

A Fifty Year Old Decision

People do not accidentally attend worship with out missing one worship service for twenty years. They must have planned always to attend. Soon after I obeyed the gospel in the fall of 1909, I read of an old brother who had not missed going to worship a single Sunday in 41 years. That story caused me to resolve and to purpose in my heart that I would never miss the worship on a single Lord's Day as long as I lived, if possible to attend. I have missed four Sundays in over fifty years and then, it was because of illness.

Once I made that decision, the question has not come up as to whether I would attend church services or not. In fact, I did not decide last Lord's Day to go to worship, nor the Sunday before. That decision was made more than fifty years ago.

It is a sin for any member of the church to miss the worship unless he is unable to attend. The very nature of our religion is such that those who feel this is a burden need to be converted.

- Gus Nichols

A great example for us all to follow!

- the Elders

Destroying the Power of Death

During a family cookout last week, five-year old Rayshun McDowell of Kingstown, North Carolina, was bitten by a rabid fox in his front yard. Instead of running to tell his parents, he grabbed the fox by the neck and pinned it to the ground in order to protect his younger brother. He held it there for more than a minute until his step-father came and killed the animal. It later tested positive for rabies, and Rayshun began treatment for the disease which, if left untreated, is fatal.

This was indeed a brave and heroic act, especially for one so young. He took hold of something deadly in order to protect someone he loved. It is illustrative of what our Lord did for each of us. He took hold of death in order that he might protect those He loved. Genesis 3:15 states: "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." In this passage is pictured the fact that Jesus would suffer at the hands of Satan (the "bruising of His heel" representing His death on the cross). However, He would deliver the fatal blow to Satan (the "bruise to his head") by His resurrection from the dead. These truths are revealed in such passages as Hebrews 2:14, 15: "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage." He came in order to destroy the works of the devil (I Jn. 3:8). He came to take hold of spiritual death on behalf of each of us and to prevent its becoming a reality to us. His love was demonstrated through this sacrificial act. Will you respond in love to Him (Jn. 14:15)?

-Eddy

Teens

July Dates to Remember

July 8-13, 2007 Horizons Junior Week

July 9—Summer Youth Devo—Christiansburg

July 13—Movie Night at West Side 7:00

July 19—TNT 7:30

July 21—Bowling 1:00

July 22—VBS Door Knocking

July 23—Summer Youth Devo—Dale Ridge

July 27 & 28—Bonfire/Campout

July 29—Young men conduct services

Youth Activities for the week of: July 1- 6th.

"Horizons Yo" 07

Horizons 2007 was an amazing week of learning God's word with so many wonderful Bible teachers, counselors, campers and staff who truly love and care for our souls. West Side had 9 youth for the senior week and the theme this year was "Touching Heaven, Changing Earth".

For the boys, the theme was "Laws of Leadership", classes in Defending the Faith, Disaster Relief, Helping the Hurting, Leading Worship, Song leading, The Local Preacher, and Youth Ministry. For the girls, their classes consisted of "Growing Up" prepared for battle, with a bridled tongue, a gentle spirit, in love towards others, in love with myself, and with self-control. Our morning, evening devotions and dorm devotionals were so spiritually uplifting and the singing was like the theme, a feeling of, "Touching Heaven" with 350 people singing praises to God.

The week was full of extra-curricular activities such as crafts, soccer, softball, swimming, and tennis. The basketball games were exciting with Ethan Rogers team winning the championship! At nights we had a concert, talent show, and late night pizza! Our last night there was our "Hollywood" theme banquet in which Luke Guard won the "Outstanding Leadership" award. Ethan Rogers was nominated for this award! Caroline Doss, Ethan Rogers, and Garrett Durham were recognized for five years of participation at Horizons. We know that the West Side youth once again represented well with a Christ-like example at Horizons! We want to thank the Elders for supporting this program the last nine years and allowing us to continue to go, Bobby Martin who so unselfishly gives of himself and taking part of his vacation to drive us down every year and Jerry and Kay Anderson, and Jeff Durham who chaperone us every year.

Horizons Yo! We cannot wait to be there in 2008.

Grat

West Side's Older Workers

Regular WOW Meeting will be on Tuesday, July 10, at 10:30.

The **WOW Group** is inviting all members who are interested to tour Dixie Caverns. This event is scheduled for Saturday morning, July 21st at 10:00.

If you plan to attend, please sign up on the WOW bulletin board. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

Thank you: Tom Richardson approached us to request assistance from WOW in helping with Glenna when she was moved to her sister's home in Roanoke. The WOW group responded in excellent fashion as well as others desiring to assist in a loving and compassionate manner. Thank you to all the ladies who sat with Glenna. Both Mitzi and I appreciate your thoughtfulness as does Tom and Glenna's sister, Sandra Sexton. Your response and care has been greatly appreciated. There is truly no side like West Side!

Faithfully, Mitzi & Don

Team Events

Team 4—Will be hosting an ice cream social after evening services in the pavilion on July 22. Everyone is invited!

