

Little Sharks, Big Jelly Fish Matthew 25:21

Every time I go swimming in the ocean, someone inevitably warns me: Watch out for sharks! Of course, I always do, but I've never seen one. I've never even heard the "bom-bom-bom-bom" music that plays in the background when sharks come near you. And it's a good thing, because once you hear the music, it's probably too late. I've been warned to watch out for sharks, but no one has ever said to me, "Watch out for the jelly fish." The fact is, jelly fish are far more dangerous. Each year they kill more people than sharks do.

Also, I take a walk each day in the park, but no one has ever said to me, "Watch out for bees." Yet, bees kill more people each year than sharks and jelly fish combined.

We tend to spend our lives worrying about the sharks (whether we ever go near the water or not), because sharks are big and scary. And we tend to ignore real threats because, by themselves, they're not all that intimidating.

Don't let the little things in life fool you. You ignore them at your own peril. Every good marriage...every good employee...every good business succeeds because they've learned to pay attention to the little things.

Jesus told a story about a servant who was given some money to manage, and because he managed it well, he was rewarded by his master. The master said, "You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you more responsibilities."

Our greatest wins and losses in life result from our ability to master the seemingly minor details of life.

- Reading a few verses of scripture and spending some time in prayer each day may not seem significant to some, but its long-term effect is revolutionary.
- Making the effort to bite your tongue may not seem that important, but in the long run it could save a relationship.

Don't give the sharks more attention than they deserve—especially at the cost of ignoring the jelly fish. It's the little things that hold us back, and the little things that move us forward.

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Golden Opportunities

As with any special event, our upcoming campaign and gospel meeting will provide many opportunities for each of us to be of service. Jerry Martin (instructor), along with twelve students from the Memphis School of Preaching will be with us October 29-November 1 to assist in knocking doors, inviting people to our meeting, and encouraging members of our community to study the Bible with us in their homes. While it is true that this effort will give these students great and much-needed experience, keep in mind that they are here to assist us, not do all of the work for us. So, what can we do to help?

Pray for this effort. If you have not done so, please include this campaign, gospel meeting and these men in your daily prayers. Get a list of their names and pray for them individually. Pray that there will be some in our community who will respond to these invitations. Pray for wisdom and courage for us as we seek them.

Attend every service. As always, nothing shows our support more than being present for every service of a gospel meeting. Do all that you can to clear your schedule for October 28-November 1, and be here each time we meet.

Volunteer to help with door-knocking. Soon we will be called on to sign up to assist with this part of the campaign. For some, due to health reasons, work schedule and other reasons, this will not be possible. For many of us, however, we can devote a morning, an afternoon, or maybe more time to assist in this effort. You do not have to be the spokesman at the door to be of assistance in this. And, what if you've never done it before? An even greater incentive to be involved. (See Barry White if you would like to help.)

Volunteer to house students. We are in need of places for these men to stay while they are with us. Due to daily travel considerations and work schedule for these men, we are hoping to get them all housed in Salem. Do you have room for one or two of these men? It will be so rewarding to get to know them individually. (See Bob Garby if you can help with this.)

Prepare food. We will be having a congregational meal at lunch on Sunday (Team 4 in charge). Also, there will be a dessert and coffee gathering after evening services on Monday. We will feed the students lunch here at the building Tuesday-Thursday (see Velda Gearhart if you would like to assist in serving), and the evening meals Tuesday-Thursday will be hosted by Teams 1-3. Be sure to bring food and participate Sunday, Monday evening, and during your team's dinner meal.

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Teens

September Date to Remember

9/30—Youth Conduct services

October Dates to Remember

10/14—TBS—after evening services

10/20—Youth Service Project

10/28-11/1—Gospel Meeting and Door-knocking campaign

Special Thanks to the following young ladies for staying last week and helping out with the Tanzania Project: Grace Earnhart, Claire & Emily Gray, Katelyn Brown, Erin Simms, Leah Durham, Halle Edwards, Rebecca Doss, Amanda & Sarah Cook, Olivia Valentine. These ladies completed 7 extensive flip charts for Stephanie Stafford to use in Tanzania. Way to Go Girls!!

With Thanks



A special thank you goes out to Miles Quesenbury & Glenn Gabbard for all of the “handy-man” work they have done around the building recently.

WOW (West Sides Older Workers)

The regular scheduled WOW meeting will be cancelled in October due to scheduling conflict.

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Together, we can do more than any of us ever could do individually. This campaign can be a great source of encouragement to us, a wonderful way of building these students up, and great outreach to this community. The success of it is entirely up to us. Let's all do our part to make it so.



-Eddy

Team Events

Team 1— will be feeding the MSOP students on Tuesday, 10/30, at 5:30.

Team 2—will be feeding the MSOP students on Wednesday, 10/31, at 5:30.

Team 3—will be feeding the MSOP students on Thursday, 11/1, at 5:30.

