31 - Wednesday, February 3
Conference Schedule

Sunday, Jan. 31

- 9:00 a.m. Bible Classes
- 10:00 a.m. Assembly: The Servant Heart
- 3:00 p.m. Recovery from Death and Divorce
- 4:00 p.m. Parenting 101
- 6:00 p.m. God's Ideal Marriage — Jerry
- 7:00 p.m. Affair-Proofing Your Marriage

Monday, February 1

- 7:00 p.m. Please Listen To Me (Part 1)
- 8:00 p.m. Please Listen To Me (Part 2)

Tuesday, February 2

- 7:00 p.m. Unrealistic Expectations
- 8:00 p.m. Trouble In Paradise: Pornography

Wednesday, Wednesday 3

- 7:00 p.m. Loving Your Mate Through the Seasons of Life (Part 1)
- 8:00 p.m. Loving Your Mate Through the Seasons of Life (Part 2)

Make Plans Now

- ❖ Clear your calendar for Sunday, January 31 thru Wednesday, February 3.
- ❖ Invite a neighbor, friend, co-worker.
- ❖ Plan to serve at least once during the seminar: sign up to help with dinner, nursery, or for youth care.
- ❖ Be sure to be here for Bible Class on Sunday, Jan. 31. Jerry will be teaching the men in the UCSC and Lynn will be teaching the women in the auditorium.

Continue to lift up Prayers for those in Haiti

Please pray for the following immediate needs:

- ◆ Guidance and strength for Christian's ministering
- ◆ The health and well-being of quake survivors
- ◆ The reunion of families
- ◆ Provision for physical, emotional and spiritual needs
- ◆ Strength and success of first-responders

Serving Him,

Andy Miller

Sympathy We express Christian sympathy to Mittie Moreland upon the loss of her son-in-law, **Karl Lewison**, who passed from this life on Tuesday, Jan. 12. His funeral was Saturday. We also express Christian sympathy to Kim Coble upon the loss of her aunt, **Pat Greer**, who passed from this life on Thursday, Jan. 14. Please remember these families in prayer during this time of loss.

Baby Showers All ladies are invited to a baby **boy** shower honoring **Ashley (Cummings) Fremin** on Sunday, January 24, at the home of Pat Phillips from 1:30 to 3:00 P.M. [Ashley and Jerry expecting a boy and are registered at Target.] All ladies are also invited to a baby shower honoring **Juan Thompson** on Saturday, January 23, at 10:00 A.M. "Juan does not know if it is a baby girl or a baby boy. Come celebrate a new life at the home of Susan Savage." [Juan is registered at Wal-Mart also Babies"R"Us. Those registries can be viewed online; contact the church office for the information needed to search online registries.]

New Phone Number Andy and Roslyn Miller have a new home phone number, available in the church office.

Serving our church family for Marriage Matters We need volunteers to sign up now in the foyer to provide childcare for the seminar. Three people are needed in the nursery (newborn to the age of 3). In the activity rooms for children (age 3 to 6th grade) seven people are needed for each 2-hour session. Please take a look at the seminar schedule on the foyer bulletin board sign-up lists and choose a 2-hour slot. For questions about:

- serving in the **nursery**, please see **Ruth Giesemann**.
- helping with the **childcare** for older children, please see **Kim Coble**.
- helping with **meals**, please see **Roslyn Miller**, who has given our menu schedule as: Sunday: Chicken Enchiladas, Refried Beans, Spanish rice, Cookies for dessert; Monday: Taco Soup and Dessert by Doris; Tuesday: Hamburgers and Hotdogs, Slaw, Chips, Ice Cream for dessert; Wednesday: Baked Ziti (Pasta), Spaghetti, Banana Pudding for dessert.

Ladies Retreat Cancelled "The decision has been made to cancel the ladies retreat at the desert this year. It will be picked back up in 2011. This way the focus for January will be the Marriage Matters Seminar."

Fireproof The Movie "Coming Soon!" Please watch for a February date and time for a special viewing. See Derrick Savage to get involved with this fun, enriching event.

Pantry It's time to restock our food pantry! Items needed are: flour, sugar, corn meal, jelly, English peas, string beans, corn, canned fruit, cereal, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, canned meats, Bisquick baking mix, instant potatoes, pancake mix and syrup.

"**Seeing Jesus through our ministries**" is the theme of a series of articles that are being featured. Each of our 13 ministry areas is being given the opportunity to highlight their current ministry. Be looking on Sunday mornings for the blue half-sheet which features one of our vital ministries.

**** YOUTH BULLETIN ****

This past weekend Dean and Teresa Stewart, Kim Coble, and myself took 20 teens to Evangelism University in Savannah, TN, where around 1500 teens gathered to worship God and study to be better evangelists. We had a great time together and our teens were wonderful, being where they were supposed to be, showing kindness and respect to the people who let them stay at their homes, and eagerly learning how to spread God's Word. Thanks to the adults who accompanied us on this trip. Brian Roberts and Meg Giesemann responded to the invitation during this trip and asked for prayers to be more zealous in their service to God. **Wesley Thompson**

Remember to turn in your Lads to Leaders forms if you plan on attending LLL Convention!

This Thurs Teen F.A.S.T. @ our house 6-8pm
This Sun Teen Devo @ Cobles after evening assembly
Fri, Jan 29 Teen Guys SleepOver @ Wesley's 8pm-9am

UCSC 2010 Reunion

Due to changes in the rules at MSU, we will not be able to apply to use the Bost Center on Sunday until six months before the event. We are now planning the dates of August 6-8, 2010, for the reunion. We will make application for the Bost Center the last of January or early February. As soon as we get confirmation, we will notify everyone and also any changes that will have to be made. Pass the word. We are looking forward to seeing you in 2010!



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat., 1/23 Baby shower for Juan Thompson at the home of Susan Savage at 10:00 A.M.

Sun., 1/24 Baby shower for Ashley (Cummings) Fremin from 1:30 to 3:00 P.M. at Pat Phillips' home

1/31-2/3/10 Marriage Matters seminar with Jerry and Lynn Jones