



Family Matters

October 25, 2009

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Starkville CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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 October
 Bailey Howell

Assignments

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Assignments for Sunday, October 25

- Greeters:** the Palmers downstairs, the Eglis upstairs
- Elder to Serve:** Johnie Jenkins
- Communion preparation:** Jenkins and Weaver families
- Worship assembly:**
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| Head of Table | Pat Sneed |
| Serving | Lynn Davis |
| Serving | Josh Bates |
| Serving | Scott Baine |
| Serving | Isaac Howard |
| First Prayer | Brent Polley |
| Closing Prayer | Marty Garton |
| Song Leader | Wesley Thompson |
| Media Room | J.W. Bruce |

Nursery: 10:00 A.M. Sylvia Jinkerson and Lori Roberts
 5:00 P.M. Attended with love

Shepherds' Prayer: Dean Stewart and Roger King

October 18, 2009

Bible Class	190
Worship Assembly	256
Evening worship	51
Life Groups (6 groups met)	110
Prior Wednesday, Oct. 14	210

Upcoming Birthdays

<i>Lisa Bostick</i>	<i>Oct 20</i>
<i>Don Hill</i>	<i>Oct 20</i>
<i>Sophie Stricklin</i>	<i>Oct 20</i>
<i>Amelia Williams</i>	<i>Oct 22</i>
<i>Perry Jinkerson</i>	<i>Oct 23</i>
<i>Brenda Stone</i>	<i>Oct 24</i>
<i>Sharon Pruitt</i>	<i>Oct 26</i>
<i>Melanie Nations</i>	<i>Oct 26</i>

Upcoming Anniversaries

<i>John and Mary Fields</i>	<i>8 years on Oct. 27</i>
<i>Greg and Megan Braswell</i>	<i>10 years on Oct 30</i>
<i>Lynn and Shirley Davis</i>	<i>46 years on Nov 2</i>

SHEPHERD'S PEN: WHO CHANGED?

The world continues to change, although, not necessarily for the better. Attitudes toward sin have changed. Today man accepts as righteous many things that a few years ago were considered sin. Our vocabulary has changed to fit this new arrangement. Many examples can be given but two will suffice. Two unmarried people moving in and living together was at one time called sin, but today it is called a trial living arrangement. Homosexuality is now called an alternative lifestyle. Our attitude toward sin has changed, even in the church. Who changed, God or man?

Has God's attitude toward sin changed? Did God and the writers of the Bible get it all wrong in what they called sin? Do we now have a new revelation from God about what He classifies as sin? At one time the church knew what sin was and that taught that certain behaviors were sinful. Today this seems to have changed. Someone has moved. Since the world tells us today to accept many things as wholesome that were at one time called sinful living, who changed, God or man? **Has God changed his attitude towards what is sin?** Of course not, but man's attitude toward sin has changed. In answer to the question of who changed, **it is obvious that man has moved closer to sin and is now embracing sin and calling it wholesome living.** Some tell us that accepting these activities as sinful is too hard a line to teach or live, so they just give the sinful activities a new name and accept the sin as wholesome activities. Sin, no matter what you call it, is never right. It is always sinful in the eyes of God. It still separates us from God just as it did in the Garden of Eden when sin first entered the world. God, not man defines sin.

Isaiah 59:1-4 (NIV) ¹ Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. ² **But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.** ³ For your hands are stained with blood, your fingers with guilt. Your lips have spoken lies, and your tongue mutters wicked things. ⁴ No one calls for justice; no one pleads his case with integrity. They rely on empty arguments and speak lies; they conceive trouble and give birth to evil. **1 Samuel 15:28-29 (NIV)** ²⁸ Samuel said to him, "The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today and has given it to one of your neighbors--to one better than you. ²⁹ **He who is the Glory of Israel does not lie or change his mind; for he is not a man, that he should change his mind."**

What will God do with Christians today who accept sin and call it wholesome living? The answer is clear, **But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.** He will not accept man's definition of sin for He, Jehovah, has defined sin for us in His revealed word and He does not lie or change his mind. Who changed? It was man, not God. Man needs to do much repentance today.

Johnie N. Jenkins

Joy in Service

Paul shares with those at Colossae, “Now I rejoice in my sufferings...” (Col. 1:24). Hardly seems like we ought to find the words “rejoicing” and “suffering” in the same sentence. Yet with Paul, when it comes to serving the Lord and ministering to his fellow Christians—it is pure joy to suffer. Paul is beaten and imprisoned in Acts 16 and responds with songs of praise. While imprisoned in Rome, he rejoices as long as Christ is proclaimed (Philip. 1:18). Paul was fully aware that every blow that fell on him fell also on his Master. Every curse uttered at him was also uttered at his Master. Every abuse, every rejection, every rebuff he faced, was also received by Jesus. This is what he means when he says in Col. 1:24, “in my flesh I do my share on behalf of His body (which is the church) in filling up that which is lacking in Christ’s afflictions.” If while serving the Lord he suffered, he rejoiced. He, just like Peter and the other apostles, rejoiced that he could be considered worthy to suffer shame for the name of Christ (Acts 5:41). Paul, as the other apostles, was buoyant, resilient, liberated, and victorious in his service to the Lord—no matter what.

