



Family Matters

September 13, 2009

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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 September
Bailey Howell

Assignments

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Assignments for Sunday, September 13

Greeter: Bob Weining

Elder to Serve: Bascom Allen

Worship assembly:

Head of Table	Scott Baine
Serving	Kenton Coble
Serving	J.W. Bruce
Serving	Richard Haston
Serving	Todd Palmer
First Prayer	Dean Stewart
Closing Prayer	Marty Garton
Song Leader	Jeffrey Holmes
Media Room	J.W. Bruce

Nursery: 10:00 A.M. Mandy Williams and Ashley Stough
 5:00 P.M. Attended with love

Shepherds' Prayer: Bascom Allen and Terry Kiser

September 6, 2009

Bible Class	187
Worship Assembly	301
Evening worship	48
Life Groups (6 groups met)	69
Prior Wednesday, Sep. 2	N.A.

Upcoming Birthdays

<i>Dic Jefferson</i>	<i>Sep 10</i>
<i>Lori Roberts</i>	<i>Sep 10</i>
<i>Tor Schultz</i>	<i>Sep 10</i>
<i>Bobby Thompson</i>	<i>Sep 11</i>
<i>Don Doty</i>	<i>Sep 13</i>
<i>Justin Easley</i>	<i>Sep 15</i>
<i>Joshua Easley</i>	<i>Sep 17</i>
<i>Will Sneed</i>	<i>Sep 17</i>
<i>John Weaver</i>	<i>Sep 18</i>
<i>Hannah Hilton</i>	<i>Sep 19</i>

September Anniversaries

<i>Richard and Sharon Haston</i>	<i>42 years on Sept. 15</i>
<i>Jim and Sharon Pruitt</i>	<i>31 years on Sept. 16</i>

SHEPHERD'S PEN

THE BEST GIFT

A man came home from work late again, tired and irritated, to find his five-year-old son waiting for him at the door. "Daddy, may I ask you a question?" "Yeah, sure. What is it?" replied the father.

"Daddy, how much money do you make an hour?" "That's none of your business! What makes you ask such a thing?" the father said angrily. "I just wanted to know. Please tell me. How much do you make an hour?" pleaded the little boy. "If you must know, I make \$20 an hour."

Looking up, the boy said, "Daddy, may I borrow \$9 please?"

The father was furious. "If the only reason you wanted to know how much money I make is just so you can borrow some, then you march yourself straight to your room and go to bed. Think about why you're being selfish. I work long, hard hours every day, and don't have time for such childish games."

The boy quietly went to his room and shut the door. The father sat down and got madder about his son's questioning. How dare he ask such questions only to get some money! After an hour, he calmed down and started to think he might have been too hard on his son. Maybe there was something he really needed to buy with that \$9. He didn't ask for money often.

The father went to his son's room and opened the door. "Are you asleep son?" he asked. "No Daddy, I'm awake." replied the boy.

"I've been thinking. Maybe I was too hard on you earlier. It's been a long day, and I took my aggravations out on you. Here's the \$9 you asked for." The boy sat up straight, beaming. "Oh, thank you Daddy!" he said. Then, reaching under his pillow, he pulled out some crumpled bills. He counted the money and looked up at his father.

"Why did you want more money if you already had some?" replied the father. "Because I didn't have enough, but now I do. Daddy, I have \$20 now! **Can I buy an hour of your time?**" -Author Unknown

Do we shut our children out of our lives because we are too busy or have more "important" things on our minds? Then we need to take an example from Jesus. For a new take on God's kingdom, spend more time with your children today. "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Matthew 19:14 NKJV.

Bascom Allen

Joyously Give Thanks

While there are many reasons to “joyously give thanks to the Father” (Col. 1:11-12) the three reasons Paul wants us to be mindful of is thankfulness for our inheritance, thankfulness for our deliverance, and thankfulness for our transference. Indeed, what a marvelous inheritance we have received.

- ◆ We Are Heirs Of Eternal Life – Titus 3:7, “That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”
- ◆ We Are Heirs Of Salvation – Heb. 1:14, “Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?”
- ◆ We Are Heirs Of The Promises Made To Abraham – Gal. 3:29, “And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.”
- ◆ We Are Heirs Of Glory – Rom. 8:17, “And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.”
- ◆ We Are Heirs Of The Eternal Inheritance – Heb. 9:15, “And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.”

