

What Am I Saying When I Assemble with the Saints? Pt.2

May we cultivate and maintain the attitude of David, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord" (Ps. 122:1). How sad to see empty seats when we assemble to worship our God! (Heb. 10:25). Attending worship services is more important than we may think. Let us notice a few things that I am saying when I assemble with the saints.

I am saying I expect others to attend. Would you want to be a part of a congregation where the preachers, the elders, and deacons consistently and unnecessarily absented themselves from the services? If I do not attend I am saying I do not expect them to attend (Mt. 7:1-5; Rom. 2:21).

I am saying I want to be in subjection to the elders (Heb. 13:7,17).

I am saying I do not want to backslide. One of the first indications of ultimate apostasy is absenteeism. Going back into the world is an awful thing (2 Pet. 2:20-22).

I am saying I want to walk in the footsteps of the early saints (Acts 2:42; 20:7).

I am saying I do not want to close the doors of the church. If every member of the congregation missed the same time I missed, the church door would be closed! Am I voting to close the doors of the church building?

I am saying I do not want to rob God. The first day of the week is the Lord's Day (Rev. 1:10). Is it right to take that which belongs to God and use it for my own selfish desires? Israel, long ago, robbed God (Mal. 3:8). Today we can rob God of money and time.

I am saying I do not want to disobey God (Heb. 10:25). Hebrews 10:25 does not apply to those who are unable to attend. However, it does apply to those who could be present and are unconcerned and indifferent toward the assembly.

- Kenneth McClain

Moms Always Seem to Know

It matters not which course you choose,
As throughout life you go;
There's someone there who sees your route;
Moms always seem to know.

That time you left for a neighbor's house,
But instead went to the show;
How she found out was a mystery then;
But, moms always seem to know.

And when you took that candy bar,
And she with you in tow,
Made you tell the clerk that day,
How did she ever know?

And when that first love broke your heart,
My, how your tears did flow;
But she was there to ease the pain;
Moms always seem to know.

In every aspect of your life,
No matter how big you grow;
She's the one you call upon;
Moms always seem to know.

Today you celebrate her life,
And struggle your love to show;
But be assured she understands;
Moms always seem to know.

But because she may have some doubts,
Be sure you tell her so;
Let her hear that you love her dear,
Just in case she doesn't know.

-Eddy Gilpin

Teens

May Dates:

May 20—Graduation Banquet—after morning services

Registration forms are in the foyer for VCC, Horizons, and the bus. Fill them out and turn them in ASAP!

Dates for Teens:

June 17-23, 2007 VCC

July 1-6, 2007 Horizons Senior Week

July 8-13, 2007 Horizons Junior Week

Summer Youth Intern— *The elders are pleased to announce that Grat Tucker will be serving as our Youth Intern this summer beginning May 27. More information to follow.*

Next week we will be honoring our High School Graduates. This year we



will be honoring Chelsea High and Luke Guard from Salem High School. Plan on being in attendance on May 20 after morning services

to let these two know how much they mean to us. We will be having a Pot-

Luck lunch so bring your favorite dish and join us for this event.

Teachers

A BIG THANKS to the following primary Bible School Teachers for their dedication and desire to teach this spring quarter. Kristie Jearls, Amanda Brown, Susan Duff, Kim Brown, Melissa Rogers, Shree Lowe, Jeanny Gilpin.

Summer Quarter teachers are: Bonnie Mellon, Marsha Cooke, Rebecca Durham, Judy Durham, Melissa Marshall, Rosemary Bush, Adam House.

West Side's Older Workers

Mother's Day Lunch at Famous Anthony's following morning serves. This will provide an opportunity for mothers who will not be with their children to spend time with their spiritual family. See Hazel McFalls or Mitzi Pettit for details.

There will be a Fun & Fellowship event on June 9 from 2—4 PM at the Simms home on Pennsylvania Avenue. Dinner will follow at K&W Cafeteria.

The regular WOW meeting in June will be in the fellowship hall on June 12 at 10 AM. This will be a combined pancake brunch with Dale Ridge congregation.

Team Events

Team 1 - Tom Duff

Team 2 - Bob Garby

A congregational picnic is scheduled May 19 at 4 p.m. at the Garby's home. Everyone welcome.

Team 3 - David Brown

Team 4 - Tom Rogers



Congratulations

Congratulations to Willard and Marie Campbell who were married on Friday by Don Pettit.

Happy Mother's Day!

