

## Christian Training Series 2007

## -Make a Note of It- “Once Saved, Always Saved

Why talk about the Christian Training Series (CTS) in February when it doesn't happen until July 7? So you can reserve your place on the “VA Bus” going to Freed-Hardeman University (F-HU) this summer!

During the second week of Horizon's (Junior week) **July 7-13** at F-HU, there is an adult program called Christian Training Series (CTS). This is a great week of Bible classes and fellowship for the adults. Outstanding speakers such as Tom Holland, Gary Hampton, and Cindy Colley (ladies' classes) provide wonderful opportunities for spiritual growth. Some of our own gifted brethren teach classes from time-to-time during CTS. Some of the activities that are available that week are: Bible classes, fellowship, breakfast at President Sewell's house, singing, various luncheons, talent show (or lack thereof!), CTS banquet, dorm lobby chats, and dorm devotionals. The bus trip itself lends to many hours of fun, laughter, singing, and other activities. Getting to know brethren from across the country is one of the greatest benefits of the CTS experience. What an encouragement it is to meet and get to know other faithful brothers and sisters in Christ from areas that are in the “Bible Belt” and others who are from places that are even more of a “mission field” than Virginia.

Applications will be available soon in the foyer. If you have any questions about the trip or would like more details about CTS, please see **Jerry/Kay Anderson or Eric/Michelle Earnhart**.

We encourage EVERY adult to consider adding CTS to their summertime schedule. We believe you'll come back to Salem “fired up”.

The Elders

Like me, many people write in the margins of their Bibles. It is a great way to study and retain what is learned for future reference. It is also a good way to have references available when studying with others. There are pens available that contain ink that will not fade or smear and that have tips that are small enough to write legibly in the margins of most Bibles. Our brief study in this article will involve one of these marginal notes you may just want to make in your Bible.

Luke 8 records what we have come to call the “parable of the sower.” Following it, the disciples asked the Lord what it meant (Lk. 8:9). Jesus explained the details of the parable to them (Lk. 8:11-15). The focal point of this study is found in verses 13 and 14, regarding the seed that had fallen on the “way side” and on the “rock.” Concerning that which fell on the “way side,” Jesus stated, “...then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved” (Lk. 8:13). As it is underlined here, underline it in the text of your Bible. Jesus then described those who are comparable to the seed that fell on the rock. He said, “...these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away” (Lk. 8:13). Again, as is indicated here, underline these two phrases in your Bible. Draw a faint line from the underlined statement in verse 12 to the underlined statement in verse 13.

The thought from these two statements regards the “once saved, always saved” position that so many hold to in the religious world. The doctrine maintains that once one is saved he can never be lost. This passage (and many, many others) disproves that. The statement Jesus made in Luke 8:12 (“believe and be saved”) demonstrates that such a person is in a saved condition. However, the same word is found in verse 13. Here, this one who has “believed” “falls away” (something the proponents of this doctrine maintain cannot be done). So, beside these two passages write in your margin “once saved, always saved?” to indicate that these two passages refute this doctrine. Make a note of it.—Eddy

## Teens

*The Southwest Virginia Bible Bowl 2007 will be here on March 3. Several area congregations will be represented. Lunch will be provided and the congregation has been asked to provide canned drinks and desserts. Please sign up today on the board.*

### *Events for March:*

*March 3—Bible Bowl—9:00*

*March 10—Winter Youth Devo at Lake Drive—6:00*

*March 11—TBS—Teen Bible Study—7:00*

*March 18-21—Gospel Meeting—7:00 each evening*

*March 23—Youth Game Night—7:00*

### *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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Thanks to everyone who taught and assisted with the middle school, high school and adult classes during the Winter Quarter. Also thanks to all the students for their attention, participation, and encouragement.

Class line up for Spring Quarter:

Middle School—Sunday & Wednesday—Jim Harrington—"Science and the Bible".

High School—Sunday—Bob Garby—"Leadership".  
Wednesday—Richard Simms—"Leadership".

Adult—Sunday—Jerry Anderson—"Esther" in the auditorium.  
Wednesday—Eddy Gilpin—"1 Peter" in the auditorium.

Ladies—Sunday—Glenna Richardson—"Marching to Zion" in the fellowship hall.  
Wednesday—Rebecca Durham—"Christian Woman" in the fellowship hall.

Primary Class Teachers: Kristie Jearls, Amanda Brown, Susan Duff, Melissa Rogers, Shree Lowe, Jeanny Gilpin.

## West Side's Older Workers

The next WOW meeting will be Tuesday, March 13 at 10:30 here at the building.

WOW Members—see Mitzi for large print calendars.

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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 be sponsoring the quarterly Fellowship Dinner on March 18 after morning services.

Everyone plan on bringing your favorite dish for pot luck.

Team 2 - Bob Garby

Team 2 will have a trash pick-up on May 5. Mark your calendars.

Team 3 - David Brown

Team 3 will be door knocking at 4:00 and a Sing & Sweets fellowship at 5:00 on March 10. Each family bring a 2 liter and a dessert. Sign up sheet on the board.

Meal with the preacher will be a pot luck on Monday, 3/19, at 5:45 in the fellowship hall.

Team 4 - Tom Rogers

Team 4 will be having a Spring Get Together on April 1. Mark your calendars.

TEAM LEADERS: This section will be in the bulletin every week. E-mail any events to the office before Friday 8 AM.

