

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**Mary McCurley** has been sick at home and unable to attend worship for the past two weeks ... **Tim Snider** is in Baptist DeSoto, Rm. 510... **Ruby Davis, Jennie Benz** and **JoAnn Pate** are all now at home... **Millie Newport's** daughter, Vicki Dooley, had to have her surgery rescheduled. It will be this Friday... **Dawn Ales** stepmother has been seriously ill at St. Francis, Bartlett... **Tim Rickman's** stepmother has been diagnosed with cancer... **David Lipsey** received a good report from his recent bone scan. .. **Linda Holley's** brother, Jerry Sutton, recently suffered a stroke and is not doing well... **Nick Ales**, son of **Justin** and **Dawn Ales**, was hospitalized briefly this week but is now home doing better...

**CONGRATULATIONS**

To **Robert & Heather Foster** on the arrival of Libby Katherine, Aug. 27. She weighed 7 lbs 8 oz. and was 20 inches long. Proud grandparents are **Mike & Martha Foster**. Proud great grandparents are **Luby & Margaret Jones**.

To **Brad, Leah, Kirk & Caroline McIntosh** on the birth of Lee Kathryn on Aug. 28. She weighed 5 lbs 12 oz and was 19 inches long. Proud grandparents are **Ed & Martha McIntosh**.

**Fred** and **Amy Smith** are proud to announce that their daughter, Nikki, and her husband, Brian, are the proud parents of a baby girl, Julianne Ruth Wood, born Monday, Sept 1st. She weighed 8lb 1oz.

**FALL ADULT CLASSES**

BEGIN THIS SUNDAY

**Sunday**

1. Rm 20 - **Tweeners** - Acts (beginning)
2. Rm 22 - **Lifeguards** - I & II Corinthians
3. Rm 24 - **Sonshiners** - Acts (conclusion)
4. Rm 27/28 - **Faithbuilders** - Acts (beginning)
5. Aud. - **Preacher's Class** - O.T. History
6. Rm 25 - **College/Young Singles**

**Wednesday**

1. FLC - **Life of David** - Steve Reeves
2. Rm 22 - **Widows, Fatherless & Poor** - Phil Anderson & Randy Denton
3. Rm 20 - **Parenting: Through the Eyes Of...** (Supt of Schools - Milton Kuykendall, Policeman - Gary Pruitt, Judge - George Ready, long time Youth Minister - Jeff Shocklee, long time minister - Ken Joines)

4. Rm 29 - **Restoration Principles** - Charlie Moore
5. Rm 26 - **Men's Support Group** - Bill Pounders
6. Rm 1 - **Ladies Support Group** - TBA
7. Rm 24 - **World Bible School** - Bob & Gwen Coker

**LADS TO LEADERS/  
LEADERETTES**

The fall session of speech and advanced speech will begin Sept. 14th. This fall's topic will be on different aspects of the life of David. If you are interested in being involved with your child in this work, please see Bryant Cashion or Chad Bobo with any questions and the selection of a topic.

**OCTOBER LADIES RETREAT**

Reservation slips are in the foyer for the ladies retreat Oct. 17-18, at St. Colombo Conference Center in Bartlett. Beth Ramsey will be at the small desk to answer any questions.

**THURSDAY SCHOOL**

Due to the Hurricane Relief Shelter the beginning of Thursday School has been postponed until Thursday, September 11th.

**WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL**

A benefit dinner is planned for the World Bible School, Tuesday Sept. 16, at the Marriot Hotel in Memphis. This is a free dinner and we would like to fill up at least 2 tables. Please sign up with Bob & Gwen Coker by Sept. 9.

**PANTRY ITEMS**

Please bring crackers and canned vegetables.

**TLCs BROWNBAG**

Has been canceled for this Friday night due to the Hurricane Evacuees.

**NUMERICALLY SPEAKING**

August 31, 2008

Sunday Bible Class .....	449
Sunday Morning Worship .....	729
Sunday Evening Assembly .....	n/a
Offering .....	\$ 23,191

**SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES**

**Sunday:**  
Sunday School—9:00 a.m.  
Worship—10:00 a.m.  
Worship—6:00 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

### WHY DO WE DO IT?

*“In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven”*  
- Mt. 5:16.

Through your magnificent efforts we are providing shelter and food for 110 residents of the Gulf coast this week. Building upon the experiences we encountered three years ago during Hurricane Katrina we have been able to equip and staff our current shelter in a very efficient and smooth-running manner. So many of you are giving of your time and resources. Thank you so much.

Do you ever wonder why we do such things? Is it for the sake of notoriety? Are we simply hoping to appease our own conscience and relieve any feelings of guilt we might have? Believe me. I've searched my heart time and time again asking that very question.