Team 4— will be in charge of set up and clean up of the fellowship meal on Sunday, 10/28.

They will also be having Team pot-luck fellowship meals on November 18 & December 9 after morning services.

See your team leader with any questions!!

Gospel Meeting/MSOP Door Knocking October 28-November 1

Our fall gospel meeting is fast approaching. Be making plans now to be here for this event.



Welcome and encouragement letters are needed for the visiting MSOP students coming for our door-knocking campaign. Addressed envelopes are available in the foyer. Pick one or more up today!

Also **housing** is needed for these students. If you can house one or more of these students please let Bob Garby know ASAP. You would be responsible for breakfast & snacks and transportation to the building of the mornings and from the building in the evenings.

Evening Meals for the students & preacher will be furnished by the teams (potluck in the fellowship hall is suggested). Team 1 – Tuesday evening, Team 2 – Wednesday evening, Team 3 – Thursday evening. Team 4 will be in charge of set up and clean up of the fellowship meal on Sunday afternoon.

Desserts & Coffee will be served after Monday evening services. Sign up sheet is posted in the hallway for desserts.

If you have any questions see one of the elders or Barry White.

SICK

Luetta Gregory has been moved to room 210 in Friendship Manor.

Collin Gregory continues recovery at home for his back problems.

Hazel Maness will be having surgery on Oct. 1

Evelyn White got a good report from her doctors at UVA. She hopes to be home late next week.

Remember the following in prayer: **Betty Jenkins, Marguerite Charles, Effie Wimmer, Rebecca Fuller.**



Happy Birthday this week to:
Bethany Durham—10/5
Halle Edwards—10/5
Cameron Brown—10/6
Yvette Mays—10/6



SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER ITEMS

FOR THE STAFFORDS: Torengo's and dream whip envelopes. Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!

MILITARY

Ty Stricklin—Stationed in Iraq

E-mail from Ty is posted in the hallway.

Also John Duran left to spend a year overseas.

This is Sandy Garby's older son.



Directory Update:

Dee House—shoesnob@gmail.com

OUTLINE FOR THE OT CLASS

Outlines for OT class are ready for those who signed up. You are encouraged to purchase a 3 ring binder to keep **all** of the outlines in. The first 13 lesson packets are labeled with your name and located on the table in the foyer.

T3 PLANNERS MEETING

The final T3 planners meeting for this year will be today at 4:30. All planners need to attend!!

TURN, TURN, TURN

*T3 will be on October 6 from 8:30—2:15.

***Also** drinks can be donated by placing them in the kitchen!

DEACONS

Deacons, please check your boxes in the media room for an important survey. Turn in to Jeff as soon as possible.

DESSERTS & COFFEE

We will be welcoming the MSOP Students on Monday, 10/29, with a dessert and coffee fellowship after services. Sign up sheet is posted in the hallway.

OCTOBER DATES:

EDP Meeting—10/7

Area-wide Preachers meeting—10/8

Men's Breakfast—10/13

TBS—10/14

Primary Teachers Meeting—10-21

Gospel Meeting—10/28—11/1

Fellowship Meal—10-28



October 2007**Announcements** Fred Altizer**Song Leader (AM)** Jeff Durham**Opening Prayer (AM)****10/7** Barry White**10/14** Gene Benefield**10/21** Charlie Gwaltney**10/28** Collin Gregory**Preside at Communion** Wayne Dixon**Serve Table** Tom Rogers Charlie Puckett
Garrett Durham John Black**Closing Prayer****10/7** Jim Harrington**10/14** Bob Garby**10/21** Greg Edwards**10/28** Murphy Scott**Song Leader (PM)** Charlie Gwaltney**Opening Prayer (PM)****10/7** Eric Earnhart**10/14** Jeremy White**10/21** Bob Martin**10/28** Danny Guard**Scripture Reader** Sam Valentine**Closing Prayer (PM)****10/7** Herb Baker**10/14** Jeff Durham**10/21** Ethan Rogers**10/28** George Mellon**Serve Table (PM)** Herb Baker Glenn Gabbard**Song Leader (Wed)** Bob Garby**Prayer (Wed)****10/3** Tom Rogers**10/10** Richard Simms**10/17** Norris Gearhart**10/24** Jim Bush**10/31** AC Janney**Open/Close Bldg** Lyn Shrader**Greeters** Pettits Gearharts**Nursery Attend** Hazel Maness Lisa Valentine**Ushers** Roger Mays Glenn Hartman**Handouts** Sam Valentine John Black

Preston Duff

Alternates Danny Guard**Prepare comm.** Annett Shrader & Sandy Garby**Cards & Pencils** Rebecca Doss & Sydney Durham**Last weeks attendance** 9/23&26/2007

Bible Class— 115 Worship Service—180

Eve. Worship— 128 Wed. Service—132

Contribution—\$4986