

## FOR ALL FAITHFUL MEMBERS

Too much of our writing, preaching, teaching and visiting are directed to the weak and unfaithful. We want to reverse that order. This article is not addressed to those of you who have to be begged, petted, and pampered before you will attend the services of the church or become involved with one of the many opportunities to serve. This isn't for those who grumble the most while doing the least! Those of you in that category can stop reading now, for this is not written to you. This is written to the faithful. Words are not large enough to tell you wonderful people how much you are appreciated. It does not matter how many meetings the elders call in a week, you will be present. Neither the weather nor company of any kind are able to keep you from your responsibilities.

Whatever attractions or distractions the world may offer, you will not forsake the Lord. You make whatever sacrifices are necessary. You have no more time than the unfaithful members do, but somehow you manage to find time to serve our Master with the finest and best of your time and talents.

Whatever good programs are put before the church, no one wonders what your response will be. You will accept an assignment, and when you do it, it is a foregone conclusion that you will successfully complete it.

You don't flirt with sin and see how worldly you can become without completely falling away. You are appreciated even more because you demand no special attention or praise for your service, and you do not consider regular and faithful attendance of each class and worship period as a grievous burden or a great feat of valor.

You are a good example to the youngest member and an inspiration to all. You make the work of an elder, preacher, deacon or Bible class teacher much lighter. Thank you for being what the Bible describes as a simple New Testament Christian !II

— Tim Woodard  
via Bulletin Digest

## Happy Birthday this week:



October 5 Halle Edwards  
October 6 Camerson Brown  
October 8 Nicole Munsey  
October 8 Dylan Tyler

## Happy Anniversary This Month to:

Charlie & Patti Gwaltney -October 10  
Jonathan & Brandi Beavers -October 14  
Charles & Hazel Maness -October 15  
Glenn & Sandra Neighbors -October 18  
Bobby & Wanda Martin -October 25



### **Gospel Meeting with Steve Hall**

Keep sending cards and notes to **Steve Hall** as encouragement for our gospel meeting **October 16-19**. Address labels are on the table in the foyer.

### **Turn Turn Turn**

**Still not too late**—All ladies who are planning to attend **TTT on Oct. 8** please sign-up on the website, bulletin board, or get registration form from **Amanda Brown**.

**TNT BARNABUS FAMILY OF FOCUS** – The next two weeks our family of focus is the **Ron Whites** along with **Alecia and Layne**. **EVERYONE** please give them all a little “special” attention.



### **Sunshine Basket**

Locate the **Sunshine Basket** for **Cameron Starnes** in the foyer. Send cards to:

## **West Side Youth**

October 30—Young Men conduct evening services  
November 5 -Bonfire at the Edwards 6PM  
November 13—TBS at Teen Center 7PM  
November 19—Youth Rally 9am-1pm

*Nine Good Minutes  
One Week!!!*

The new 2012 calendars are on the table beside the bulletins. Pick up a handful to give out or enclose with a bill payment!!!

### **OCTOBER ITEMS FOR THE STAFFORDS:**

**Crystal Light mixes (strawberry, kiwi, tangerine, orange classic); Slim Jims**

Give these items to Jeanny to be shipped out.

**PICK UP** the newest copy of the **Spiritual Sword** (green cover) on the table in the foyer. If you missed other editions, look in the basket for back issues.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Winnie Felps**, mother of **Dorothy Mays**, who will be celebrating her 100th birthday on **October 8th in TX**. Her address for cards is: . Let her know we care!!!

### **Monthly Reminders**

Lock and hide all valuables in your car, turn off your cell phone. Change the thermostat in the fellowship hall before leaving. If you are the last one here, please turn off all the lights and close and lock the doors. Thanks for everyone's vigilance with this.

## TUESDAY NIGHT TALENTS

Tuesday Night Talents continues on October 4th. The **Barnabus Project** will pick another "family of focus". Plan to meet at 6:00 pm for dinner and then stay to help as this new work begins.

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT WEST SIDE

October 8—TTT Ladies' Day at West Side

October 16-19—Gospel Meeting with Steve Hall

November 12—Men's w/s planning breakfast

### AREA EVENTS:

- ◇ **LAKE DRIVE** Gospel Meeting with **Tim Shoulders**, Oct.9-13.
- ◇ **DALE RIDGE KID'S DAY** October 29, 3:00—5:00. RSVP now.
- ◇ **COLD HARBOR ROAD LECTURESHIP** (15th Annual),  
November 3-6 Theme: **Balance**.
- ◇ **Rocky Mount Ladies' Day is November 5th.**
- ◇ **GREAT SMOKEY MOUNTAIN MARRIAGE RETREAT**  
February 15-18, 2012. "A Match Made in Heaven" Pigeon  
Forge Holiday Inn Conference Center. \*\* 2 tracks \*\*

Sympathy is extended to the family of Bill Heusinkveld, great-uncle of Yvette Mays who passed away in Iowa.

### New Books in the Library

These books have been processed and are now ready for checkout.  
Why not start reading a soul-building book today.

