

# Recognition

I have discovered one of the most amazing things I have ever seen. I was blessed to be able to put Photoshop on my computer this week. There is a "People Recognition" tool that I can already tell will make my life a ton easier. I completely realize that I am way behind the times in this discovery since it has been around a while. (I may not be Louis and Clark, but the view of the Pacific still looks great!)

Anyway, the program got me thinking (scary, right) that although it does a good job of identifying people once I enter the name and label on one or two pictures, it is not perfect. Every so often a picture pops up that it still has to ask about. It can read the face, but doesn't always detect when changes have been made.

As Christians, we serve a God that always recognizes us. He knows how many hairs are on our head (Matthew 10:30). He formed you while in your mother's womb (Jeremiah 1:5). Even more interesting is that he told Jeremiah that he knew him before he was ever formed in the womb!

God doesn't rely on facial recognition software because he knows us much deeper than that. He looks at the heart, remember (1 Samuel 16:7)? So when you feel alone, forgotten, forsaken, lost in the crowd, or any number of ways that we feel throughout our lives, there is one who knows and cares for you like no one else can.

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." — 1 Peter 5:7

"Come unto me all you who are weary and burdened...I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

Ben

## Lock-In Rally

Friday, 6:00pm - Saturday, 8:00am  
At Cloverdale Jr. High Gym  
For All Ages

(6th Grades & under will need a parent)

Theme: "Live Like You Were Dying"  
Speakers - Ben Hayes & Chandler Moseley  
Call Perry Taylor or Kevin Faires for RSVP & info.  
764-3097 or 443-9523



## Youth Committee Meeting

This Sunday at 4:30pm  
In the Teenage Classroom



### SENIORS!

Don't Forget to turn in your pictures for our Senior Banquet that is coming up. Also, let Ben know what days you could not attend in April and May. We know there are several events surrounding graduation but we want to have it on a night where everyone can attend.

## THANK YOU

To all the parents and kids that participated in the Kids Rally at Ethridge Church of Christ Saturday. Check out the upcoming events for this age group....

## MADNESS IN MAY

May 14<sup>th</sup> At Maywood Christian Camp

## MAYWOOD CHRISTIAN CAMP

Ages 8-18 June 26-July 2

## LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES

Opryland Hotel

April 22-24, 2011



### Elders

Tim Fulmer  
Glen Grubbs  
Russell Smelser

### Ministers

Mike Brooks  
Ben Hayes  
Michael Jackson  
Michael South

### Secretary

Rhonda Cole

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### SERVICE SCHEDULE:

#### SUNDAY:

9:00am Bible Class  
10:00am Worship  
5:30pm Prayer Session  
6:00pm Worship

#### WEDNESDAY:

7:00pm Bible Class

### The Record You Help Make

Bible Class .....153  
AM Worship .....277  
PM Worship .....178  
Contribution.....\$ 9,088  
Child Care.....\$ 93

# The Highlighter

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## TAKING THE LORD'S SUPPER "SENSIBLY"

In Matthew 23:37, Jesus said: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment."

Simply put, it suggests: With every sense of our being, each of us is God's Person and our whole being is to be involved in serving Him. Paul once said that we should "walk circumspectly, not as fools, but wise" (Eph. 5:15). This suggests that we should use **all of our** senses in a **diligent manner** to attend to everything God has asked us to do.

Ralph Snell and I had a conversation once out of which emerged an observation I had never heard before. Neither have I ever heard it expressed by anyone else in the decades since we talked.

We talked about how all of us have five senses: we **see, touch, taste, hear** and **smell**. If we "love God with all our Heart, our Soul, and our Mind," those five senses compose our full being of awareness in all that we do.