A small child is someone who can wash his

SICK

Glenna Richardson is in LGH on the sixth floor. She hopes to come home this weekend.

John Black is in LGH with congestive heart failure.

Jeanny Gilpin will be having surgery on June 1.

Evelyn White is scheduled for neck surgery on June 29 at UVA.

Kassidy Foster, young friend of **Olivia Valentine**, lost her leg to cancer. Send wishes to: www.kassidyspage.com.

Susan Mountcastle will have a procedure on Tuesday.

Mo Amin, friend of **Luke Guard**, will be undergoing surgery to repair a damaged spinal cord and slipped disks.

Ricky James, 2 year old friend of **Wanda Martin**, has cancer and will be undergoing chemo treatments.

Remember the following in prayer: **Luetta Gregory, Larry Phillips, Effie Wimmer, Betty Jenkins, Ryan Simms, Gary Sartain, Sandra Wood.**

Happy Birthday this week to:

Mitch Jearls—5/13
Caroline Doss—5/15
Wanda Martin—5/15
Natalie Valentine—5/19
Luetta Gregory—5/20

Happy Anniversary to:

AC & Mickie Janney 5/15
Mike & Judy Durham—5/19

MAY & JUNE ITEMS FOR STAFFORDS:

Tic-Tacs (Cy's fav is green) and low fat microwave popcorn. Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!!



Roof Challenge Met!

Thanks to everyone who helped meet this challenge. Your generosity allowed us to exceed our desired goal. The materials are ordered and the work is to be done soon. We appreciate your willingness to “rise to the occasion” for the work here! - the Elders



PARKING

Please take note of the new **NO PARKING** area on the west side of the parking lot. In marking the parking spaces we have expanded the exit lanes to decrease the risk of hitting other parked cars. Thank you for your cooperation.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Just a friendly reminder, the VBS scripts need to be in to Greg Edwards today.

Greg will be looking for key personnel to make this day successful—make it easy—say yes if he asks!!

AREA WIDE PREACHERS MEETING

The Area-Wide Preachers Meeting has been changed to Tuesday, May 22 at 10:30.

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

The Wednesday Fellowship will be May 16 at 5:45. Menu: Pork BBQ, salad, chips & dip.

NEW payment plan: there is a box located in the kitchen for payments; so you still **need to sign up** and then pay at the door!

WEDDING

The wedding for **Andy Duran** and **Erin Leddy** will be May 26. Directions are on the board, and if you need a room, see Bob Garby.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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.

West Side Church of Christ will celebrate our **40th Anniversary/Homecoming** on September 9, 2007. There will be a golf outing on September 8. Please make plans now to be in attendance.

REGISTRATION FORMS

Please pick up your registration forms for VCC, Horizons, CTS and the Bus Trip. They are located in the foyer.

May 2007

Announcements Fred Altizer
Song Leader (AM) Jeff Durham
Opening Prayer (AM)
 5/6 Danny Guard
 5/13 Herb Baker
 5/20 Barry White
 5/27 Norris Gearhart
Preside at Communion Charles Maness
Serve Table Jim Harrington Charley Puckett
 Adam House Jerry Anderson

Closing Prayer

5/6 Bobby Martin
 5/13 Gene Benefield
 5/20 Collin Gregory
 5.27 Jim Bush
Song Leader (PM) Paul Mays

Opening Prayer (PM)

5/6 Tom Richardson
 5/13 Claude Crowe
 5/20 Don Petitt
 5/27 Crawford Keith
Scripture Reader Ethan Rogers

Closing Prayer (PM)

5/6 Greg Edwards
 5/13 Lyn Shrader
 5/20 Murphy Scott
 5/27 Eric Earnhart
Serve Table (PM) Mike Durham Sam Valentine
Song Leader (Wed) Charlie Gwaltney
Prayer (Wed)

5/2 Jerry Anderson
 5/9 Mark Brooks
 5/16 AC Janney
 5/23 Glenn Hartman
 5/30 Squeaky Valentine

Door Man Bob Garby
Greeters Pettits Dixons
Nursery Attend R. Durham K. Jearls
Ushers John Black Curtis Oakes
Handouts Mark Brooks George Mellon
 Garrett & Bradford Durham
Alternates Bob Garby
Prepare comm. M. Peverall S. Baker
Cards & Pencils N. Pelfrey S. Durham

Last weeks attendance 5/6 & 9/07
 Bible Class— 141 Worship Service—174
 Eve. Worship—117 Wed. Service—145
 Contribution—\$9944