What about us? What about our response when we face any resistance due to our service to the body and commitment to the Lord? Thomas à Kempis wrote:

- ◆ Jesus has many who love his kingdom in heaven, but few who bear his cross:
- ◆ He has many who desire comfort, but few who desire suffering.
- ◆ He finds many to share his feast, but few his fasting.
- ◆ All desire to rejoice with him, but few are willing to suffer for his sake.
- ◆ Many follow Jesus to the breaking of bread, but few to the drinking of the cup of his passion.
- ◆ Many admire his miracles, but few follow him in the humiliation of the cross.

Something to think about. How like the early Christians are we when it comes to a willingness to suffer for the Lord? How willing are we to suffer for the Lord’s body, the church? While we are not expected to be perfect or flawlessly consistent in our service, we are expected to be joyful. We are to have a supreme attitude when it comes to serving Jesus and His church.

Serving Him,

Andy Miller

Prayer requests. **Daniel Beardain** asked for our prayers; he will have surgery in Birmingham on Wednesday, October 21. Kimberly Whittington requested prayers for her boyfriend, **Andrew Dickey**, serving in Iraq. Andy and Roslyn Miller requested prayers for their friend in Colorado Springs, **Danny Wade**, with H1N1 and double pneumonia. **Mary Taylor** is scheduled for surgery in Nashville at Vanderbilt on October 29.

Sympathy. We express Christian sympathy to Bradley Carlock upon the loss of his grandmother, **Erma Redd**, whose funeral was this week in Natchez, MS. Please remember the family in prayer during this time.

Congratulations. **Molly Jane Moody** was born to Kale and Samantha Moody on Tuesday, October 13, at 10:13 A.M., weighing 7 lbs, 2 oz., and measuring 17¾ inches. **Nora Leigh Price** was born to former members Kevin and Jennifer Price on Friday, Oct. 16, at 4:13 P.M., weighing 8 lbs., 7.2 oz., and measuring 20½ inches.

Ladies Bible Class. Our fall class for ladies of all ages (college age, too) is each Tuesday morning at 10:00 A.M. Our lessons come from a book entitled, “Shine like Stars” by Sara Leighton. It is a study of the book of Philippians. A nursery is provided for preschool children.

Ladies Day. Join other ladies for a day of fun and fellowship on Thursday, October 22 for a trip to Tupelo and “Celebration Village.” This event benefits *Sanctuary Village Hospice House*, the residence of our sister Molly Miller before her death. See Pat Phillips or Mary Lou Howell for more information and sign up on the bulletin board.

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 are now collecting clothing. We still need banana boxes for organizing and sorting. Please see Todd or Cassandra Palmer or Audrey Brazzeal to help.

Gospel Meetings. In **Oxford, MS**, “Evangelism: Lights in the World” with Jacob Holman of Louisville, KY, speaking from October 25-28 at the Calvary Hill church of Christ. “God’s design is for us to carry the gospel to the lost. How can we better fulfill His purpose and glorify Him?” For more information, call 662-234-0935 see the Calvary Hill website at www.calvaryhillchurchofchrist.org. In **Tupelo, MS**, the Gloster Street congregation is holding a meeting with Cliff Goodwin of Talladega, AL, from November 1-4.

Winter Lectureship. The Charleston church of Christ will host their Winter '09 Lectureship on Friday, December 4. Those speaking include Adam Miller of Saltillo, MS, Don Fox of Saltillo, MS and Dan Beardain of Winona. Please RSVP for salad lunch by calling 662-563-0523.

YOUTH BULLETIN

This past Friday there was a teen guys devo @ our house. About 14 guys came over and played video games, board games, listened to music and hung out, many staying up til 5am or later. Sunday there was a KICS devo at the building. We had hot dogs for lunch and a devotional on being excited to serve God. The kids enjoyed singing and each picked out a song. After the devo we played ultimate frisbee till it was time to go. Wesley Thompson

PLEASE NOTE THE SCHEDULE CHANGE BELOW FOR TEEN FAST NEXT WEEK

This Fri Teen Devo @ Woods after SHS game
This Sun Teen Devo @ Giesemanns after evening worship assembly
Fri, Oct 30 Teen Guy/Girl F.A.S.T. @ Wesley's 6-8pm



Fall Festival October 26



The Fall Festival, an event for the entire congregation (youth, college-age and adults) will be on Monday, October 26th! Please invite your neighbors and friends for the **free** Monday Night Supper as well as activities for the entire family (games, hayride, inflatables, face painting and bingo). The fun will **begin at 5:30** with a **costume parade at 6:00**. Supper will be served following the parade as other events continue. **Each family is asked to please bring one bag of candy** by Sunday, October 25, and put it in the designated containers at each entrance. For more information, please see Todd or Cassandra Palmer. If you can bring two dozen cupcakes, please see Audrey Brazzeal.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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.