

“THE MEMBERS”

Neal Pollard

Anything special, big, and worthwhile a church attempts, be it a new program, evangelism, visitation, the Bible School, a lectureship, or whatever, will fail if it rests only on the shoulders of the elders, preachers, and "the faithful few." The late Wendell Winkler would say, "Programs don't work. People do." Programs are only as effective as the people in the local church work to make them. This church is blessed with an active membership, which you demonstrate throughout the year. Active members are so crucial to a church being successful in God's eyes. Here is a tribute to some very special members of our congregation:

The Remembers: You are the ones who do not "forget" the activities that are announced and promoted. On scarce but irritating occasions, a member might say, "Oh, was that *this* weekend?" To the "remembers," church programs and activities are special and important. As Moses commanded the Jews, you take seriously this ever-relevant principle, "But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God..." (Deut. 8:18). God does not like to be forgotten (see Jer. 2:32; Ezek. 22:12), and the "remembers" do not forget Him!

The Dismembers: You sever yourself from your normal routines, preempting all else to put the Lord first—for the assemblies, for work days, for congregational activities, etc. Good for you! You are living out Matthew 6:33 and Romans 12:1-2. God will richly bless you for it. You know it is better to "cut off" anything that will keep you from doing your best for the Master (cf. Heb. 12:1).

The Ember Members: Because you are so involved, you keep your fire lit. You want to be a better Christian, servant, parent, spouse, employee, and child of God. Keep the fires of enthusiasm, rededication, and determination burning brightly. We see your glow. It encourages all of us. You can help smoke out the spiritual enemy through your fire!

God bless all faithful members of His church. Your support for good works is *overwhelming!* Let us use each event and activity to make this church, with its every member, stronger!

As our campaign and gospel meeting date approaches, let us all strive to be like these "members". – the Elders

“Blessed is the Man” (1)

Thirteen times your Bible makes the statement “Blessed is the man.” Naturally, “man” is used in the generic sense of mankind. Thus, such blessings are pronounced upon all who fulfill the responsibilities or fit the requirements modifying the phrase.

“Blessed is the man that trusteth” is found in three of these thirteen verses. Psalm 34:8 states: “O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.” Psalm 84:12 says: “O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.” Jeremiah 17:7 reveals: “Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.” Trust is deep confidence in and dependence upon the object of one’s heart. God must be the source and foundation of our trust (II Cor. 1:9). To trust in Him means also to comply with His will. If one refuses to obey Him he does not trust Him absolutely.

The first verse of the first Psalm states, “Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.” What a magnificent message to open this great book! The progression of walking, standing and sitting in vile places and with virulent people has been a pattern for many (cf. Lot- Gen. 13-19). The righteous man is blessed in avoiding such places and personalities.

In two of these thirteen passages is found the idea of blessing upon those to whom the Lord does not “impute” sin or iniquity (Ps. 32:2; Rom. 4:8). Under the gospel dispensation sin is not accounted to one who has been washed in the blood of Christ (Rev. 1:5). The appropriation of God’s grace (which delivers salvation to man- Tit. 2:11) is the result of man’s obedience to God’s will on the matter (Heb. 5:8, 9; I Pet. 1:22, 23). Initially, his sins are removed through baptism (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom. 6:3, 4); then, continually through his faithful walk with Christ (I Jn. 1:7). Such a man is indeed blessed.

-Eddy

Teens

TODAY—Lunch & Sports 12-2

October Dates to Remember

10/14—TBS—after evening services

10/20—Day at the Duff's 3-8

10/28-11/1—Gospel Meeting and Door-knocking campaign

WOW (West Sides Older Workers)

The regular scheduled WOW meeting will be cancelled in October due to scheduling conflict.

Directory Update:

Andy & Erin Duran

2325 US HWY 45S., Henderson, TN 38340

Turn, Turn, Turn
2006

This year's event was held yesterday and it was a wonderful day! Renita Archey was our guest speaker and she brought us 2 wonderful lessons on "What is a beautiful woman?" We also had devotionals by Rebecca Durham, Tammy Horn, and Laura Croft.

Of the 40 ladies in attendance we had the following congregations represented: Seven Hills, Radford, Dale Ridge, Rural Retreat and of course, West Side.

Special Thanks to the T3 planners for making this year's event special.

Next Year's Turn, Turn, Turn event will be October 4, 2008 so mark your calendars now!! Planning meetings will start in January!!

Team Events

Team 1— will be feeding the MSOP students on Tuesday, 10/30, at 5:30.

Team 2—will be feeding the MSOP students on Wednesday, 10/31, at 5:30.

Team 3—will be feeding the MSOP students on Thursday, 11/1, at 5:30.

