

“Pick Me! Pick Me!”

School, neighborhood, and even backyard games and sports are favorite ways for youngsters to spend their free time. Dividing up into teams, “choosing sides”, is part of the process to getting the activities started. Everyone wants to be chosen and is shouting out “Pick me! Pick me!” to let the world know their desire to be on that team. Getting picked last or not chosen at all is discouraging and can make one feel unwanted.

Though the above scenario might have happened on the childhood playground, it is comforting to know that there is no “competition” for God’s attention to be in His kingdom. In fact, Jesus tells us in Matt. 7:21 “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.” No shouting or begging is necessary; just following the instructions God gives to us in His word is all that He requires.

God does not show favoritism like many people in the world unfortunately do (Acts 10:34). God values the soul of each individual with the utmost love and desires that all men would come to Him in repentance seeking to be saved (Jn. 3:16; 2 Peter 3:9).

Jesus made clear His objective for coming to this earth: “For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost” (Luke 19:10). It is our faith that pleases Him and will in turn reap the rewards of expressing our faith with our actions (Heb. 11:6; Jn. 14:1-7).

What a blessing it is to know that not only does God want us on “His team”, the church, He has made every provision that allows us the opportunity to be added to His church when we obey His will (Acts 2:47; 20:28). – The Elders

Happy Birthday this week to:

- W. J. Wood—9/14
- Margaret Kratz—9/15 (92)
- Noah Laplante—9/15
- Jimmy Harrington—9/16
- Jim Cooke—9/18

Happy Anniversary this week to:

- Eric & Michelle Earnhart—9/13
- Jeff & Rebecca Durham—9/17
- Mitch & Kristie Jearls—9/17



WOW

The next regular meeting will be on September 14th at 10:30.

WOW Bus Trip

Please sign up for the September 25th Hillbilly Hideaway. Seating capacity on the bus is 54. Giving your money to Don or Mitzi reserves your seat. Other congregations will be invited to enjoy this trip. Let's fill the bus.

Daniel Ceglowski, Leah Durham's boyfriend, is at basic training for the Army National Guard.

Ty Stricklin has received his orders to Afghanistan in November.

Angela Halling is currently stationed in Korea.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY!

West Side's oldest member, Margaret Kratz, will be 94 years young Wednesday, Sept. 15th. Send her a card at: Richfield Nursing Center

CARD BASKET

There is a basket in the foyer to collect cards for Kellee & Kyle Gilpin to help welcome their new baby, Brody Kyle. They are registered at Target, Babies-R-Us and Wal-Mart. The cards will be collected through September 15th. See Amanda Brown or Melissa Rogers for more details.

West Side Youth

**9/17—9/19 Rush Weekend—FHU
Sunday, 9/19—TBS at Teen Center**



TEAMS

Te (Valentine's) will have an Old-Fashioned "Weenee" Roast at the Gilpins' Saturday, 9/18, at 5:30pm. Details and sign up sheet are on the bulletin board.

CONGRATULATIONS NEWLYWEDS

Remember the reception for the Richardsons after services this evening.

"POWERFUL PROMISES"

Turn, Turn, Turn speakers this year are: Donna Faughn, Sandi Stilwell, & Elizabeth Bailey. It will be on Saturday, October 2, at West Side from 8:30a—2:00p. Breakfast and lunch will be provided at no charge. Register one of these ways: www.westsidecofcsalem.com, give your name and email address to Jeanny, or call the church office at 540-389-9139.

ADDRESS UPDATE

Dee and Adam House have an updated address.

SEPT. ITEMS FOR THE STAFFORDS:

"Snack pack" 100 calorie snacks (Cheetos and Ritz Mix), sliced pepperoni.

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

For Your Information

TUESDAY NIGHT TALENTS

Tuesday Night Talents continues this week. Bring your dinner and join us for the work!

SIGN UP SHEET FOR LADIES' NIGHT OUT

Ladies please check out the sign up sheet that's on the bulletin board to host this event.

TEACHERS' MEETING

The first Teachers' meeting of the new session is scheduled for September 26th at 4:30 with the Cradle Roll teachers providing snacks. Come with any needs, suggestions or ideas that you might have and give these to Josh prior to the meeting.

ATTENTION TEACHERS

Your help is needed by the TTT planners. Please look through your material, including the Abeka pictures for women of the Bible. Be sure to put your classroom information on the back of the picture so it can be returned to you. Give this material to Lori Cook or Sandra Neighbors by Sunday, September 12th.

TTT DECORATIONS

TTT planners are needing clocks to use as decorations on October 2nd. If you have an unusual clock or sundial that can be borrowed for that date please see Rebecca Durham or Lori Whitlow.

GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAIN MARRIAGE RETREAT

The Retreat is scheduled for February 16-19, 2011. at the Pigeon Forge Holiday Inn Conference Center. Registration is limited to the first 500 couples. For details see www.smokymountainmarriage.com or call (256) 435-9356. More details are posted on the board.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL

There will be a Wednesday Fellowship meal on September 15th at 5:45. Menu includes Lasagna, Salad, bread & dessert. Sign up on the board by September 12 and pay your \$\$ at the door.