**Study To Show Thyself Approved**  
**Satan is No Myth**  
**Your Momma Don't Dance**  
**No Hermeneutical Gymnastics, Please**  
**Diamonds in the Rough**  
**Prescriptions for a Woman's Soul**  
**Preachers, Wake Up!**  
**Voyage of Faith**  
**Because I Said So!**  
**God's Girls**

Also there are duplicates on the table in the foyer. FREE to a good home. -Nancy

## Senior Servants

Lynn Anderson	Norma Biller
Betty Buckner	Jim Dorsett
Margaret Kratz	Miriam Majors
Jo Musgrove	Evelyn Scott
Elsie Smith	Ruth Stanton
Evelyn White	WJ Wood
Grace Myers	Al Furrow



- ⇒ **Paul Faw** (RMH) with congestive heart failure
- ⇒ **Mary Ellen Crowe** will have knee surgery on October 3rd.
- ⇒ **Glenn Gabbard** will have knee surgery October 6th.
- ⇒ **Chris Harrah** began taking diabetes medicine this week.

### Continue in Prayer:

Ruth & Glenn Hartman, Sr.  
Sandra Speir  
Dale Janosik  
Corey Ryan  
David Hayes  
Ron White  
Willard Campbell  
Naola McCormick  
Mickie Janney  
Kevin Barnard  
Jerry and Jennifer Ogden  
Mason & Cole Anderson  
Rob Kinney (D.R.-Shingles)  
Jim Dorsett  
Ashley Lakes  
Celeste Baaken  
Susan Stinnett  
Robert Young  
Micha Stowers  
Kathleen Soliday  
Clarence Angelotti  
Kerry Cesoro  
Ed Harless (RMH)  
Joshua Birney  
Ann Johnson  
"Doc" Long

Monthly Servants October 2011

Announcements: Fred Alfizer

Song Leader (AM): Paul Mays

Opening Prayer (AM)

10/2/2011 Glenn Gabbard

10/9/2011 Charlie Gwaltney

10/16/2100 Glenn Hartman

10/23/2011 Jeff Durham

10/30/2011 Bob Garby

Preside at Communion: Charles Maness

Serve Table Mitch Jearls

Walter Jenkins

Danny Guard

Jeff Williams

Closing Prayer (AM):

10/2/2011 Jim Bush

10/9/2011 Gene Benefield

10/16/2100 John Black

10/23/2011 Jim Harrington

10/30/2011 Barry White

Song Leader (PM): Charlie Gwaltney

Opening Prayer (PM)

10/2/2011 Wayne Dixon

10/9/2011 Jim Cooke

10/16/2100 Mike Durham

10/23/2011 Bradford Durham

10/30/2011 Greg Edwards

Scripture Reader: Jimmy Harrington

Closing Prayer (PM)

10/2/2011 Fred Alfizer

10/9/2011 Jerry Anderson

10/16/2100 Wesley White

10/23/2011 Josh Whitlow

10/30/2011 Tom Rogers

Serve Table (PM) Noah Laplante

Mark Brooks

Song Leader (Wed): Josh Whitlow

Prayer (Wed)

10/5/2011 Don Pettit

10/12/2011 Ben Munsey

10/19/2011 George Mellon

10/26/2011 Marc Laplante

Open/Close Bldg: Squeaky Valentine

Greeters: Jearls; Valentines

Nursery Attend: Paula Gibson

Sydney Durham

Ushers: Curtis Oakes

Norris Gearhart

Handouts: Garrett Laplante

Chandler Jearls

Prepare communion: Jean Argabright

Marsha Cooke

Baptismal Garments: Jeanny Gilpin

Cards/Pencils: Noah Laplante

Connor Jearls

Last week's attendance 9/25/11 & 9/28/11

Bible Class-141 Worship Service-165

Sunday PM-118 Wednesday PM-143

Contribution- \$ 5132

## No Place at All

Someone once said, "He who offers God second place offers Him no place at all." How true this statement is! God desires and requires first place in our lives (Mt. 6:33). When we consider the birth of our Lord we find a vivid illustration of this very principle, as there was "no room for them in the inn" (Lk. 2:7). Do you suppose that if the innkeeper had known that the Savior of the world was just outside the door and needed a place to stay that he would have kept the "No Vacancy" sign lit? How about us?

When it comes to our hobbies, travel, work, family, money and every other aspect of our lives, do we seek to give God second place? When we are with our friends and associates do we conceal the fact that we are Christians and fail to stand up for things that are right and in opposition to things that are wrong; or do we simply join in with the crowd, put our colleagues ahead of the Lord and fall in with what everyone else is doing? When the opportunity is ours to make a bold statement for the truth and stand up for the Lord's Cause, do we flounder and push God one rung down on the ladder?

When Jesus had silenced the chief priests, Pharisees, Herodians and Sadducees (Mt. 21:45-22:34), a lawyer from among the Pharisees, in an effort to tempt Him, asked Jesus, "Master, which is the great commandment in the law?" (Mt. 22:36). Without hesitation Jesus answered, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind" (Mt. 22:37). What was He saying? In essence He was saying, "He who offers God second place offers Him no place at all."

In a very difficult requirement for us Jesus stated, "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me" (Mt. 10:37, 38). If He does not occupy first place, He occupies no place.

If the Lord and His kingdom occupy any place other than the primary one in your life, then He is, in fact, not in your life at all. Ask yourself the question: Does the Lord have a place in my life? Then follow that with another question: What place does He have? If the answer to the second question is something other than first, then the answer to the first question is really, "No." Is there a place for the Lord in your life? If so, it must be first, or not at all.

-Eddy