

LOSING THE POPULARITY CONTEST

(Tonight, we will begin our 2018 VBS. It's going to be great. This year the lesson will be taken from the book of Numbers.)

The story takes place in Numbers 11. Moses had successfully led the LORD's people out of Egypt, and they were now journeying through the wilderness on their way to the Promised Land. Now, remember, in Egypt they had been slaves. Moses led them out of captivity and was in the process of leading them to their own land, "a land flowing with milk and honey," and a land where they could live in freedom and prosperity. Numbers 11 takes place between Egypt and the Promised Land.

As they were traveling through the wilderness, the LORD provided for them every day by raining down manna, literally "bread from heaven". Six days a week the people of Israel would go out and pick up the manna and eat it. They made *manna stew*, and *manna cakes*, and probably *manna burgers* and *manna casserole* and *manna surprise* and on and on. And guess what? The people got tired of manna and began to complain: "If only we had meat! In Egypt we had cucumbers and garlic and onions and melons. And now we get nothing but manna!"

Moses became frustrated with their attitude and went to the LORD and said, in effect, "Why are you doing this to me? I can't make these people happy! Why don't you just kill me and put me out my misery?"

Through the course of this story Moses learned some great lessons on leadership. But the first and hardest lesson might be that if you walk with God, then you have to forget about winning the popularity contest. You cannot keep people happy.

In spite of all the great things Moses had done, there were still disgruntled people in the camp. They were angry because they had to eat manna every day. They became nostalgic for the fish and the vegetables they had enjoyed in Egypt. These people **remembered fondly** the food from Egypt. They **conveniently forgot** how inhumanely they had been treated as slaves. They forgot how they were forced to do back-breaking work in the scorching sun while the Egyptians sat in the shade enjoying the benefits of slave labor. These people should have been joyful with what Moses had done for them, but suddenly he was the target of their anger.

The LORD said to Moses in Numbers 11:18—20: "They're tired of manna, so I will give them quail to eat. Before too long they'll be sick and tired of quail, too." That's the way it is with disgruntled people. No matter what you do, they'll find something to gripe about. So, forget about winning the popularity contest.

Grace & Peace
Derek

Sunday Conference call:

To listen to our Sunday morning service live,
call 1-800-914-8405 followed by 4896244
YOU MUST MUTE YOUR PHONE

Family News & Notes

- **Haschal Golden** is in Baptist East 5431.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

HEALTH ISSUES: Joe Albritton, Herman Davis, Helen Denton, Danny Jackson, Ken Joines, Misha Kimbell, Tom MacMillan, Donna Meadows, Peggy McGowen, James Neal, Emily Ready, Jerry Richardson, Jack Usery, Jamie Vorhof, Linda Weatherford, Jane Winstead, Jeanette Williams.

REHAB: Cora Epperson

HOSPICE: Lula Whittle

SHUT-INS: Mary Lou Bennett, Valeria Canada, Lorene Edge, Cora Epperson, FM Hylander, Evelyn Fowler, Sallye Giles, Irmagene Hall, Margaret Jones, Jackie Lorensen, Dot McEwen, Billy & Betty Moore, Dorinda Murphy, Lynn Stalnaker, Helen Weathers.

FAMILY: Jeanette Barnes, Maxine Drewery, Pam Edwards, Mike Hasler, Zayden Huffman, Mary Jackson, Judy Lee, Sam Macmillan-deployed, Mike Massey, Jacob Maxwell-deployed, Sandra Morris, Terrance Simmons, Chris Weatherford, Ray Yearwood.

CAMP WILDERNESS—GOD IS OUR GUIDE

- VBS begins TONIGHT and our evening worship will be at **6:00PM**. The Lord's Supper will be served in room 19.
- We will have a class for adults in the auditorium Monday through Wednesday of VBS. The theme is "Faith In The Wilderness." Following the adult class, there will be refreshments in room 24.



FIFTH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP/CONTRIBUTION

Sunday, July 29 is our **5th Sunday**. The proceeds of this 5th Sunday's collection will go to El Salvador, Malawi, and Disaster Relief. May the Lord continue to bless you for your spirit of service and support.