TEAM LEADERS: Gospel Meeting Preacher Meals:

Team 1—Sunday Fellowship meal; Team 3—Monday evening; Team 2—Tuesday evening; Team 4—Wednesday evening. March 18-21.

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The Sunday School Teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, "My Mommy looked back once, while she was driving," he announced triumphantly, "and she turned into a telephone pole!"

## SICK

**Teresa Sartain** will be having cataract surgery on Feb 27.

**Sandy Garby** will be having surgery on March 12.

**Dan Hudgins** is now under Hospice Care.

**CE Mannon** is home under Hospice Care.

**Betty Jenkins** will be returning to UVA on March 8.

Betty Dixon, aunt of **Wayne Dixon**, suffered a severe stroke is now in a nursing home in New Bern, NC.

Debbie Johnson, **Wayne's** cousin, is taking new chemo treatments for lung cancer in Va. Beach.

Tillie Dixon, **Wayne's** step mother, is slowly recovering from a bacterial infection.

**Cline Phillips** of the Laurel Hills Congregation is in LGH, room 405.

Remember the following in prayers: **Fred Campbell, Rick Foley, Sam McNeil, EV & Effie Wimmer, Luetta Gregory, Jonathon Morehead.**

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**Happy Birthday** this week to:

Mark Brooks—3/1

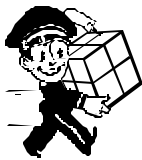
Jo Hartman—3/2

Glenn Neighbors—3/3

David McFalls—3/3

Barry White—3/4

**MARCH & APRIL ITEMS FOR STAFFORDS:** Slim Jims & Bacon Bits. Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!!



We need your help!! Please do not move or play with the classroom materials in the toddler classroom (the classroom to the left of the men's restroom). Thank you!

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New Address: Jerry & Kay Anderson  
2031 River Ridge Court  
Salem, VA 24153  
Phone: 389-0343

## MAKING MARRIAGE MORE MEANINGFUL

There is a sign up sheet on the board for this event. We realize it isn't until the end of April. But plans are already in the works and we need to know how many West Siders will be here for workbooks, kits, décor, and food. Invitations have been sent out to area congregations. Please sign up today!

## BIBLE BOWL

The annual Youth Bible Bowl will be on March 3 at 9:00 AM. Sign up for drinks and desserts.

## HOUSE TO HOUSE LABELING

House to House labeling will be next Sunday, March 4, at 4:00.

## VCC BOARD MEETING

There will be a Virginia Christian Camp Board Meeting on March 8 at 7:00 pm at West Side.

## LADIES NIGHT OUT

There will be a ladies night out on March 13 at 6:30 at the home of Michelle Earnhart. See her if you need directions.

## MEN'S RETREAT

The 18th Annual Men's Study Retreat will be March 16 & 17 at Camp Tuk-a-Way. Registration forms are in the tract rack. Lake Drive hosts this event and the speaker will be Gene Burgett from High Springs, FL.

## GOSPEL MEETING

Our gospel meeting will be in three weeks. Start inviting your friends to hear Chuck Webster from Hoover, AL.

## WEDDING SHOWER

There will be a wedding shower for Erin Leddy (future Mrs. Andy Duran) on Sunday, March 25 at 4:00 here at the building. They are registered at Target, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Kohl's, and Walmart. See Jeanny if you have questions.

## EVENING AT WEST SIDE

The Evening at West Side Dinner will be postponed until October 20. I will be looking for additional hostesses in the fall!!

## CALENDAR INSERT

Please be sure to check the calendars for March and April and add events to your personal calendar. The calendars are again packed with things to do!! Don't miss them!!

**March 2007**

**Announcements** Tom Duff  
**Song Leader (AM)** Charlie Gwaltney

**Opening Prayer (AM)**  
 2/4 Greg Edwards  
 2/11 Wayne Dixon  
 2/18 Jerry Anderson  
 2/25 Don Pettit

**Preside at Communion** Collin Gregory  
**Serve Table**

Roger Mays Ryan Simms  
 Fred Altizer Garrett Durham

**Closing Prayer**

2/4 Paul Mays  
 2/11 Charlie Maness  
 2/18 Crawford Keith  
 2/25 Danny Guard

**Song Leader (PM)** David Brown

**Opening Prayer (PM)**

2/4 Richard Simms  
 2/11 Murphy Scott  
 2/18 Gary Sartain  
 2/25 Tom Richardson

**Scripture Reader**

Luke Guard

**Closing Prayer (PM)**

2/4 A C Janney  
 2/11 Adam House  
 2/18 Glen Hartman  
 2/25 Jim Harrington

**Serve Table (PM)** Herb Baker Tom Rogers

**Song Leader (Wed)** Josh Whitlow

**Prayer (Wed)**

2/7 Roger Mays  
 2/14 David Brown  
 2/21 Fred Altizer  
 2/28 Charlie Gwaltney

**Door Man** Tom Duff

**Greeters** Puckett Paxton

**Nursery Attend** Susan Duff Evelyn Scott

**Ushers** John Black Norris Gearhart

**Handouts** Bob Garby Shawn Simms

**Alternates** Squeaky Valentine

**Prepare comm.** Peggy Paxton Kay Anderson

**Last weeks attendance** 2/18 & 21/07

Bible Class— 137 Worship Service—155

Eve. Worship—136 Wed. Service—140

Contribution—\$6597