Sunday morning I presented four scriptural reasons for offering such a service to others. The first is very simple. It is exactly what Jesus would do. Matthew 25:31 and following pictures the great judgment scene at which all nations will be gathered. Those on the right shall be separated from those on the left on the basis of how they have ministered to others in the name of Jesus. We simply cannot wear the name of Christ and turn our backs on those who are in need.

Second, it is so much like the example of the early Christians who sacrificed of their own wealth and possessions to make sure that others were being properly cared for—Acts 4:32-37. The Bible consistently teaches us about the dangers of greed and hoarding up possessions of this life only for ourselves while neglecting those who are truly hurting.

Third, an effort such as this brings out the

best in us. I cannot describe the overwhelming joy I feel when I see so many members of our church family working together in such a united and loving way. From the preparation of meals to providing twenty-four hour security, changing bed linens, keeping supplies stocked your works of service are a remarkable demonstration of the talent and resources we are blessed with at Goodman Oaks.

Above all. When we provide this service to others we have the opportunity to give the Glory to God. If we relied on the government how could God receive the glory? If we relied solely upon the Red Cross (and they have been a tremendous help to us) how would God receive the glory? If we said, “let someone else do it.” - how would God be glorified? When we do it we can humbly say, *“We preach not ourselves but Jesus as Lord and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake”* (2 Cor. 4:5).

Chris and Stacy Lacombe and their two children Heather and Hayden, stayed with us three years ago. They later relocated to the Norfolk, Virginia, area and because of their experience here looked up a church of Christ in that community. They studied the scripture and were baptized into Christ. Later they returned to St. Bernard's Parish in Louisiana and have worshipped with a local congregation there. This week they are back with us—only this time they are fellow Christians who are committed to the Lord and His church!

At this writing we do not know how much longer our guests will be with us. We are thankful to God that the storm was not as severe as predicted. Perhaps our friends will be able to be safely in their own homes by the end of the week. Whenever they leave and wherever they go may they always be able to say, *“You know, there was a church of Christ in Southaven, Mississippi, that opened their arms and really helped me when I was in need. It was Goodman Oaks!”*

That's why I'm so thankful to be...

~Around The Oaks

## Kevin's Korner

...Kevin Jourdan

### Attitude Check (2)

Last week I used my column to briefly discuss the apostle Paul's letter to the church at Philippi; mainly chapter 2. Paul wrote, *“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.”*

*Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus...* (2:3-5).

After Paul wrote this he then showed what the attitude of Jesus looked like by describing the attitude Jesus had. Jesus was God in the flesh, yet did not have a power struggle. He took on the nature of a servant (slave). He humbled himself and became obedient to death on a cross.

Paul told his readers then and it also applies to Christians now to have the same attitude Jesus had. How do we do this. The answer is found in verses 12-18. Here are a few ways God's word tells us how to have a Jesus attitude.

- Obey in all situations
- Continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling.
- Remember that it is God who works in us.
- Do everything without complaining or arguing so you can become blameless and pure children of God in such a messed up generation.
- Shine like stars in the universe.
- Hold out the word of life.
- Rejoice and be glad.

Last week when I wrote my article I didn't know what we would be doing this week. This week I have witnessed the attitude of Jesus. We've been blessed with the opportunity to serve the evacuees from New Orleans here at our building and we've had so many volunteers come and have displayed the attitude of Christ.

Too often we get caught up in ourselves because of “stuff” going on in our lives and then God places before us opportunities to shine like stars. There are so many opportunities for us here in our community to hold out the word of life. Now is the perfect time to show Jesus to the community around us. Let's not wait for a catastrophe to happen to have the attitude of Jesus. Let us continue to work out our salvation with fear and trembling.

## Youth News

... Jeff Shocklee

### FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

This Friday our only tailgate is at the Harding Academy-SBEC game. It takes place at Harding academy. John and Laura Reed are hosting and will have hot dogs on the grill for everyone. Bring a dessert or chips or a side and join in the fun. We will be hanging out near the Grad School. Look for the table with lots of people and the sign.

Other home games this week are at Lewisburg, Horn Lake, DeSoto Central, Southaven, and Hernando.

Next week we have games at Horn Lake, Olive Branch, SBEC, and Hernando...but no tailgates scheduled. I want to encourage you to host a tailgate. It isn't much preparation and it's intended for us to be together outside of the walls and to wear our faith and fellowship in a public way. Each school has about 5 home games. If each family at a school pitched in, they would be covered in no time. Let's get outside of the walls!

### AMAZED

This week we have been hosting a shelter for Gustav evacuees. When we met to worship on Sunday morning, we intentionally prayed that the God who parted the Red Sea and calmed the storm would show His mighty power again. I have had several people say that it hadn't occurred to them to pray for the storm to cease. And all day on Monday I received texts and calls of joy as people saw God's answer. Let's have faith that God can do amazing things and pray for those things to happen...in times of storm and in times of calm. The only thing limiting what God's people can accomplish is our faith...or lack thereof. Let us live and pray boldly with faith in the one who answers!