



Family Matters

September 27, 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 27

Greeters: the Palmers

Elder to Serve: Johnie Jenkins

Worship assembly:

Head of Table	Bobby Thompson
Serving	Brent Polley
Serving	Mike Phillips
Serving	Brad Brazzeal
Serving	TBD
First Prayer	John Giesemann
Closing Prayer	John Weaver
Song Leader	Jonathan Miller
Media Room	J.W. Bruce

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

Shepherds' Prayer: Johnie Jenkins and Dean Stewart

September 20, 2009

Bible Class	180
Worship Assembly	233
Evening worship	58
Life Groups (8 groups met)	148
Prior Wednesday, Sep. 16	220

Upcoming Birthdays

<i>Andrew Carlock</i>	<i>Sep 22</i>
<i>Daniel Beardain</i>	<i>Sep 23</i>
<i>Marty Garton</i>	<i>Sep 26</i>
<i>Gary Weasel</i>	<i>Sep 27</i>
<i>Amanda Baine</i>	<i>Sep 30</i>
<i>Shirley Davis</i>	<i>Oct 1</i>
<i>Carissa Palmer</i>	<i>Oct 3</i>
<i>Robert Rowan</i>	<i>Oct 3</i>
<i>Maria Caldwell</i>	<i>Oct 4</i>
<i>Jonathan Miller</i>	<i>Oct 4</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>
<i>Jim and Doris Miller</i>	<i>47 years on Sept. 28</i>

SHEPHERD'S PEN

Youth Rally-Discover the Journey

Our **Discover Youth Rally**, scheduled for October 9-11, 2009, allows us annually to help young people from a wide geographic area "discover" various aspects of the life we have in Christ. This year's theme is "**Discover the Journey.**" Our special invited speaker this year will be **Joe Brumfield**. Last year's Discover Youth Rally involved nearly everyone in the congregation, and we are already seeing similar involvement for this year. Everyone is invited to participate as opportunity allows. You may want to attend during the Friday evening devotional time; participate during one of the general sessions on Saturday, sing, and hear a special presentation; attend one of the adult or UCSC sessions on Saturday; or hear a special lesson on Sunday morning. Discover coincides with our MSU Homecoming and those interested will be able to attend the football game. You are invited and will find the agenda and registration information on our church website www.starkvillechurch.org. This year all registration will be online.

Those responsible for coordinating include Wesley Thompson, Andy Miller, and Perry Jinkerson, speakers/topics; Dean and Teresa Stewart, registration; John and Ruth Giesemann, housing; Steve and Valerie Phillips, Andy and Roslyn Miller and Billy and Hope Caldwell, meals and snacks; Perry Jinkerson, Zack Krampf, and Ashley Stough, UCSC overview and student involvement; Wesley and Natasha Thompson, logo, T-shirts; Steve and Valerie Phillips, Scott and Anne Stricklin, MSU information and tickets; Keith and Kim Coble and Starkville teens, decoration; and Wesley Thompson and Dean Stewart, coordination.

Many of you have volunteered to help support in different areas. Our UCSC students are inviting teens from their home congregations to attend. Our teens are inviting their friends from school and other youth groups. If not already involved and you desire to help, following is a list of areas to consider.

1. Pray for God to guide our efforts with **Discover**.
2. Make personal contact with another congregation; invite them to bring teens.
3. Visit with one of those responsible for an activity and offer your help.
4. Attend any or all of the sessions.
5. Offer teens a bed (or floor space) in your home for Friday and Saturday night.

If we can help by providing more information, please ask.
 Dean Stewart

Should I or Shouldn't I?

Two sermons and two Life Group lessons on sexual sins and sin in general have hopefully stirred our hearts to desire purity in all areas of our lives. We now have some decisions to make. Decisions, decisions, decisions. We make them every day, hour by hour, minute by minute. These choices we make as Christians will either enhance our relationship with God or diminish our relationship with Him. Our decisions should be based on the Lordship of Christ and not on the wishes of this world. When faced with the question of what is the right choice, there are several important questions to consider:

