

That Little Extra Effort

The difference between success and failure is often determined by the willingness to put forth that "little extra effort" makes the difference between a good church or a really good church.

- *That "little extra effort" gets us to Bible class as well as worship on the morning of the Lord's Day.
- *That "little extra effort" brings us back to evening worship on the Lord's Day.
- *That "little extra effort" causes us to spend more time in private study of God's Word.
- *The "little extra effort" reminds us to frequently claim the privilege of prayer.
- * That "little extra effort" helps us to be more sacrificial in our giving as measured by our prosperity instead of the attitude that says give as little as possible.
- *That "little extra effort" leads us into a compassionate concern for the lost and wayward, and reminds us to speak to them about their sinful condition.
- *That "little extra effort" helps us engage wholeheartedly and attentively in all phases of worship.
- *That "little extra effort" involves us in every activity of the work of the local church.

Of course, there is the "little extra effort" that we must avoid...even very small things which add to, take from, or in any way violate God's Word (Rev. 21:18,19). His Word alone will do its effective work when it is followed as God's only revelation to man. It is the sole guide to our soul's salvation (II Tim. 3:16,17).

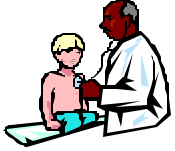
Beloved, let us diligently apply ourselves to give that "little extra effort" and make the Lord's church the really great church the Lord deserves.

"And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain." (Mt. 5:41)

Thanks to so many of you brethren here who put forth that "little extra effort". It makes for a congregation we are proud to say we are her elders.

- Elders

Sick Crawford Keith is in LGH with heart issues.



Roy Doss is in RMH.

Annett Shrader will be going back to the doctor soon.

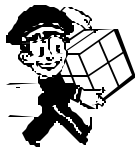
Mark Brooks had a procedure last Thursday.

Continue to remember in prayer: **Marguerite Charles, Margaret Kratz, Steve Harrah, Janet Stover, Betty Jenkins, Jim Dorsett, Mary Anderson, Curtis Doss.**

Happy Birthday this week to:



Annette Shrader—4/20
Wanda Mickens—4/21



APRIL ITEMS FOR THE STAFFORDS: Instant Grits and Oatmeal (plain). Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!

MILITARY

Kyle Nester— in Iraq
Erich Felps—in Iraq.



Fall Prevention



If your child has a pair of **Heelys** (shoes with wheels), please direct them to not use these inside or around the church building. This is a safety concern for our less-mobile members. Your assistance is much appreciated. — the Elders

Gospel Meeting

Our Spring Gospel Meeting will be held on May 11-14, with Glen Colley as our guest speaker. Be making plans now to invite someone to come and listen to good preaching!!

Flyers are in the foyer and Sunday morning will be our **Introduce a Friend Day**.

Team leaders be making your plans now to feed the minister. Team 3 will be responsible for Monday evening, Team 2 will be responsible for Tuesday evening and Team 1 will handle the duties on Wednesday evening.

Remember a personal invitation goes a long way!!!

Send Glenn a note of encouragement!
Mailing labels are located in the foyer !

VBS *Water World at West Side*
Vacation Bible School will be on June 28 at 9:30. Greg Edwards will be directing again and looking for great people to fill the

positions! Make it easy and say yes when he asks!! This year looks like its gonna be a good one!! Stay tuned for more details and sign ups!

For Your Information
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WEDDING SHOWER

There will be a wedding shower for Aaron Anderson & his fiancée Emily on May 4 at 4:00 in the fellowship hall. They are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond, Macy's and Target.

SW VIRGINIA REGIONAL PICNIC

SW Virginia Regional Church of Christ Fellowship Picnic will be on May 10 at the Franklin Co. Rec Park. See details on the board. RSVP requested.

F Y I For Your Information

SILENCING OF GOD DVD SERIES

The DVDs are here—if you have paid for them they are located in the foyer. Otherwise turn your invoice and payment in to Jo Ann or one of the elders.

PRECIOUS MEMORIES

The kid's memory program will continue this evening at 5:40. Please consider this class when you enter the auditorium this evening.

PRIMARY TEACHERS MEETING

The next teachers meeting will be today at 4:30. First Grade teachers in charge of refreshments.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

The April Ladies Night Out will be on April 22 at 6:30. Shirley Baker will be hosting this event. Please sign up on the board. Directions are posted on the board also.

EVENING AT WEST SIDE

The Evening at West Side will be held on April 26 at 6:30. Please RSVP to your hostess by today!! Hostesses—let me know your total, including servers, by tonight!!

TURN, TURN, TURN MEETING

T3 planners meeting will be April 27 at 4:30 in the fellowship hall.

POUNDING FOR THE REEDS

There will be a 'pounding' for the Reeds after evening services on April 27. See Richard Simms for details.