Have you ever noticed that there is only one thing we do in our assembly worship that involves all five of those senses at the same time? For example:

- **Singing:** We hear the leader, see notes and words but there is no touch, taste or smell
- **Praying:** We hear the leader's words and say "amen" to the prayer, but no senses are used in any other way.
- **Preaching:** We hear the preacher and see him, but we do not touch—or smell him!
- **Giving:** We see and touch the gift--and might hear coins clink in the collection plate--but none of our other senses are involved.
- **Lord's Supper:** It is only in the Lord's Supper that all five senses are employed in the same act of worship:

We **see** the bread and fruit of the vine

We **touch** the bread and the cup as we partake of them

We **hear** the bread, as it is broken or eaten

We **smell** the fragrant aroma as the cup approaches our lips

We **taste** the bread and the fruit of the vine as we consume them.

As we remember the death of our Lord, let us be aware of its meaning with our entire **heart, soul** and **mind** and employ all of our senses to do what He has asked us to do: "Do this in remembrance of Me!" (1 Corinthians 11:24)

--Jack Wilhelm

[This article is printed by request following its use in our recent worship service.]



**OUR SICK:** Betty & Austin Davenport are home  
Wayne York is recovering from valve replacement surgery on his heart. Pat Quinn is home recovering from a broken hip. Sonny Watkins (Jerri's Friend) is recovering from a broken knee. Keith Jones (Heather Morgan's dad) is recovering from a badly broken leg. Christine Kirchner has asked that we remember her in our prayers that she will soon be able to return to worship.

## Wedding Shower!

There will be a wedding shower for  
**Angela Kimbrell**

**Tonight in the MPR following PM Worship.**  
 This shower is for everyone, both men and women. They are registered at Linda's Loft and Bed, Bath, & Beyond.  
 Please bring finger foods & drinks and join us!  
 For more info see Becki Henson!

## Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Marilyn Davis in the loss of her brother, Danny Dodd who passed away Monday.  
 1009 Florence Ave MSC

We extend our sympathy to Kim David Isbell (Jeanie's husband) in the loss of his brother, Tim Isbell who passed away Sunday.  
 His funeral was Wednesday. 1809 Marietta Ave MSC

## Thank You!

A thank you card from Terry Williams is posted on the bulletin board in appreciation for every expression of sympathy in the passing of his grandmother, Elsie Black.

## Donations

The Dorcas Workers appreciate the donations that were given to by Cindy Bonds, Betty & Shorty Dupree, & Linda Pace.

Several of you have also given donations to the Clewiston Mission Trip. Ben and the teenagers want you to know how much they appreciate your demonstrations of love.

**Please turn in your member information sheets ASAP! If you can't remember when you were baptized, just give an approximate date.**



## Covered Dish Luncheon For All Seniors!

**Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 in MPR**  
 If you are over 50, thank God and be happy that you are a "Nifty". The older we get, the sweeter life is. Who wants to be 18 again? Please come and let's enjoy each other while we can. You'll be glad you did! For info see Bobby Denton.



## Secret Sisters

If you are interested in participating in the Secret Sisters Program this year, please fill out an information sheet and return it to Stacey Jackson by **TODAY**. Information sheets can be found on the table as you enter the education building (where we typically leave our gifts). We would love to have more ladies participate in this program--if you have any questions, please see Stacey.

## Ladies Day at Eastside

**Saturday, April 9th Speaker—Patsy Gray**  
 8:30am lunch served at 11:00

## Gospel Meeting at Valdosta

**April 3 - 7 7:00pm Mon-Thurs Nights**  
**Singing at 2:00 Sunday Speaker - Stan Dean**

**Heritage Dinner Event**  
**Speaker - Former President George W. Bush**  
**At The Marriott Conference Center**  
[www.heritageevent.com](http://www.heritageevent.com)



## Heritage Golf Scramble Benefit

**April 29th at 8:00am**  
 Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail. See Janet Moon for entry forms and details.



