

## Entering The Ministry

*Franklin Camp, deceased*

Attending the services is a part of Christian service, but its far from all that is expected and that God requires of each Christian. Just sitting on a pew once or even three times a week when nothing else is done, will never develop a strong spiritual life. Just as an evangelist grows in knowledge, ability, and spiritual development, so each Christian will grow as they fulfill their ministry.

What kind of Christian would an evangelist be that attended services, but never studied nor preached a sermon? What kind of a Christian is it that attends services, but never does one thing as a minister in whatever capacity he may be able to work? Let us put the word "minister" back where it belongs and make ministers out of every Christian. Only this way will there be any development in Christina living and growth and the church fulfill its ministry in a community.

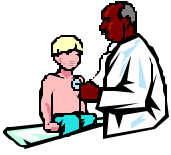
It is certain to take some time for members of the body of Christ to do this, but this is the only cure for the spiritual diseases that are killing the church. Unless we apply the remedy and make ministers out of every Christian according to their various abilities, the church is going to end up with clergy and laity ideas. This spells apostasy in big letters.

I am not "The Minister" of this congregation, and have no intentions of becoming "Its Minister". I am a minister working with other Christians that are also ministers, and the only difference is one of function. The work of the church involves the ministry of teaching, of ruling, of exhortation, of mercy, etc., and it takes every member as a minister using his or her ability as they may be able for the church to fulfill its ministry and for Christians to grow spiritually.

If we expect to save the church from apostasy and our own souls from eternal ruin, here is where we need to begin. Every person enters the ministry of some type when they become a Christian.

# Sick

Continue to remember in prayer: Marguerite Charles, Margaret Kratz, Lyn Anderson, Martha Keith, Miriam Majors, Betty Jenkins, WJ Wood, Jonnie Charles, WJ Wood, Buddy Martin.



Kathleen Soliday, Sandy Garby's mother, may have a broken vertebra.

Sandy is up in PA with her.

Jo Ann Paul, Jo Hartman's sister-in-law, is under hospice care.

## Happy Birthday this week to:

Charlie Puckett—5/10  
Mitch Jearls—5/13  
Caroline Doss—5/15  
Wanda Martin—5/15



## Happy Anniversary this week to:

Willard & Marie Campbell—5/11  
Jeff & Tammy Reed—5/13  
AC & Mickie Janney—5/15



**MAY ITEMS FOR THE STAFFORDS:** Hormel Real Bacon Bits, assorted Ziplocs. Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!

## VCC

Virginia Christian Camp will be on June 21-27 and will be here before you know it. Plans are being made for another great year at camp!



**Applications are in the foyer. Deadline is May 15 so hurry and get your application sent to Curtis!!**

**Donation Boxes located in the foyer!!**

Please check in the foyer to see if you have personal items and/or Bibles that need to be taken home!

## Upcoming Events:



**Team 1 (Durham)** will be in charge of set up for the Gospel Meeting Fellowship. They will Feed The Preacher on Monday at Marc & Jennifer Laplante's home at 4:00. Please pay \$1 per person for the meat to Jennifer by May 20 and sign up on the board.

**Team 2 (Garby)** will be responsible for drinks & ice for the Gospel Meeting Fellowship. They will Feed The Preacher on Tuesday at Mama Maria's at 5:15.

**Team 3 (Valentine)** will be cleaning up after the Gospel Meeting Fellowship. They will be Feeding the Preacher on Wednesday at the building with a catered meal. Sign up sheet located in the hall and pay \$5 at the door.

## Teens

### May Events

Leadership Workshop—5/15&16  
TBS—5/17  
Gospel Meeting—5/24-27  
Young Men Conduct Services—  
5/31



A Formal High School Banquet is being planned for June 5. Details coming soon!

Have you contacted Luke yet? Email at [luket-guard@gmail.com](mailto:luket-guard@gmail.com) or call him at 540-556-8855. Let him know what you want to study and what you want to do!!

Horizon's, CTS and Bus Forms are located in the foyer. Get yours sent in today!! Give Bus Forms to Mike Durham.

## WOW

Next WOW meeting will be on Tuesday, May 12, at 10:30.

## For Your Information

### DISCOVERY CLUB

Discovery Club Meeting for today is cancelled. It has been rescheduled for May 17 at 4:00.

### AREA WIDE PREACHERS MEETING

The Area Wide Preachers meeting will be on Monday at 10:30. All are welcome.

### PRIMARY TEACHERS MEETING

The Primary Teachers Meeting for next week has been cancelled.

### WEDDING SHOWER BRUNCH

There will be a Wedding Shower Brunch for Nathan Anderson and Ellen McDoniel on May 23 at 10 am in the fellowship hall. They are registered at Target, Sears, and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

### GOSPEL MEETING

West Side's Spring Gospel Meeting will be May 24-27 with Wade Webster, of Southaven, MS. Make your plans to be here and be praying and preparing for this effort. Pick up a flyer today from the foyer.

### MEET THE VAUGHNS RECEPTION

Stay and meet the newlyweds, Bethany and Matt, after evening services on May 31 in the Fellowship Room. Light refreshments will be served. Anyone desiring to give a gift is asked to participate in a "money tree" that will be available that evening.

