

## WHAT IS A FAMILY?

Warmth when the world is cold...safety when the world is hostile...a place of love in a world of hate...a place of light in the midst of darkness...

This is a family...A family is many things...it is devotion sitting on a pew together...A mother singing as she goes about preparing supper...father happily playing with laughing children A family is a yell squad when victory is won...a place of understanding and starting again when a defeat must be endured.

It is a very private organization-only bona fide members are allowed in...As a poet said, "All of us are we...and every one else is they." It is held together with the glue of love and the cement of mutual respect.

The family is a shelter from the storm...a safe and friendly port when the waves of life become too wild. No person is ever alone if he is a member of a family. The smile of a mother...the robust laughter of a father...the giggle of daughters...the shouts of sons. That's a family.

They may taunt one another...they must fight, fuss and bicker among each other...but, when trouble threatens from outside forces, instantly the ranks close and the troops unite against the common foe.

A family is all of these things...but, most of all, a family is a group of human beings working together to build something beautiful and lasting. A family is a colony of heavenly bliss...right here on earth.

Relate all of this to Paul's statement in I Timothy 3:15 which says the church is "the family of God."  
-Arthur Unknown

We are so very proud of our West Side family.

-The Elders

## TRUE SPIRITUALITY

What determines true spirituality? There exists a need to be warned against being deceived into a false standard of spirituality. Consider the following areas many people use as evidence of being "spiritually minded":

1. Speech or emotion: Emotional enthusiasm is no guarantee of true spirituality Some people are just more emotional than others. Honest response to God's word is what's really important. Never evaluate the Bible class or sermon based solely upon the speaker's emotional enthusiasm and what many consider as "acceptable spiritual phraseology." Long-term benefits are seldom realized from public displays of emotionally filled words and actions.

2. Knowledge of scripture: The previous category is described as a religion of the heart. This category is a religion of the head. It involves seeking to trap others and corner them with the scriptures. These individuals believe their arguments, contentions, and beliefs will win their eternal salvation! Real repentance and living a surrendered life are virtually non-existent. Knowing scripture is not enough. Our goal is to come to know God.

3. Rigid standard of righteousness: Strict adherence to following God's commandments results in keeping the "letter of the law" by one's own strength. Seeking to establish your own righteousness usually results in a critical and intolerant attitude toward those who do not live up to your particular idea of righteousness. Proper attitude directs proper actions.

True spirituality may best be described by the apostle Paul's statement in Galatians 2:20, "I am crucified with Christ," nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." Baptism not only depicts our burial but also our resurrection to a "newness of life" (Romans 6:3-4). When the fruit of the spirit is evident in our life, it becomes a witness of true spirituality. How do I measure up?

-Don Petit

## Teens

*April Dates to Remember!*

*April 15 - Team Bible Study Today—7 p.m.*

*April 29—Youth conduct services*

*Horizons registration and bus forms are in the foyer.*

*Dates for Teens:*

*June 17-23, 2007 VCC*

*July 1-6, 2007 Horizons Senior Week*

*July 8-13, 2007 Horizons Junior Week*

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### “HELP ME, LORD”

Help Me, Lord to flee temptation;  
Help me shun each place of sin  
Keep me at thy righteous station;  
Let thy spirit reign within.  
Guide me in a path that's holy;  
Fill my mind with things of worth.  
Make me perfect; use me wholly  
In thy cause while on this earth.

Help me, Lord, to know my weakness,  
And be watchful, lest I fall:  
Keep me humble, clothed in meekness;  
Thou are great, but I am small.  
As a child, may I be tearful  
Of those dark things I must face.  
Should I fall, may I be tearful  
As from thee I plead for Grace.