PREACHERS' MEETING

There will be a Preachers' Meeting at the West Side building tomorrow at 10:30. Everyone is invited to attend.

GOSPEL MEETING

A gospel meeting is scheduled for October 17-20 with Garland Elkins speaking at the Dale Ridge church.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of William Woodson. He was a well known preacher in our Brotherhood.

Senior Servants

Lynn Anderson
Norma Miller
Betty Buckner
Marguerite Charles
Jim Dorsett
Al Farrow
Collin Gregory
Walter & Betty Jenkins
Martha Keith
Margaret Kratz
Miriam Majors
Jo Musgrove
Grace Myers
Evelyn Scott
Elsie Smith
Ruth Stanton
Evelyn White
EV Wimmer
WJ Wood

KO-S



Lori Whitlow had foot surgery Friday, 9/10.

- Larry Phillips from Radford had cancer surgery Tuesday at MCV. His address for cards is on the board in the hallway.
- Annette Shrader is continuing to recover at home from her surgery.
- Don Pettit had a stress test Friday. Keep him in our prayers.
- Garland Bargis, Jo Ann's daughter-in-law's grandfather, has been diagnosed with cancer. His condition is serious.
- Seth Johnson, friend of Garrett Durham at FHU, had a knee injury.
- Marguerite Charles is recovering after having a stent inserted Tuesday

Continue in prayer: Ruth & Glenn Hartman, Claude Crowe, Shannon VanRavestein, Lori Whitlow, Brooke Nicholls, Natalie Valentine, Collin Gregory, Don Pettit, Annette Shrader, Paul Faw, Willard Campbell, Darlene Caldwell, Dale Janosik.

Announcements Danny Guard

Song Leader (AM) Jeff Durham

Opening Prayer (AM)

9/5 Charlie Gwaltney

9/12 Herb Baker

9/19 Adam House

9/26 Glenn Hartman

Preside at Communion: Wayne Dixon

Serve Table

Fred Altizer, Sam Valentine

Bobby Martin, Jerry Anderson

Closing Prayer

9/5 Ethan Rogers

9/12 Jack Cook

9/19 Gene Benefield

9/26 David Brown

Song Leader (PM) David Brown

Opening Prayer (PM)

9/5 Marc Laplante

9/12 Jeremy White

9/19 Eric Earnhart

9/26 Josh Whitlow

Scripture Reader Andrew Gibson

Closing Prayer (PM)

9/5 Glenn Gabbard

9/12 Mitch Jearls

9/19 Jim Bush

9/26 Greg Edwards

Serve Table (PM)

Nathan Pelfrey, Bradford Durham

Song Leader (Wed) Bob Garby

Prayer (Wed)

9/1 Roger Mays

9/8 A. C. Janney

9/15 Adam House

9/22 Tom Richardson

9/29 Jim Harrington

Open/Close Bldg Jerry Anderson

Greeters Pettit/Peverall

Nursery Attend Sondra Tyler

Jean Argabright (PM)

Ushers Curtis Oakes/Tom Rogers

Handouts M. Brooks, Chandler Jearls

Prepare communion

Melissa Rogers/Wanda Martin

Care of Bapt. Garments- Jo Ann Edwards

Cards/Pencils - A. Whitlow./Kevin Mickens

Last weeks attendance 9/5 & 9/8/10

Bible Class— 155 Worship Service—164

Sunday Eve.— 139 Wednesday Eve.—151

Contribution—\$9042

“But God...” (17)

Our study of some of the instances in which this phrase appears brings us to Paul’s first letter to the church at Corinth, a congregation riddled with problems. In the first chapter the problem of division is addressed. That’s where we find the next occurrence of this notable phrase.

Paul declared that the preaching of the gospel was to “the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness” (I Cor. 1:23). It was that, of course, not because the gospel was not possible for them to comprehend, but because they made it to be so through their rejection of it. Paul continued, “But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men” (I Cor. 1:24, 25). They were “called” through that gospel (II Thes. 2:14); a call that was equally applicable to all. The gospel was such to these individuals not because they were chosen indiscriminately, but because they were willing to listen to it and obey it. Paul further explained that not many among nobility or of higher rank in society are willing to subject themselves to God’s will (I Cor. 1:26).

Paul then proclaimed, “**But God** hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are” (I Cor. 1:27, 28). God does not think as we think, nor act as we act (Is. 55:8, 9). Christ did not come into the world in the fashion in which most of His contemporaries thought He should have, nor act as the king they wanted (cf. Mt. 1; 21). Man may desire one thing, “but God” may have a different idea. Most of those of Paul’s day rejected the counsel of God (cf. Lk. 7:30) because they overlooked the obvious and desired the spectacular. God’s plan is simple. Have you obeyed it?

- Eddy