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### LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

Leadership Workshop at West Side  
May 15 & 16  
William Woodson and Tom Holland



These sessions are for both men and women. Make your plans to be here to hear both of these great men of God. (Brother Woodson will also be teaching the Men's Leadership class and preaching to us on Sunday, May 17.) Flyers with the details are located in the foyer. Lunch will be provided on Saturday—there is a sign up sheet located on the board.

Session Times:

Friday—7:00 & 8:00 (Special lesson about teachers)  
Saturday—10:00, 11:00, 1:00 & 2:00

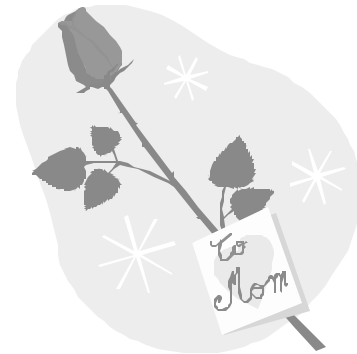
# Weekly Reminders

Prayer list:

Marguerite Charles  
Lyn Anderson  
Martha Keith  
Miriam Majors  
Betty Jenkins  
WJ Wood  
Margaret Kratz  
Cynthia Angelotti  
Roy Doss  
Jonnie Charles  
Larry Phillips  
Kathleen Soliday  
Jo Ann Paul  
Beulah Wright  
Oscar Keplinger

Activities:

Preachers Meeting—5/11  
WOW Group—5/12  
Leadership Workshop—5/15&16  
VCC Apps Due—5/15  
Discovery Club—5/17  
TBS—5/17



## Happy Mother's Day

May 2009

## Thanks, Mothers

**Announcements** Mike Durham  
**Song Leader (AM)** Eric Earnhart  
**Opening Prayer (AM)**  
**5/3** Collin Gregory  
**5/10** Glen Hartman  
**5/17** Bob Martin  
**5/24** Charlie Gwaltney  
**5/31** Jeff Durham  
**Preside at Communion** Charlie Maness  
**Serve Table** Mark Brooks Bradford Durham  
Gene Benefield Norris Gearhart

**Closing Prayer**  
**5/3** Herb Baker  
**5/10** Barry White  
**5/17** Jeremy White  
**5/24** Mitch Jearls  
**5/31** Roger Mays  
**Song Leader (PM)** David Brown

**Opening Prayer (PM)**  
**5/3** Garrett Durham  
**5/10** Richard Simms  
**5/17** Jim Cooke  
**5/24** Jerry Anderson  
**5/31** Danny Guard  
**Sam Valentine**

**Scripture Reader**  
**Closing Prayer (PM)**  
**5/3** Tom Rogers  
**5/10** Nathan Pelfrey  
**5/17** Charlie Puckett  
**5/24** Ethan Rogers  
**5/31** Paul Mays

**Serve Table (PM)**  
Jim & Jimmy Harrington

**Song Leader (Wed)** Tom Rogers  
**Prayer (Wed)**  
**5/6** Jason Oldham  
**5/13** Bob Garby  
**5/20** Cameron Brown  
**5/27** Shawn Simms

**Open/Close Bldg** Bob Garby  
**Greeters** Argabright/Cook

**Nursery Attend** Bonnie Mellon S. Mountcastle  
**Ushers** Bob Garby Curtis Oakes  
**Handouts** Jeff, Caleb & Tanner Reed

**Alternates** Lyn Shrader  
**Prepare communion**  
Grace Myers Sandra Neighbors  
**Cards & Pencils**  
Noah & Garrett Laplante

### Last weeks attendance 5/3&6/09

Bible Class—142 Worship Service—175  
Sunday Eve.—123 Wednesday Eve.—141  
Contribution—\$7668

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The Bible contains the word “mother” in 292 verses. It is used in both the literal and figurative senses. It is used of both good and bad women. It is used as a term of endearment and as term of treachery (cf. Rev. 17:5).

Like so many great institutions in our society (i.e. the home, marriage, women), motherhood has suffered at the hands of modernistic philosophy and political correctness. What was once one of the foundational pillars of a great country is now being maligned, distorted and antiquated. Being a mother is now almost ridiculed by “women’s rights” activists and secular humanists. It seems that more mothers are committing atrocious acts against their own children (and no wonder, with our society’s blasé attitude toward abortion and the cheapening of life through its continued practice). Our culture’s attacks against the Biblical model for the home and all that it encompasses have eroded motherhood as well.

However, the Christian mother continues to fulfill her role and do her job in rearing her children and guiding her home (I Tim. 5:14). As with every aspect of Christian living in a society gone mad, there are yet “seven thousand” righteous mothers, “the knees [of] which have not bowed to Baal” (I Kgs. 19:18). We salute the mothers of West Side who have done and who are doing their best in rearing their children in accordance to God’s Word. To those who pattern their lives after the “virtuous woman” of Proverbs 31:10-31 we extend our deepest gratitude. This congregation and this nation owes you so much for your care and consistency in providing proper guidance for your little ones, helping to insure their continued faithfulness to God and contributing to their productivity in society. For your many late nights, early mornings, long days, shed tears, victorious battles with determined young minds and firm stand for what was right and needed when it wasn’t the most popular thing to do, we say “Thank you, Mom.”

-Eddy