



Family Matters

September 20, 2009

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<p style="text-align: center;">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</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Contact Elder for September Bailey Howell</p>

Assignments

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Assignments for Sunday, September 20

Greeters: Gene and Nell Egli

Elder to Serve: Bailey Howell

Worship assembly:

Head of Table	Steve Phillips
Serving	Isaac Howard
Serving	John Giesemann
Serving	Kale Moody
Serving	Scott Stricklin
First Prayer	Terry Kiser
Closing Prayer	Earl Sanders
Song Leader	Thad Wade
Media Room	J.W. Bruce

Nursery: 10:00 A.M. Natasha Thompson and Ann Chenney
5:00 P.M. Attended with love

Shepherds' Prayer: Bailey Howell and Terry Kiser

September 13, 2009

Bible Class	N.A.
Worship Assembly	253
Evening worship	49
Life Groups (10 groups met)	143
Prior Wednesday, Sep. 9	191

Upcoming Birthdays

<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>
<i>Logan Williams</i>	<i>Sep 21</i>
<i>Daniel Beardain</i>	<i>Sep 22</i>
<i>Marty Garton</i>	<i>Sep 26</i>
<i>Amanda Baine</i>	<i>Sep 30</i>

September Anniversaries

Richard and Sharon Haston
42 years on Sept. 15

Jim and Sharon Pruitt
31 years on Sept. 16

SHEPHERD'S PEN

DOES GOD ANSWER PRAYER?

To brighten and beautify our surroundings, suppose we asked God for a beautiful flower and a butterfly to watch as it visits the flower. Instead of granting our request, God gave us a cactus plant and a caterpillar. We would think that God misunderstood our request or perhaps He was so busy that He did not have time for our trivial request. Later on to our surprise, the ugly, thorny cactus plant had grown a beautiful flower and the unsightly caterpillar had been transformed into a gorgeous butterfly. God loves us and wants the best for us and He will always give us what we need.

If we ask God for one thing and He gives us another – TRUST. We can be sure that God will give us what we need at the appropriate time. What we want is not always what we need. God gives the very best to those who leave the choices up to Him.

So, let us keep going to Him with trust because He has said, "I will never fail you nor forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5)

Bailey Howell

<p style="text-align: center;">The Starkville Church of Christ is a Christ-centered, Bible-based family striving to be like Jesus and committed to sharing Him with others.</p>
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Ministry Leaders

This Saturday, September 19, we are having a retreat for ministry leaders, ministers, and shepherds. Please see David Shaw for more information.

Pursuing the Divine Standard

What standard for living does the person in the world follow?

- ◆ “If it feels good do it”
- ◆ “As long as nobody gets hurt...”
- ◆ “As long as you don’t kill anybody...” (Goodness is based on what they don’t do, not necessarily what they do).

The world’s standard is constantly changing, never consistent, always self-centered. What standard does the average Christian follow? Often it is just a shade bit different than the world. We have a tendency to compare ourselves first to the world and then to one another, without much consideration to Christ’s example.

- At times our standard may be solely based on the number of times we do or do not attend services and Bible study.
- At times our standard calls us to be a “good person” but not necessarily a “godly person.”
- At times our standard is higher but not focused on Jesus really being ‘Lord’ of our lives, our possessions, or our recreations.
- At times our standard calls us to make some changes but does not call us to constant challenge or change.

Despite the world’s standard and despite the average Christian’s standard, our standard must rest firmly and look faithfully to Jesus Christ: in our love, in our service, in our sacrifice. If Jesus is my standard, then there are certain questions I will be asking myself.

- ❖ Am I loving him foremost?
- ❖ Am I willing to sacrifice on his behalf?
- ❖ Am I giving up my possessions to his service?
- ❖ Am I constantly dwelling on Him?
- ❖ Am I striving to love others as Christ has loved me?
- ❖ Am I bearing spiritual fruit for the Lord?

Are you pursuing the divine standard? Look to Jesus. Heed his words. Follow his actions. Reflect his love. For we have a different standard.

Serving Him,

Andy Miller

Baptism. We greatly rejoice that **Rudi Acklin** was baptized into Christ on Monday, September 14. She is a sophomore MSU student, majoring in Political Science. Her contact information is available in the church office.

Responses. Several responded on Sunday morning to the lesson taught by Perry Jinkerson. **Joe Little, Linda Thompson, Casey Tomecek** and **Wilburn Whittington** expressed a desire for prayers of the church.

Sympathy. Please remember Zack Krampf’s family in prayer upon the passing of his maternal grandmother, **Diane Browning** (66) on Monday. The visitation is being held at 4:00 P.M. Tuesday and the funeral is scheduled for Wednesday at 2:00 P.M. in Southaven, MS. We also express deepest Christian sympathy to the family of **Don Threadgill**, a brother in Christ who served as a deacon to the Ackerman congregation, and as Choctaw County Chancery Clerk; he passed from this life on Monday.

Prayer requests. Sharon Hankins has requested prayer for Steve’s father, **James “Buddy” Hankins**, for his recuperation from bypass surgery on Friday, Sep. 11. In praise, physicians are treating **Jimmye Allen** for anemia; she has been cleared to resume normal activities, in moderation.

Thank you notes.

“Dear Church Family, I want to thank everyone for the concern you showed me during my recent hospital stay. In Christian love, **Roy Creech**”

“Thanks so much for all the prayers, cards, phone calls. We are looking forward to being with you soon. Your thoughtfulness knows know end and there is no end to how grateful we are! We love you. **Don and Caroline Hill**”

Guy's Night Out at Umi. Come join us for our monthly get together at Umi Japanese Steakhouse on September 24 at 6:00 pm. This should be a lot of fun especially if we can fill up a table! Since Umi will not seat you unless your entire party is there, we need to know if you plan on coming. Please sign the sheet in the foyer. This is a great time just to unwind and spend time with your fellow brothers in Christ. If you have never attended before, consider checking this one out! See Darrell Easley for details.

PLN Coin Banks. Jim and Doris Miller will have coin banks ready on Sunday, September the 27th. Please see them to pick up a coin bank.

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 details, call 662-324-9588.

Wedding Invitation. **Tiffani Lynn (Floyd)** will be wed to **Frank Matthew Powell** next Saturday, September 26, in Greenville, MS. The invitation is posted on the foyer bulletin board.

YOUTH BULLETIN

Sunday, there was a KICS devo at the building and it was great to have many of our new 3rd graders in attendance. The kids had a great time playing games together. After lunch I met with the new parents of our KICS group and went over our KICS program, while Natasha and Kara kept the kids entertained. After the KICS 101 meeting, I went downstairs and gave a devotional on gifts and responsibilities. Monday, around 12 teens came to the house for a Monday Night Football party. We had good food and the teens had a great time even though most of them didn’t pay any attention to the game. Wesley Thompson

This weekend	R.U.S.H. Leave 4pm Friday, bring money for 4 meals.
Fri, Sep 25	Teen 5th Quarter at Cobles after SHS football game
Sun, Sep 27	Teen Devo at Cobles after evening worship
Wed, Sep 30	KICS Short Day @ McKee park 1-3:30pm
Sat, Oct 3	SLCC Day (grades 3-12)
Oct 9-11	DISCOVER THE JOURNEY YOUTH RALLY

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., 11/07	Clothing Giveaway from 6:00 to 9:00 A.M.
Sat., 11/21	Jenny Cobb / Will Sneed wedding
1/31-2/3/10	MarriageMatters with Jerry and Lynn Jones