



# Family Matters

November 1, 2009

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Schedule of Services</b>  <b>Sunday</b>  <b>Bible Study 9:00 A.M.</b>  <b>Worship Assembly 10:00 A.M.</b>  <b>Evening Assembly 5:00 P.M.</b>  <b>Life Groups meet in various locations</b>  <b>Wednesday Bible classes 7:00 P.M.</b>  <b>Bible Classes for all ages</b></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Contact Elder for November</b>  <b>Bascom Allen</b></p>
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## Assignments

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### Assignments for Sunday, November 1

**Greeters:** the Kisers and Jerry Rogers

**Elder to Serve:** Bascom Allen

**Communion preparation:** Jenkins and Weaver families

#### **Worship assembly:**

Head of Table	Steve Phillips
Serving	Terry Kiser
Serving	Jerry Rogers
Serving	Jim Miller
Serving	TBA
First Prayer	Brent Polley
Closing Prayer	TBA
Song Leader	Daniel Russell
Media Room	J.W. Bruce

**Nursery:** 10:00 A.M. Audrey Brazzeal and Kim Orr  
 5:00 P.M. Attended with love

**Shepherds' Prayer:** Bascom Allen and Terry Kiser

#### October 25, 2009

Bible Class	212
Worship Assembly	305
Combined*, evening worship	176
*(including Life Groups)	*
Prior Wednesday, Oct. 21	231

#### Upcoming Birthdays

<i>Drew Dabbs</i>	<i>Oct 28</i>
<i>Donna King</i>	<i>Oct 28</i>
<i>Brandon Polley</i>	<i>Oct 28</i>
<i>Jerry Rogers</i>	<i>Oct 28</i>
<i>Kale Moody</i>	<i>Oct 29</i>
<i>Ann Sanders</i>	<i>Oct 29</i>
<i>Cassandra Thomas</i>	<i>Oct 29</i>
<i>Darrell Bland</i>	<i>Oct 31</i>

#### November Anniversaries

<i>Lynn &amp; Shirley Davis</i>	<i>46 years on November 2</i>
<i>Derek and Hannah Gibbs</i>	<i>7 years on November 16</i>

## SHEPHERD'S PEN

I came across the following article yesterday as I was perusing some of the old issues of **The Informer**, a weekly publication of the New Albany congregation in New Albany, Mississippi. I'm sure you'll find it as thought-provoking as I did.

### DIARY OF A BIBLE

Just imagine a Bible that can talk. Would we hear something like this?

**JANUARY:** A busy time for me. Most of the family decided to read me through this year. They kept me busy for the first two weeks, but they have forgotten me now.

**FEBRUARY:** Clean-up time. I was dusted yesterday and put in my place. My owner did use me for a few minutes last week. He had been in an argument and was looking up some references to prove he was right.

**MARCH:** Had a busy day first of the month. My owner was elected president of the PTA and used me to prepare a speech.

**APRIL:** Grandpa visited us this month. He kept me on his lap for an hour reading 1 Corinthians 13. He seems to think more of me than do some people in my own household.

**MAY:** I have a few green stains on my pages. Some spring flowers were pressed in my pages.

**JUNE:** I look like a scrapbook. They have stuffed me full of newspaper clippings—one of the girls was married.

**JULY:** They put me in a suitcase today. I guess we are off on vacation. I wish I could have stayed home; I know I'll be closed up in this thing for at least two weeks.

**AUGUST:** Still in the suitcase.

**SEPTEMBER:** Back home at last and in my old familiar place. I have a lot of company. Two women's magazines and four comic books are stacked on top of me. I wish I could be read as much as they are.

**OCTOBER:** They read me a little today. One of them is very sick. Right now I am sitting in the center of the coffee table. I think the Preacher is coming by for a visit.

**NOVEMBER:** Back in my old place.

**DECEMBER:** The family is busy getting ready for the holidays. I guess I'll be covered up under wrapping paper and packages again...just as I am every Christmas.

Hosea said it best in Hosea 4:6 NIV, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge..."