Help me, Lord, to truly measure  
All the things that fill my days.  
May I then lay up my treasure  
To be used in Heaven's praise.  
Help me, Lord, that all contriving  
For material gain may cease.  
May I look beyond this striving  
To thy home of rest and peace.

~~~Dillard Thurman

## West Side's Older Workers

Watch for a date and time to be announced on a Saturday in May for games and snacks at the Simms' home.

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### Team Events

New Team events are going on!!! Check here every week for activities your team will be doing!

Team 1 - Tom Duff

Team 1 will join Teams 3 & 4 for a cleaning of the church building next Saturday, April 21 at 8 am. Please sign up on the board. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

Team 2 - Bob Garby

Team 2 will have a cleaning of the church building on Friday evening, April 20 at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a dish for a potluck supper.

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

Team 3 - David Brown

Team 3 will join Teams 1 & 4 for a cleaning of the church building next Saturday, April 21 at 8 am. Please sign up on the board. Coffee and donuts will be provided

Team 4 - Tom Rogers

Team 4 will join Teams 1 & 3 for a cleaning of the church building next Saturday, April 21 at 8 am. Please sign up on the board. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

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### SPRING GOSPEL MEETINGS

April 22—26 -

A Gospel meeting will be held at Collinsville with Paul Cantrell.

## SICK

**Norma Billers** is expected to be in the Lewis-Gale Hospital for a while (Room #550). She is undergoing treatment for an overactive thyroid and fluid in lungs.

**Sandra Wood** is expecting test results of her condition on Monday.

**Steve Harrah** is in ICU at Roanoke Memorial. They have not determined his problem except that he is A Septic and is being treated with antibiotics.

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

Jenny White's mom has been hospitalized in Fredericksburg due to heart problems.

E.V. Wimmer has reported that **Effie Wimmer** is not doing well.

Debbie Johnson, Wayne Dixon's cousin, is being treated for lymphoma, an inoperable condition and has requested prayer.

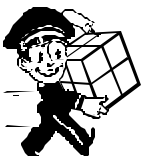
Sam Owens, Audrey Gabbard's brother, had bladder surgery. He will also have surgery for kidney stones on Monday.

**A.C. Janney** has resumed treatments for his spine via Pain Management which commenced last week.

Remember the following in prayer: **Doris Sledd, Arthur Munsey, Debbie Johnson, Walter Forren, Effie Wimmer, Luetta Gregory, Marguerite Charles, Jonnie Charles, Patsy Burch, Kim Brewer, Sandra Wood, Bob Petit, Larry Phillips.**



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**Happy Birthday** this week to:

Mike Durham - 04/16

Lisa Valentine - 04/18

Kirk Gilpin - 04/19

Annette Shrader - 04/20

Wanda Mickens - 04/21

## MAKING MARRIAGE MORE MEANINGFUL

There are flyer and business card invitations in the foyer. Invite all your married or soon to be married couples to this event. The **registration forms** are in the foyer. Please pick up today and return to the office by Wednesday, April 18.

## M4 MEETING

The final meeting for all ladies involved in preparing for the Marriage Workshop will be today, April 15, at 5:00 p.m.

## M4

Everyone please bring a 2-liter drink for the marriage workshop and place them in the kitchen.

## TURN, TURN, TURN

There will be a meeting next Sunday, April 22, at 4 p.m. in the large classroom.

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.

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## DO WHAT YOU CAN

During a meal at the home of Simon the leper (Mark 14:1-9), a woman came unannounced and anointed Jesus' head with expensive nard. Her action crashed the party and met with criticism. Jesus immediately came to her defense. His comments included "She has done a good work for Me" and "She has done what she could."

Focus on that last statement: "She has done what she could." The Lord does not ask the impossible —to do what we cannot do. Why fret about it? Do what you can! We need more like her in the kingdom today!

-Dwight Fuqua

**April 2007**

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| <b>Announcements</b>        | Tom Rogers                     |     |
| <b>Song Leader (AM)</b>     | Eric Earnhart                  |     |
| <b>Opening Prayer (AM)</b>  |                                | n   |
| 4/1                         | Don Pettit                     | ill |
| 4/8                         | Jeff Durham                    |     |
| 4/15                        | Collin Gregory                 |     |
| 4/22                        | Charlie Maness                 |     |
| 4/29                        | Paul Mays                      |     |
| <b>Preside at Communion</b> | Charlie Gwaltney               |     |
| <b>Serve Table</b>          | Luke Guard Gary Sartain        |     |
|                             | Richard Simms AC Janney        |     |
| <b>Closing Prayer</b>       |                                |     |
| 4/1                         | Greg Edwards                   |     |
| 4/8                         | George Mellon                  |     |
| 4/15                        | Walter Jenkins                 |     |
| 4/22                        | Jerry Anderson                 |     |
| 4/29                        | Squeaky Valentine              |     |
| <b>Song Leader (PM)</b>     | Jeff Durham                    |     |
| <b>Opening Prayer (PM)</b>  |                                |     |
| 4/1                         | Adam House                     |     |
| 4/8                         | Danny Guard                    |     |
| 4/15                        | Barry White                    |     |
| 4/22                        | Norris Gearhart                |     |
| 4/29                        | Bob Garby                      |     |
| <b>Scripture Reader</b>     | Shawn Simms                    |     |
| <b>Closing Prayer (PM)</b>  |                                |     |
| 4/1                         | Jim Cooke                      |     |
| 4/8                         | Mitch Jearls                   |     |
| 4/15                        | Paul Mays                      |     |
| 4/22                        | Eric Earnhart                  |     |
| 4/29                        | Youth                          |     |
| <b>Serve Table (PM)</b>     | Charlie Puckett Crawford Keith |     |
| <b>Song Leader (Wed)</b>    | Adam House                     |     |
| <b>Prayer (Wed)</b>         |                                |     |
| 4/4                         | Eric Earnhart                  |     |
| 4/11                        | Gene Benefield                 |     |
| 4/18                        | John Black                     |     |
| 4/25                        | Claude Crowe                   |     |
| <b>Door Man</b>             | Eric Earnhart                  |     |
| <b>Greeters</b>             | Guards Duffs                   |     |
| <b>Nursery Attend</b>       | Esther Greene Cha Guard        |     |
| <b>Ushers</b>               | Mike Durham Curtis Oakes       |     |
| <b>Handouts</b>             | John Black Ryan Simms          |     |
|                             | Tom Duff Bob Garby             |     |
| <b>Alternates</b>           | Bob Garby                      |     |
| <b>Prepare comm.</b>        | Mitzi Pettit Jean Argabright   |     |

**Last weeks attendance** 4/08 & 04/11  
 Bible Class— 126      Worship Service—160  
 Eve. Worship—104      Wed. Service—111  
 Contribution—\$5227