In addition to God qualifying us for inheritance through his son, Jesus, we are also delivered from the darkness of this world. Paul reminds us in Ephesians 4:17-19 that we too had: “futility of mind” (self-centeredness); “darkness of understanding” (ignorance); “exclusion, from the life of God” (death); and “sensuality” (shamelessness). Yet, God, being rich in mercy, because of his great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)” [Eph. 2:4,5]. As we are delivered we are also transferred into the kingdom of his beloved Son (Col. 1:14). The verb speaks here of our total removal from the domain of satanic darkness to the glorious kingdom of Christ.

Do you suppose we have cause for rejoicing and thanksgiving? You bet, for we have received inheritance, deliverance, and transference all due to God’s great love. It doesn’t get any better!

Serving Him,

Andy Miller

Prayer request. Faye Weining has asked for prayers for her grandson, **Jordan Watkins** (15), with cystic fibrosis who had surgery Aug. 18; he has been hospitalized 3 weeks and was doing well, but has some problems now.

Baptism. We greatly rejoice that **Will Smitherman** was baptized into Christ on Monday, September 7. His home address and phone number are available in the church office.

Children’s Worship Training began a new format this past Sunday, September 6. Our children 2 ½ years thru kindergarten are now dismissed from our worship assembly after the Lord’s Supper and during the song before the sermon, to be led downstairs to room 105A. With this change, parents need to be sure to pick their children up after Bible class and bring them upstairs for the 10:00 service.

Pinevale Annual Benefit Picnic. Saturday, September 12, from 11:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. on the Pine Vale Children’s Home campus in Corinth, MS, the annual picnic will be held and proceeds will be use to fund the educational needs of the children. There will be something for all ages: Silent Auction, Food, Inflatables, Live Music, Games. Bring your lawn chair and spend the afternoon! A flyer is posted in the foyer.

Sunnybrook Quarterly Drive. A new Bible class quarter is a helpful reminder to remember the children of Sunnybrook Children’s Home. A recent thank-you note from them is posted in the foyer. Please make checks payable to the Starkville church of Christ, noted for Sunnybrook.

Ministry Leaders. Mark Your Calendars! We are planning a retreat for ministry leaders, ministers, and shepherds on September 19. Details are being developed, but we wanted you to get it protected on your calendars. Please see David Shaw for more information.

Ladies’ Day Program. North Montgomery church of Christ is having a Ladies’ Day Program on Saturday, September 19, on the theme of “Woman: Get Ready to Receive Your Inheritance” from Colossians 1:12. The speaker will be Sister Carolyn Upkins from the Hanging Moss congregation in Jackson. Registration begins at 8:30 A.M. and the program is from 9:30 to 12:00 noon. For more details, call 662-324-9588.

Wedding Invitation. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Roger Floyd, junior, request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, **Tiffani Lynn (Floyd) to Frank Matthew Powell** when they ask God’s blessing on their union and His presence in their new life together on Saturday, the twenty-sixth of September, Two thousand and nine at half after one in the afternoon, West President church of Christ, Greenwood, Mississippi and afterwards for the reception, Garden Clubs of Mississippi Headquarters, 401 East Market Street.”

Clothing Giveaway. Our next clothing giveaway is on Saturday, November 7. We will start collecting clothing on Sunday, October 4, but we’d like to get the A104 classroom organized with plenty of sorting boxes beforehand. We would appreciate help now in collecting banana boxes and placing them in A104. Please see Todd or Cassandra Palmer or Audrey Brazzeal to help.

YOUTH BULLETIN

This past week Natasha, Nadia, and I were gone from Wednesday to Sunday on vacation. I would like to thank Keith Coble for teaching Wednesday and Daniel Russell for teaching on Sunday while I was gone. Also, a huge thanks to the Woods who hosted 5th Quarter last Friday. Parental involvement and membership involvement is a must for the success of our youth program and I am very thankful for the great interest our congregation has in their youth.

Wesley Thompson

This Fri Teen 5th Quarter @ Phillips after SHS game
This Sun KICS 101 and Devo. 12-2pm @ building
Mon, Sep 14 Teen Monday Night Football Party @ Wesley's 6-9pm. Bring \$3 for food.
Sep 18-20 R.U.S.H. @ Freed Hardeman.
Fri, Sep 25 Teen 5th Quarter @ Woods after SHS game
Sun, Sep 27 Teen Devo (Host Needed)
Wed, Sep 30 KICS Short Day @ McKee Park 1-3:30pm

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

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat., 9/19 Ministry Leaders RETREAT
Sat., 9/26 Tiffani Floyd / Frank Powell wedding in Greenwood, MS
10/9-10/11 Discover the Journey Youth Rally
Fri., 10/23 Parents Night Out (UCSC offers babysitting)
Mon., 10/27 Fall Festival with Monday Night Supper
Sat., 11/21 Jenny Cobb / Will Sneed wedding