**Bascom Allen**

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 back one hour since  
 Daylight Savings Time  
 ends at 2:00 A.M.,  
 Sunday, November 1.*



As You Received Him So Live in Him

Paul gives an encouraging message to the Colossians in chapter 2 verse 6, "Just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him..." This means our experience of first coming to Christ ought to mirror how we live in him. In addition to our spiritual foundation being built on Christ, our attitude ought to reflect how we first received Christ. Overwhelming joy, unspeakable excitement, a breathtaking adventure—all of these powerful emotions ought to rule our walk with Jesus on a day to day basis. As time goes on and life goes by, we ought not to lose the great confidence, total dependence, and deep gratitude we had when we were baptized into Christ.

Just how do we live as we have received him? Think of the day you came up out of the water and renew your faith and express your gratitude. Think of the day you came up out of the water and refresh your heart and relive your joy. Remember the submission. Remember the delight. Remember the humility. Remember the gratitude and continue to live that way in him.

Charles H. Spurgeon describes the response to Christ in a powerful way:

We took him for all that we knew of him, and we found that he was much more than we then thought he was; but we did not pick and choose, and say, "We will have his pardon, but we will not have his sanctification."

We took the many-sided Christ, the Christ of many glorious characters, the Christ of ten thousand times ten thousand beauties; we took Christ to teach us, Christ to lead us, Christ to feed us, Christ to cheer us, Christ for us to obey, and Christ for us to delight in; we took a whole Christ. And then we gave him our whole selves.

We said, "Lord, take us, body, soul, and spirit;" we prayed that the sacrifice might be bound with cords to the horns of the altar for ever. We made no bargains with him; we gave the freehold of our souls to Jesus, and of our bodies too, and we only asked that we might not have a pulse beating except for him, or our lungs heaving except as he was our very life."

Just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him.

Serving Him,

Andy Miller

**Prayer requests.** Former members Mike and Jan Williams have requested prayers for several of their loved ones: **Jenna Gaona** (granddaughter) had surgery on Friday; their youngest grandson **Silas Williams** (Andy's son) has had swine flu and **Amelia Williams** is also recovering from flu-like symptoms.

**Sympathy.** We express deepest Christian sympathy to Della Bruce upon the loss of her brother-in-law, **Oscar "Dick" Bruce**, who passed from this life on Friday, October 23, at his residence in Dyersburg. Brother Bruce was a minister and member of Millers Chapel church of Christ for 53 years. The funeral was Monday. (Della Bruce will celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday next month on November 27, and her mailing address is available in the church office.).

**Annex Area Use.** Due to the increase of Sunday morning attendance when there is a home football game, we will plan to use our annex area if there is a Saturday game. Our adult classes will be asked to rotate in on a volunteer basis. Classes who are to rotate-in will always be mentioned at the bottom of our Announcements sheet.

**"Seeing Jesus through our ministries"** will be the theme of a series of articles that will be featured in future weeks. Each of our 13 ministry areas will be given the opportunity to highlight their current ministry. Be looking on Sunday mornings for the blue half-sheet which will feature one of our vital ministries.

**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.

**PLN Coin Banks.** Jim and Doris Miller have coin banks available. Please see them to ask about receiving 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 are now collecting clothing. We still need banana boxes for organizing and sorting. Please see Todd or Cassandra Palmer or Audrey Brazzeal to help.

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

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

This past Friday there was a 5th Quarter @ the Woods. We had a great time hanging out, playing light-up football, ultimate frisbee, and a great game of volleyball with a football (yes, I said volleyball with a football). Thanks to the Woods for hosting and providing snacks. Sunday there was a teen devo @ the Giesemanns. We had a good turnout and enjoyed tacos, singing, and a lesson on accepting the missions that God calls us to do. Thanks to the Giesemanns for opening their home to us.  
**Wesley Thompson**

- This Fri Teen Guy/Girl F.A.S.T. @ Wesley's from 6-8pm.
- Wed, Nov 11 Teen Short Day @ Bulldog Lanes (Phillips arranging)
- Sun, Nov 15 KICS Devo @ Stricklins from 2:00 to 3:30pm
- Sun, Nov 22 Teen Devo @ Jinkersons after evening assembly



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**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 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.**
- Fri., 11/13 Men's Chili Supper**
- Sat., 11/21 Jenny Cobb / Will Sneed wedding**
- Mon., 11/23 Thanksgiving Monday Night Supper**
- 1/31-2/3/10 MarriageMatters seminar with Jerry and Lynn Jones**