



Connor Mobley has a low grade astrocytoma, Grade 2. He will be monitored every 3 months with an MRI... Faye Chambliss remains in The Med's burn unit room TG61... Jim Hixon has gone home... Bob Wall is at home ... Ron Thompson had an MRI on his knee and is awaiting results... Fred Whitlock remains in Health South Rehab room 213... Kevin Pannell's mother, Wendy Betterton, will start chemo treatments soon...

Our Church Family

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to Terri Ponders and family in the loss of her dad, Gene Giles. His funeral is Thursday at Crocket Church of Christ at 10am.

BABY SHOWER

A baby shower for Travis and Sarah Ashmore is scheduled for Sunday, March 21 3:30-4:30. They are registered at Baby Depot/Burlington Coat Factory and Target. It's a girl.

TLCS

Will be going to the Senior Rally at the Henderson Church in Henderson, TN on Saturday, March 27th. Vans will leave at 7:30am and be back about 3:30pm. Please sign up at the information desk if you plan to go.

DISASTER RELIEF TRIP

A group will be going to Nashville to work at the Church of Christ Disaster Relief warehouse on April 5-7. If interested contact Jerry Winstead or sign-up at the information desk.

LADIES DAY TEA PARTY

Our Ladies day is Saturday, April 24 10am - 3pm. Please make plans to be here and bring a friend.

WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL

Is looking for additional teachers for new students. You can attend the class on Wednesday night or you can talk to Bob or Gwen Coker to get student names and addresses and do it at your convenience. This is a great work to get involved in!

SPORTSMAN'S DINNER

All hunters and fishermen: we will host a Sportsman's dinner March 25 at 6:30pm in the FLC. For more information contact Art Shumway, Greg Kuntz or Sonny Howell.

MENS PRAYER BREAKFAST

All men are encouraged to sign up for the Men's prayer breakfast scheduled for Saturday, March 27. We are inviting our area chief of police. Sign up at the information desk.

VBS SIGN UPS

VBS is June 13-16 in the evening. Last year we had over 140 volunteers and we will need at least that many again. If you have any suggestions or changes you would like to see this year please write them down and give them to Louisa Allgeier.

RECYCLE INK CARTRIDGES

There is a box on the information desk for recycling ink cartridges. Donations benefit a local school library.

NURSERY WORKERS

We are needing more volunteers for the nursery for Sunday AM and PM worship services. If you can help once every few months please call the church office @ 662-349-3600.

NUMERICALLY SPEAKING

March 14, 2010

Sunday Bible Class	330
Sunday Morning Worship	585
Offering	\$15,600

SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

Sunday:
 Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.
 Worship - 10:00 a.m.
 Worship - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday: "Encouragement Class" - 10 a.m.

Wednesday:
 Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

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Around The Oaks

With Steve Reeves

“He Died For Me”

When President Harry Truman was in office the White House underwent a complete renovation that required the President and his family to move across the street to a residence known as “Blair House.” This house posed some serious security problems since it was located right at the street. On one occasion there was an attempted assassination of the President by Puerto Rican nationalists who sought to invade the house. Endeavoring to protect the president one of the Secret Service guards was slain. With deep sadness in his voice Truman later remarked, “You can’t understand how a man feels when somebody dies for him.”

Can you imagine what it would be like to have someone die for you? How would you feel about the self-sacrifice made by another so that you might live? Would you not feel an overwhelming sense of appreciation for that individual?

“**He died for me!**” It’s sad but true that such a statement sounds almost trite to us, doesn’t it? We hear it so often that it scarcely impacts us. The fact is, however, that it is the greatest news ever spoken, heard, written or read.