As always the membership is asked to please provide salads and desserts to go along with the fellowship meal.



Reminders . . .

- ☞ **SHARE** will meet Today.
- ☞ **TLC'S** will meet at Hazel's **Tuesday, July 17** at 8:30AM.
- ☞ There will be **NO Encouragement Class, Tuesday, July 17.**

Invite a friend to Worship

GOODMAN OAKS' SUMMER SCHEDULE

JULY 15—18

Vacation Bible School

JULY 22

Senior Luncheon served by KFC'S

JULY 29

Fifth Sunday Fellowship

AUGUST 5

**Promotion Sunday
Back To School Party**

AUGUST 11

Ladies Summer Brunch

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS

In addition to helping our congregation, we will be serving our community by restocking the Goodman Oaks Food Pantry. Please pick up a brown bag from any of our entrances/exits, and bring the items back on our **5th Sunday, July 29**. We ask that you **place the bags on the stage** that morning as we show our love and support for our community.

Canned Fruit	Peanut Butter—smooth
Canned Vegetables	Jelly
Dry Beans	Canned Chicken
Rice	Tuna
Oatmeal	Macaroni & Cheese
Cereal	Ramen Noodles
Pasta	Pasta Sauce
Meal-in-a-can	Crackers

WELCOME, GUESTS!

We are honored with your presence and your willingness to join us in worshipping God today.

- We have an attended **nursery** for **0-2 year olds** available off the foyer.
- **Children ages 3-5** will be dismissed after the Lord's Supper for Children's Church in **room # 21**. Pick up time is after the song of invitation.
- **Hearing assistance** is available at the sound booth.

If you are not a member of a church and would like to learn more about the Church of Christ, we would be honored to answer any questions you may have. Please fill out an ivory visitor's card and drop it in the offering plate. If you would be interested in a home Bible study please call **Derek McNamara** at 662-349-3600.

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:

Bible Class 9:00AM
Morning Assembly 10:00AM
Evening Assembly 5:00PM

Wednesday:

Bible Class 7:00PM

MINISTERS

Dr. Derek McNamara
Senior Minister
Derek@goodmanoaks.com

Matthew Crowe
Associate Minister
Matthew@goodmanoaks.com

Alan Underwood
Children's Minister
Alan@goodmanoaks.com

Jared McCormick
Youth Minister
Jared@goodmanoaks.com

OFFICE STAFF

office@goodmanoaks.com

Antoinette Jones
Antoinette@goodmanoaks.com

Raynee Randolph
Raynee@goodmanoaks.com

Office Hours:
Mon-Thurs: 9AM-12PM
and 1-5 PM

Fri: 9AM-4PM
Phone: (662) 349-3600

SHEPHERDS

Phil Anderson	Marty Brownfield	David Butler
Randy Denton	Jimmy Eddlemon	Richard Fraley
	Dean Hasler	
elders@goodmanoaks.com		

Today's Sermon by Dr. Derek McNamara

"The Lord Requires Loyalty, Not Perfection"

Numbers 15

THE WEEKLY RECORD

Contribution:	
Sunday Offering	\$ 21,504
Weekly Budget	\$ 22,900
Attendance:	
Bible Class	316
Morning Assembly	512
Midweek Class	199



GOODMAN OAKS

CHURCH OF CHRIST

07/15/2018

Vol. 7 No. 28

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader - Luke McNamara

63 "I Will Call Upon The Lord"

Welcome - Dr. Derek McNamara

76 "How Great Thou Art"

Prayer - Ray Glover

354 "I Gave My Life For Thee"

The Lord's Supper & Offering - Al Canada

414 "Anywhere With Jesus"
"In Need"

458 "Redeemed"

Message - Dr. Derek McNamara

"The Lord Requires Loyalty, Not Perfection"
Numbers 15

Invitation Song - 852 "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder"

Shepherd's Prayer - Dean Hasler

We proclaim Jesus,
warning everyone and teaching everyone
with all wisdom,
that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

~ Colossians 1:28 ~

1700 Goodman Rd E. · Southaven, MS 38671 · 662-349-3600