Team 4— will be in charge of set up and clean up of the fellowship meal on Sunday, 10/28.

They will also be having Team pot-luck fellowship meals on November 18 & December 9 after morning services.

See your team leader with any questions!!

Gospel Meeting/MSOP Door Knocking October 28-November 1

Our fall gospel meeting is fast approaching. Be making plans now to be here for this event.



Welcome and encouragement letters are needed for the visiting MSOP students coming for our door-knocking campaign. Addressed envelopes are available in the foyer. Pick one or more up today!

Evening Meals for the students & preacher will be furnished by the teams (potluck in the fellowship hall is suggested). Team 1 – Tuesday evening, Team 2 – Wednesday evening, Team 3 – Thursday evening. Team 4 will be in charge of set up and clean up of the fellowship meal on Sunday afternoon.

Desserts & Coffee will be served after Monday evening services. Sign up sheet is posted in the hallway for desserts.

If you have any questions see one of the elders or Barry White.

SICK

Luetta Gregory continues to be in room 210 in Friendship Manor.

Collin Gregory continues recovery at home for his back problems.

Evelyn White is now home.

Effie Wimmer is now home after her stay in the hospital.

Gene Stillwell continues to recover at home. 125 Victor Street, Warner Robbins, GA 31088.

Remember the following in prayer: **Betty Jenkins, Marguerite Charles, Piet Jager, Ruth Cooke, Cora Akers, Danny Blevins.**

Sympathy is extended to **Connie Harrah** in the death of her father who passed away last week.



Happy Birthday this week to:

Nicole Munsey—10/8

Bonnie Wood—10/8

Dylan Tyler—10/8

Glenn Hartman—10/9



*Happy Anniversary this week to:
Charlie & Patty Gwaltney—10/10*

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

ITEMS FOR THE STAFFORDS:

Torengo's and dream whip envelopes.

Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!



EDP MEETING

EDP Meeting will be today at 4:00.

AREA WIDE PREACHERS MEETING

The preachers' meeting will be on Monday at 10:30 in the fellowship hall.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The monthly men's breakfast will be next Saturday at 8:00 at Famous Anthony's.

PRIMARY TEACHER MEETING

This month's primary teachers meeting will be on October 14 at 4:30. (updated)

WELCOME BAGS FOR MSOP STUDENTS

Annette Shrader is looking for donations to fill the **15** welcome bags for the students. Ideas for items include: chewing gum, mints, mini hand sanitizers, granola bars, travel tissues, etc. Please give all items to Annette ASAP.

DESSERTS & COFFEE

We will be welcoming the MSOP Students on Monday, 10/29, with a dessert and coffee fellowship after services. Sign up sheet is posted in the hallway.

OCTOBER DATES:

TBS—10/14

Gospel Meeting—10/28—11/1

Fellowship Meal—10-28

NOVEMBER DATES:

TBS—11/4

Men's Breakfast—11/10

Area-Wide Preachers' Meeting—11/12

Teen Service Project—11/16

Team 4 Fellowship—11/18

Primary Teachers Meeting—11/18



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Announcements Fred Altizer

Song Leader (AM) Jeff Durham

Opening Prayer (AM)

10/7 Barry White

10/14 Gene Benefield

10/21 Charlie Gwaltney

10/28 Collin Gregory

Preside at Communion Wayne Dixon

Serve Table Tom Rogers Charlie Puckett
Garrett Durham John Black

Closing Prayer

10/7 Jim Harrington

10/14 Bob Garby

10/21 Greg Edwards

10/28 Murphy Scott

Song Leader (PM) Charlie Gwaltney

Opening Prayer (PM)

10/7 Eric Earnhart

10/14 Jeremy White

10/21 Bob Martin

10/28 Danny Guard

Scripture Reader Sam Valentine

Closing Prayer (PM)

10/7 Herb Baker

10/14 Jeff Durham

10/21 Ethan Rogers

10/28 George Mellon

Serve Table (PM) Herb Baker Glenn Gabbard

Song Leader (Wed) Bob Garby

Prayer (Wed)

10/3 Tom Rogers

10/10 Richard Simms

10/17 Norris Gearhart

10/24 Jim Bush

10/31 AC Janney

Open/Close Bldg Lyn Shrader

Greeters Pettits Gearharts

Nursery Attend Hazel Maness Lisa Valentine

Ushers Roger Mays Glenn Hartman

Handouts Sam Valentine John Black

Preston Duff

Alternates Danny Guard

Prepare comm. Annette Shrader & Sandy Garby

Cards & Pencils Rebecca Doss & Sydney Durham

Last weeks attendance 9/30&10/3/2007

Bible Class— 161 Worship Service—183

Eve. Worship— 133 Wed. Service—128

Contribution—\$6420

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