I fear that many people today possess a religion of convenience rather than conviction. A religion of convenience is one that expects little, demands little and is worth little. A religion of conviction occurs only when we are willing to sacrifice of our time, effort, money and life. A convenient religion is subject to passing fads and fashions that cater to the physical rather than spiritual appetite. A convicted religion holds true to the teachings of God’s Word and makes application of those teachings in life, worship, family and fellowship. The religion of convenience is the religion of the padded pew. The religion of conviction is that of the “old rugged cross.”

We must be reminded! “**He died for me!**” Praise God! “**He died for me!**” I owe Him everything. I must serve Him with my best effort. I must worship Him with a passionate spirit. I must be faithful to Him in all things. “**He died for me!**” How could I possibly be content to give Him less than my best? How could I let convenience rather than conviction direct my steps?

An old spiritual song asks the questions, “Were you there when the crucified my Lord? Were you there when they nailed Him to the cross? Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Were you there when He rose up from the grave? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble... tremble... tremble...”

“**He died for me!**” Does it really cause you to tremble? Sadly, our actions far too often indicate that it matters very little to us. “**He died for me!**” Until we come to truly believe this I see little hope for replacing a convenient religion with a convicted one and less hope for the church to make an impact in our world.

I disagree with Truman’s statement, “You can’t understand how a man feels when someone died for him.” Christians should know. We must know, “**He died for me!**”

- Steve Reeves
Southaven, MS

Deep thoughts by ...Paul Tullios

Relational Discipleship

What if being a disciple of Christ was more about having a relationship with Him rather than checking off a list of things I’m supposed to do? What if God is more concerned about us loving Him than He is concerned if we read the Bible, pray, or “go to church”? I know these things I’m saying seem crazy but let me explain.

Growing up in the Church of Christ my entire life I have been drilled over and over again that I need to read the Bible, pray, and “go to church”. Don’t get me wrong all of these things in and of themselves are great disciplines that every Christian should have in their life. We are told to do them by parents, Sunday school teachers, and the preacher. Even the Bible itself tells us to do these things and I agree with all of them.

What was missing in all of this then is the reason we do these things. These things are done because we desire a relationship with Christ Jesus. God didn’t want us to just read the Bible and pray because we have been told to do so our entire lives. We are supposed to be doing these things because we desire a relationship with Christ. You see God knows that if we don’t desire to have a relationship with Him then reading His word, praying to Him, and “going to church” will do us no good.

When we desire a relationship with God then we will read His word to find out what He wants for us in our lives and we will change to become more like Him to keep that relationship alive. We will talk to Him because we love Him and have a desire to share our struggles, concerns, and thanksgivings with Him. We will attend church gatherings because we know these people will bring us closer to God. If you don’t do these things because you want your relationship with God to grow then you are not doing them for the right reasons.

Take a look at your life and discern why you are doing these things. If it is not because you desire a relationship with God then maybe you are doing them for the wrong reasons.

Paul Tullios

Youth News

... Jeff Shocklee

Area-wide Devo

Our next area-wide devo will be this Sunday, March 21, at the Oxford church. We will be leaving at 3:45pm and returning around 8:30pm.

Senior Night

Our Senior Night will be May 2. All seniors need to turn in up to 10 photos in a digital format by April 11. Please make sure to include at least one senior picture appropriate for the bulletin. Additionally, there will be a quick meeting of the parents of the juniors immediately after the AM assembly on April 18.

Workcamp

It is time to think about Workcamp again! Each year we paint 25-35 houses in urban Memphis. We work with about 15 other churches and 400 teens. We serve people in the name of God and we worship Him together each evening.

The dates for Workcamp are June 7-11. Registration forms will be available beginning this week. Pick one up and join in! It’s going to be hot. It’s going to be difficult. It’s going to be a blast! You’ll love it!

UPLIFT

Uplift will take place from June 26-July1 at Harding University. The cost is \$190 per person. The deadline to sign up and pay a \$90 non-refundable deposit is May 2.

Friday at the Movies

Returns Friday, March 26 at 6:45-9pm!

Don’t forget to sign up to have Jeff come to lunch with you!