- ◆ Does it violate the will of God? (John 8:29)
- ◆ Does it destroy my identity as a Christian? (2 Cor. 6:14-18; James 1:27)
- ◆ Does it conflict with my service as a Christian? (Col. 3:17)
- ◆ Does it lead in the wrong direction? (Matt. 7:13, 14)
- ◆ Does it make me a slave to a habit? (1 Cor. 6:12)
- ◆ Does it harm my body? (1 Cor. 6:19, 20)
- ◆ Does it have the appearance of evil? (1 Thess. 5:21, 22)
- ◆ Does it have full approval of my conscience? (Rom. 14:22, 23)
- ◆ Does it cause another to stumble? (Rom. 14:13, 21)
- ◆ Does it require me to associate with the wrong kind of people? (1 Cor. 15:33)
- ◆ Does it enable me to walk and live as Jesus would? (1 John 2:6; 2 John 1:6)

As Christians, all that we say and do should be viewed from the standpoint that Jesus is Lord of our lives. If we allow anything into our lives that cannot be associated with the Lordship of Jesus, then we sin. When it comes to making God-pleasing decisions we need courage, conviction, and character, not compromise. Paul states the heart of the matter in Col. 3:17, "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

Serving Him,

Andy Miller

Prayer requests. **Daniel Beardain** asked for our prayers; he will be having surgery in Birmingham on October 21. Please continue to remember former member **Barton Spencer** who had brain surgery Tuesday; his sister, Jeannie writes, "Thanks so much for your prayers. ... The surgery went great! They removed the cancerous brain tumor in one hour! Barton is alert and smiling - very happy to have that surgery behind him. ... He wanted me to be sure and thank everyone for their prayers including the Starkville church.... Barton was so confident and ready for surgery this morning because of all the prayers being lifted up on his behalf. He can hardly wait to get out of the hospital and resume his treatment plan for knocking out the lung lesions. We are just so amazed and overwhelmed. The power of God is truly amazing. We saw him before the surgery and then after having BRAIN SURGERY, we see Barton again and he is smiling, cracking jokes and most of all so thankful that the surgery is done and was successful. He is so humbled by all of you who are praying for him. Please continue - it's working. Thank you so, so much for the love and prayers you continue to show to our family. We love you all, Jeannie"

Sympathy. We express deepest Christian sympathy to our brethren of the North Montgomery congregation upon the loss of our new brother in Christ, **Nick Hendrix**, who was killed in an automobile accident on Monday. Please pray for the Hendrix family during this time of loss.

Ministry Leaders Input Session. All Ministry Leaders are encouraged to meet with the elders on Sunday, September 27, in C100 at 3:00 P.M. to discuss how to improve the effectiveness of our ministries.

Discover The Journey Oct 9-11. Housing is needed for our guests! Please sign up now in the foyer or see Ruth Giesemann.

Thank you. "The old outdoor stairs with brick walls leading from the auditorium were broken and dangerous to use, but the exit needed to be retained as an emergency exit. A big thanks to Richie Orr for removing a tree, the concrete and the bricks, and hauling them away. He also hauled in fill to restore the grade. Pat Sneed prepared the site, provided sod and laid it to control erosion of soil onto the drive. A super job, guys, and thanks!" from the Building and Grounds Ministry.

Wedding Invitation. **Tiffani Lynn (Floyd)** will be wed to **Frank Matthew Powell** on Saturday, September 26, at 1:30 P.M., in Greenville, MS. The invitation is posted on the foyer bulletin board.

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 Bible Class. Our fall class for ladies of all ages (college age, too) will begin on Tuesday, October 6 at 10:00 A.M. Our lessons will come from a book entitled, "Shine like Stars" by Sara Leighton. It is a study of the book of Philippians. A nursery will be provided for preschool children.

Monday Night Supper. Cooks are now needed for these dates: October 12, October 19 and November 30. Please see Perry if you are able to serve our college students in this way.

YOUTH BULLETIN

This past weekend Natasha, Kim Orr, and I traveled with 15 teens to R.U.S.H. at Freed Hardeman University. The theme for the weekend was "Honestly?" There were many great speakers and teachers (including a great class by Russell Shaw on 2-Faced Religion). Besides a trip to the ER to get stitches under my eyebrow after colliding with someone playing football, it was a wonderful weekend.

Wesley Thompson

This Fri	Teen 5th Quarter @ Cobles after SHS game
This Sun	Teen Devo @ Cobles after evening assembly
Wed, Sep 30	KICS Short Day @ McKee park from 1-3:30pm. Lunch not provided.
Sat, Oct 3	SLCC Day @ SLCC. 3-12th grade. No fee, but donation for SLCC encouraged.
Oct 9-11	Discover the Journey youth rally

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

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat., 9/26	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
1/31-2/3/10	MarriageMatters with Jerry and Lynn Jones