MAY AND JUNE CALENDAR EVENTS

All May and June calendar events need to be into the office by April 30.

Team 3 (Brown) will be having a potluck lunch after morning services today at Tom & Melissa Rogers' home.



Teens

Graduates and their parents will be having a meeting Sunday evening after services with Eric Earnhart in the high school classroom.

VCC & Horizon's applications and bus forms are located in the foyer. Pick yours up today!! Yellow bus forms for Senior week!

WOW

The WOW GROUP will meet on TUESDAY, May 13 at 10:30 AM.

Please sign up on the WOW board for the video Auto-biographies being done by Richard Simms.
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VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN CAMP

9 weeks until Virginia Christian Camp. There is a list of items needed for crafts located on the board in the hallway. Please see Jo Ann or Melissa for details or to make your donations!

Camp Dates—June 15-21. Applications are in the foyer—please return to Curtis Graves by May 15.

- Curtis is also looking for Female Counselors!!! See Jo Ann for details.

- If “birds of a feather flock together,” what do your associates tell about you?
- Those who have made their peace with God are not as likely to “go to pieces” when facing life’s problems.

The Worst Shipwreck

April 2008

Announcements

Charlie Gwaltney
Jeff Durham

Song Leader (AM)

Opening Prayer (AM)

4/6 Barry White
4/13 Charlie Maness
4/20 Wayne Dixon
4/27 Tom Duff

Preside at Communion

Fred Altizer
Herb Baker Jim Bush
AC Janney John Black

Closing Prayer

4/6 Jim Cooke
4/13 Jerry Anderson
4/20 Bob Garby
4/27 Bob Martin

Song Leader (PM)

Paul Mays

Opening Prayer (PM)

4/6 Don Pettit
4/13 Danny Guard
4/20 Jeff Durham
4/27 Mike Durham
Bradford Durham

Scripture Reader

Closing Prayer (PM)

4/6 Ethan Rogers
4/13 Eric Earnhart
4/20 Squeaky Valentine
4/27 Sam Valentine

Serve Table (PM)

Tom Duff Preston Duff

Song Leader (Wed)

Josh Whitlow

Prayer (Wed)

4/2 Jim Harrington
4/9 Richard Simms
4/16 Tom Rogers
4/23 Jeremy White
4/30 Glenn Hartman

Open/Close Bldg

Mike Durham

Greeters

Neighbors Evelyn & Gloria White

Nursery Attend

Dee House Shree Lowe

Ushers

David Mc Falls Norris Gearhart

Handouts

Sam & Squeaky Valentine
Mark Brooks Glenn Hartman

Alternates

Prepare communion

Judy Durham Lori Cook

Cards & Pencils

Dylan Tyler Jimmy Harrington

Last weeks attendance 4/13&16/08

Bible Class—148 Worship Service—171

Eve. Worship—142 Wed. Service—156

Contribution—\$5118

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If asked what is the worst shipwreck of all time, what would you reply? There are some monumental and legendary ones: the Lusitania (1915); the Andrea Doria (1956); the Edmund Fitzgerald (1975). Perhaps you would say, “The Titanic.” While certainly perhaps the most well-known, the sinking of the Titanic (1912) was not the world’s worst shipwreck.

On April 27, 1865, the steamship Sultana (with a capacity of only a few hundred people) was transporting some 2500 former Union prisoners of war home at the end of the Civil War. The ship’s boiler exploded, killing 1500 men, just as their ordeal was about to end.

In 255 B.C. off the coast of Camarina, Sicily, a Roman fleet of 264 ships was caught in a violent storm. Of those, 184 of the ships were driven onto rocks and sank. The death toll from this disaster is thought to have been 80,000-100,000.

However, even these (labeled the worst shipwrecks in American and world history respectively) were not the worst shipwrecks. Sadly, the worst shipwreck has happened countless times and is sure to happen again. Paul spoke of it to Timothy: “This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare; holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck” (I Tim. 1:18, 19). There is no greater disaster than a shipwrecked faith. Many things can cause such. Jesus spoke of those who are choked by the cares and riches of this world (Mt. 13:22). Demas forsook Paul because of his love for this present world (II Tim. 4:10). The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil (I Tim. 6:10). Conformation to the world (Rom. 12:2) and the love for the same (I Jn. 2:15-17) have likewise caused the way to be littered with the carcasses of once strong ships. Many are its causes.

Contrary to the “once saved, always saved” position, one can so sin as to be eternally lost. In this same context to Timothy, Paul mentioned two by name- Hymenaeus and Alexander. These two had made shipwreck of their faith. What about you? Is your “ship” faithfully sailing? Or, is it headed for the dangerous shoreline? Perhaps it already lies mangled on the rocks and reefs. Determine to set your sails and turn your helm toward faithfulness and avoid the worst shipwreck of all. “Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life” (Rev. 2:10).

-Eddy