## THOSE TO SERVE

**10:00 AM WORSHIP**  
 Read Scripture..... Freddie Williams  
 Opening Prayer..... Joey Davis  
 Closing Prayer..... Matthew Fulmer

**6:00 PM SERVICE**  
 Read Scripture.....Gene Lansdell  
 Opening Prayer..... Robert Morris  
 Closing Prayer..... Bobby Price  
 Greeters..... Tyrus & Lori Mansell  
 Building Lockup .....

**MARCH CONTACT ELDER**  
**Tim Fulmer**

## Prayer Lists:



Mabeth Jones, Pauline Jackson, Harvey Hasha, Rayburn Moore (Melinda Logan's brother-in-law), Wylodean Dabbs, Vic & Margaret Addington, Lois Black, Opal Farris, Guy Jeffreys, Austin & Betty Davenport, Jimmy & Olene Hanback, Albert Sharp

## Please remember our cancer patients:

Robin McCollum, Brenda Pettus, Howard Jeffreys  
 Adrian West (Robin McCollum's mother), Norma Hallmark  
 Kenneth Harrison (Dot Crowden's brother), David Blazer, Ann Hargett, Betty Barnes, Mike Farris  
 Mozelle King (Faye Smith's friend)  
 Spruell Fretwell (Faye Smith's cousin)

## Widows & Singles

Will meet at  
**Ruby Tuesdays**  
 tonight after worship!



Pantry item  
**flour**



# Endangered

*"And he said, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord God of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken your covenant, torn down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life'" (1 Kings 19:14 NKJV).*

A group of us were traveling upriver in Bangladesh by boat from the city of Pirajpur to visit various villages and points of interest. We were thrilled when, soon after our

launching, we were joined by a pod of river dolphins who swam along beside the boat, frequently rolling on the surface and even leaping out of the water in a display of power and grace.

Our pleasure in this display was enhanced by our knowledge that the gigantic river dolphins (along with all other freshwater dolphins) are rare and are classified as either threatened or endangered by governments and environmental agencies.

Pollution, net fishing, the abundance of engine driven boats (with sharp propellers) in their habitat, and other factors has reduced populations to a few thousand or in some species mere hundreds. We were blessed to see something which most of the world's population may not even know exists, and which may not exist much longer if steps are not taken soon.

Elijah the prophet was a member of an endangered species. He had already resigned himself to the fact that he would soon die, and with him, all hopes that Israel would be a nation which served the Lord God. He was discouraged and defeated, confused as to how God Almighty could allow his people to reject him totally. Unless steps were taken soon, all hope would be lost.

Yet steps were being taken. Elijah's survival, and that of the faithful in Israel, did not depend upon human government or agency. God himself was supervising their fate. He had resources of which even the prophet was unaware. "Yet I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him" (1 Kings 19:18).

Elijah did not have a complete count of the faithful. He was not aware of the seven thousand faithful worshipers of God remaining in Israel.

So also when modern Christians despair at the prevalent immorality of our cultures, and when it seems that the wicked prosper while the righteous perish, we may not know the true state of affairs. But these things we can know by faith, and that knowledge will encourage us to continue to serve our God.

First, we know that God is still in charge. Jesus promised "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will by no means pass away" (Matthew 24:35). Of his kingdom it is said that "[It] cannot be shaken" (Hebrews 12:28).

Though the earth and all that is in it will someday be destroyed, "Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells" (2 Peter 3:13).

Secondly, we know that righteousness abides. Paul affirms that salvation has been received by many through faith in Jesus. "But I say, have they not heard? Yes indeed: 'Their sound has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world'" (Romans 10:18).

Again we are taught, "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age" (Titus 2:11-12).

We may not always see or know of the many who have obeyed such teaching and who are living righteously before God. But we are assured that they exist.

Finally we know that Jesus will come again. "For yet a little while, and he who is coming will come and will not tarry" (Hebrews 10:37). "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come . . . (2 Peter 3:9-10).

God preserves his people unto his own purpose. We can have confidence before him in every situation, knowing that he loves us and that his power will prevail. We may be threatened, but the people of God are never endangered, so long as they trust in him. "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31).