Touching Heaven, Changing Earth (from Horizons)

We will seek your face almighty God
Turn and pray for You to heal our land
Father, let revival start in us
Then every heart will know your Kingdom come

Chorus:

Lifting up the name of the Lord
In power and in unity,
We will see the nations turn
Touching Heaven, changing Earth
Touching Heaven, changing Earth.

Never looking back, we'll run the race
Giving you our lives we'll gain the prize
We will take the harvest given us
And though we sow in tears we'll reap in joy

SICK

Evelyn White is at LGH in room 412.

David Cox was back at RMH earlier this week.

Melvin Doss is in critical condition at the VA Hosp.

Remember the following in prayer: **Luetta Gregory, Larry Phillips, Betty Jenkins, Tom House, Effie Wimmer, Dee House.**

In Sympathy— Our sympathies are extended to the family of **Glenna Richardson**. There will be a memorial service for her on July 14 at 2:00 here at West Side.

Our sympathies are also extended to **Grace Myers** and family in the death of her 47 year old nephew, James Mutter.

Happy Birthday this week to:

Audrey Gabbard—7/8

Jean Argabright—7/8

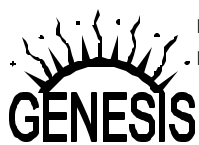
Ethan Rogers 7/8

Happy Anniversary to:

FV & Effie Wimmer—7/11

Miles & Louise Quesenberry—7/14

Vacation Bible School



VBS is on August 4—less than a month away!! We had a great meeting last week and things are rolling along!! The Food committee will be needing the following items donated: canned cokes, boxed or bagged drinks (Capri Suns), cookies and brownies for desserts. Please sign up today if you can bring something!!

Also in the foyer are the VBS registration forms. Please pick one up and fill it out for your child and also for any child they bring. Prizes for everyone who brings one and a grand prize for the person who brings the most!! These need to be in the office ASAP!!

JULY & AUGUST ITEMS FOR STAFFORDS:

Sugar free puddings and Dentyne Fire/spicy cinnamon gum. Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!!

HOUSE TO HOUSE LABELING

The very last H2H labeling party will be today at 4:00. The next issue will be directly sent from AL due to the postal change. So make sure you come out and enjoy the very last one!!!

WEST SIDE SUMMER SERIES

West Side Summer Series will be “in-house” this year. Several men of our own congregation will be presenting lessons on Wednesday evenings this summer. This week will be Danny Guard & Paul Mays.

MENS FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The monthly Men’s Fellowship Breakfast will be on July 14 at 8AM at Famous Anthony’s.

WEDDING RECEPTION

There will be a wedding reception for Willard and Marie Campbell on July 15 after evening services. Dorothy Mays will host. Recommended gifts would be gift certificates to local restaurants.

PRIMARY BIBLE CLASS TEACHERS

Please try to have all class materials list that need to be purchased (\$ + tax & shipping) to Danny by August 5.

ALSO... Primary Class Teachers

Mark the following dates for teachers meetings: 9/23, 10/21, 11/18, 12/9. Times will be announced.

Bits & Pieces

- *Good habits are as easy to form as bad ones.*
- *You miss 100% of all the shots you never take.—Wayne Gretsky*
- *Most people see what is, and never see what can be.—Albert Einstein*
- *Character is the sum and total of a person’s choices.—P.B. Fitzwater*
- *If we take care of the moments, the years will take care of themselves—Maria Edgeworth*

July 2007

Announcements	Tom Duff	
Song Leader (AM)	Charlie Gwaltney	
Opening Prayer (AM)		
7/1	Don Pettit	
7/8	Glen Hartman	
7/15	Jim Cooke	
7/22	Gene Benefield	
7/29	A. C. Janney	
Preside at Communion	Don Pettit	
Serve Table	Grat Tucker	Luke Guard
	Charlie Puckett	George Mellon
Closing Prayer		
7/1	Bobby Martin	
7/8	Jim Bush	
7/15	Collin Gregory	
7/22	Greg Edwards	
7/29	Eric Earnhart	
Song Leader (PM)	David Brown	
Opening Prayer (PM)		
7/1	Squeaky Valentine	
7/8	Mike Durham	
7/15	Richard Simms	
7/22	Murphy Scott	
7/29	Youth	
Scripture Reader	Garrett Durham	
Closing Prayer (PM)		
7/1	Crawford Keith	
7/8	Paul Mays	
7/15	Josh Whitlow	
7/22	Claude Crowe	
7/29	Youth	
Serve Table (PM)	Sam Valentine	Bradford Durham
Song Leader (Wed)	Josh Whitlow	
Prayer (Wed)		
7/4	Charlie Gwaltney	
7/11	Wayne Dixon	
7/18	Roger Mays	
7/25	Tom Richardson	
Open/Close Bldg	Jim Harrington	
Greeters	Harringtons	Paxtons
Nursery Attend	Jean Argabright	Sondra Tyler
Ushers	Herb Baker	John Black
Handouts	Bob Garby	David McFalls
Alternates	Mark Brooks	
Prepare comm.	Melissa Rogers	Amanda Brown
Cards & Pencils	Sydney Durham	Chandler Jearls

Last weeks attendance 7/1 & 4/07

Bible Class— 118 Worship Service—175

Eve. Worship— 114 Wed. Service—121

Contribution—\$7124