



# Family Matters

**October 4, 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**

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**Bailey Howell**

## Assignments

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*Bailey Howell*

### **Assignments for Sunday, October 4**

**Greeters:** Terry and Gloria Kiser

**Elder to Serve:** Roger King

**Communion preparation:** Jenkins and Weaver families

**Worship assembly:**

Head of Table	Keith Coble
Serving	Kale Moody
Serving	Richie Orr
Serving	Jason Ross
Serving	Scott Stricklin
First Prayer	David Shaw
Closing Prayer	Perry Jinkerson
Song Leader	TBA
Media Room	J.W. Bruce

**Nursery:** 10:00 A.M. Kim Coble and Sherry Neal  
 5:00 P.M. Attended with love

**Shepherds' Prayer:** Roger King and Bascom Allen

**September 27, 2009**

Bible Class	226
Worship Assembly	370
Combined*, evening worship	165
*(including Life Groups)	*
Prior Wednesday, Sep. 23	221

Upcoming Birthdays

<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>
<i>Megan Braswell</i>	<i>Oct 5</i>
<i>Mary Allsup</i>	<i>Oct 9</i>

Upcoming Anniversaries

<i>Tommy and Laura Lea Cobb</i>	<i>28 years on Oct. 10</i>
<i>Hiram and Edith Estes</i>	<i>62 years on Oct. 17</i>
<i>Brad and Audrey Brazzeal</i>	<i>13 years on Oct. 18</i>
<i>John and Mary Fields</i>	<i>8 years on Oct. 27</i>

## SHEPHERD'S PEN: Where does your strength lie?

The prophet Habakkuk lived at a time that saw much adversity and evil among God's people. In his prophecy he asks God why so much evil in the world appears to him to go unpunished. God spoke to him and said this evil will be punished and that God plans to use the Babylonians to do his will. As God reveals his answer to Habakkuk, he also describes a most interesting characteristic of the Babylonians in Habakkuk 1:11 when he says:

"Then they sweep past like the wind and go on—  
 guilty men, whose own strength is their god."

The Babylonians believe that *their own* strength is their god and before God this indicts them as guilty men!

Although Habakkuk does not understand God's decision and goes on to question him more, he eventually accepts God's will and recognizes God has a plan. In faith, Habakkuk finishes his writing with the following in Habakkuk 3:17-19:

Though the fig tree does not bud  
 and there are no grapes on the vines,  
 though the olive crop fails  
 and the fields produce no food,  
 though there are no sheep in the pen  
 and no cattle in the stalls,

yet I will rejoice in the LORD,  
 I will be joyful in God my Savior.

The Sovereign LORD is my strength;  
 he makes my feet like the feet of a deer,  
 he enables me to go on the heights.

Habakkuk recognized the folly of looking to yourself for strength versus to God. Paul continued this teaching when he wrote a similar message to the church in Colossae:

And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. – Colossians 1:10-12

God's people look not to themselves, but to God for their strength.

Roger King

## Don't Turn Away

Jesus is supreme. There is no one greater. There is no one grander. There is no one more qualified than he to make us spiritually complete. As we discover from Colossians 1:15-18, he has a supreme relation to God, he has a supreme relation to the universe, and he has a supreme relation to the church. Don't seek another. Don't look another direction. Don't turn from him. Don't be dissuaded by this world. Jesus is the only answer. Jesus is the only way. He alone is the one who has the presence, the power, and the prestige to lead you safely home to your father above. After all, as one author put it, think about all we get hold of in Christ:

- ◆ A love that can never be fathomed
- ◆ A righteousness that can never be tarnished
- ◆ A peace that can never be surpassed
- ◆ A rest that can never be disturbed
- ◆ A joy that can never be diminished
- ◆ A grace that can never be comprehended
- ◆ A hope that can never be disappointed
- ◆ A glory that can never be clouded
- ◆ A light that can never be darkened
- ◆ A purity that can never be defiled
- ◆ A beauty that can never be marred
- ◆ A wisdom that can never be baffled

No need to look anywhere else. No need to ever feel incomplete. No need to wonder, question, or doubt the power or completeness that Jesus has to safely get us to our heavenly home. He makes us right. He gives us strength. He provides all we need.

Serving Him,

Andy Miller

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

**Baptism.** We greatly rejoice that **Allison Johnson** was baptized Wed., Sep. 23. Allison is an MSU senior, majoring in Kinesiology. Her contact information is available in the church office.

**New Members.** **Derek and Hannah Gibbs** have asked to place membership with the Starkville congregation. Their contact information is available in the church office.

**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.

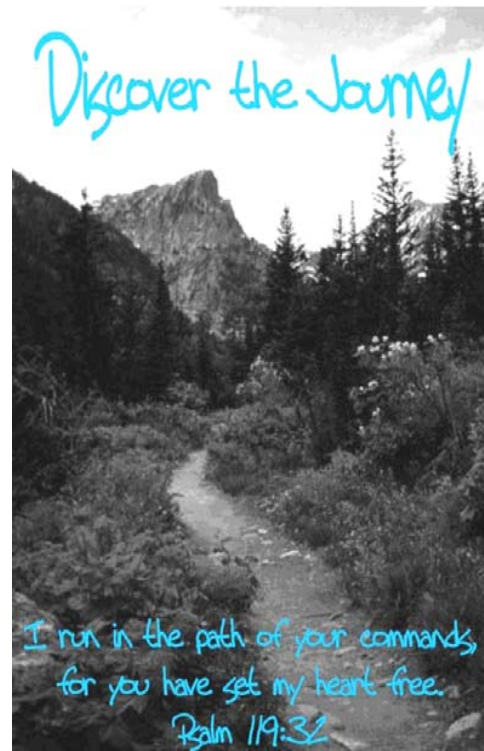
**Monday Night Supper.** Cooks are now needed for October 12, October 26 and November 30. Please see Perry if you can serve our UCSC in this way.

**PLN Coin Banks.** Jim and Doris Miller will now have coin banks ready on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Please see them to pick up a coin bank.

**Memory Walk.** The Alzheimer's Support Group that meets in our building the first Tuesday of each month is going to participate in an Alzheimer's Memory Walk on the morning of November 7, 2009, at 9:00 A.M. at Plantation Pointe, in Columbus, MS. If you would like to be a part of the walk or would like more information, please contact Teresa Stewart.

**Clothing Giveaway.** Our next clothing giveaway is on Saturday, November 7. We will start collecting clothing on Sunday, October 4. We still need banana boxes for organizing and sorting. Please see Todd or Cassandra Palmer or Audrey Brazzeal to help.

**Discover The Journey Youth Rally - October 9-11.** Sign-up lists are now in the foyer. Please sign up for **Food**; see Valerie Phillips if you would like to help with food preparation. Please sign up for **Housing**; see Ruth Giesemann for details.



## \*\*YOUTH BULLETIN\*\*

This past Friday, there was a Teen 5th Quarter at the Cobles. Several teens hung out, played Rock Band on the Wii and had an all around good time after SHS' first win of the season. Sunday, there was a Teen Devo that was also held at the Cobles. We had a great group of teens (around 30) come and enjoy pizza and a very uplifting time of singing together. Josh Bates spoke on Heroes and how Christ was a true hero and we are called to be heroes as well. Thanks to Josh for volunteering to speak and doing a great job, and to the Cobles for hosting these two events. Wesley Thompson

### DISCOVER THE JOURNEY OCTOBER 9-11!!!!!!

- This Sat SLCC Day. (Only if more interest is shown in participating)
- Wed, Oct 7 Teen Service Project @ Building 5:30pm. Bring \$3 for supper.
- Fri, Oct 16 Teen Guys SleepOver @ Wesley's from 8:30pm-9am
- Sun, Oct 18 KICS Devo (Still need a host)

### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tues., 10/06 Ladies Bible Class at 10:00 A.M.
- 10/9-10/11 Discover the Journey Youth Rally
- Tues., 10/13 Ladies Bible Class at 10:00 A.M.
- Tues., 10/20 Ladies Bible Class at 10:00 A.M.
- Fri., 10/23 Parents Night Out (UCSC offers babysitting)
- Mon., 10/26 Fall Festival with Monday Night Supper
- Tues, 10/27 Ladies Bible Class at 10:00 A.M.
- Tues., 11/03 Ladies Bible Class at 10:00 A.M.
- Sat., 11/07 Clothing Giveaway from 6:00-9:00 A.M.
- Tues., 11/10 Ladies Bible Class at 10:00 A.M.
- Sat., 11/21 Jenny Cobb / Will Sneed wedding