



SENIOR PICTURES



I have not received any Senior Pictures. Please get me 15-20 pictures as soon as you can. Include a senior picture and a baby picture, along with snapshots from the years in between. The date for the banquet will be set soon

WINTER YOUTH SERIES
Tonight at Stony Point Church of Christ

LOMAX YOUTH RALLY

"On the Rock"

This FRIDAY and SATURDAY

We will leave at 4:00 pm Friday

BRING YOUR BIBLE, SLEEPING BAG, TOILETRIES,
SNACKS, ETC.

MAYWOOD CHRISTIAN CAMP

June 26-July 2

Ages 8-18

Applications are on the table below the youth picture board. If you plan to go you need to send in your application ASAP.

MISSION TRIP PAYMENT DUE

Our first payment of \$50 for the summer mission trip is due now. Please give your check to Rhonda or Ben ASAP.



KIDS RALLY

Saturday,
March 26th

Ethridge Church of Christ
"Friends" 1st - 6th Grade
(No teens allowed)

We will leave at 8:00 am and return to H.P. at 4:00.



Lads/Leaders

Speeches

Sunday Night, April 17th

Leaderettes

Speeches Wednesday night, April 20th



"Honey, wireless communication is nothing new. I've been praying for over 50 years!"



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At The Lord's Supper, We Remember Our Guilt

By J. Randal Matheny

Glenda Williams tells that in their jail ministry in Geneva, Alabama, when one prisoner was baptized, he felt so thankful for the forgiveness of his sins that he stood in the baptistry and wept for a long time. Guilt is real. And though feelings of guilt don't always

reflect the truth, when it comes to our sins, we can't feel guilty enough. The prisoner knew he was a sinner. He felt deeply the seriousness of his crimes against God, whatever they were. We'd do well to picture ourselves in the poster hanging in the post office. The most dangerous and wanted criminals. We are the worst.

At the Lord's supper, we remember our guilt. Because it was our guilt-- my guilt-- that drove our Lord to the cross. He hung there, he suffered those beatings, and nails, and humiliation, he died there naked and alone, because we put him there.

Our guilt is not that we were the cause of his death. Our guilt is that we spurned our Maker, turned our backs on the Giver, shook our fist at the great Lover of man. Our deepest thought while we eat and think of the cross is not that we sent Jesus to the cross (the Father sent him there), but that the cross means forgiveness.

Complete forgiveness. Forever forgiveness. Done-and-over-with forgiveness. Yes, we must remain faithful, we must "walk in the light," as John said in 1 John 1:7, but even that means that "the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin." Our forgiveness is not only complete, but *continuous*. And, yes, we must acknowledge our guilt, "confess our sins," says John in verse 9, and when we do, we may know that "he is faithful and righteous, forgiving us our sins and cleansing us from all unrighteousness."

So around the table of the Lord, we have a wonderful opportunity, not to feel guilty, but to feel forgiven. Purified. Clean. Relieved. To be assured that that feeling reflects the reality of what has happened in heaven. That our slate has indeed been wiped clean. That the sentence against us, a hellish eternity far from the presence of God, has been cancelled. That our names have been written in the book of life. Whether it be the moment when the baptismal water rolls off our bodies, or as the bread is laid upon our tongues and the cup touches our lips, that forgiveness is present and active and real. We may feel that forgiveness so strongly, sense that cleansing so deeply, that if we want to cry tears of joy, like the prisoner standing in the baptistry, we are at liberty to weep in gladness and wonder at the God who forgives all.

Elders

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SERVICE SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY:

9:00am Bible Class
10:00am Worship
4:30pm Prayer Session
6:00pm Worship

WEDNESDAY:

7:00pm Bible Class

The Record You Help Make

Bible Class210
AM Worship269
PM Worship177
Contribution.....\$ 9,859
Child Care.....\$ 145

Sick: Betty Davenport is in Shoals in 429. Gloria Holden is home recovering from bypass surgery on her leg. Albert Sharp is in ECM recovering from surgery. Alicia Reaves is in ECM in room 480 recovering from complications from her C-section. Sheila Renfro is exploring options about further treatments. Betty Barnes is home with pneumonia and is still having trouble with her eye. David Henson is in Cypress Cove on Avalon. Wayne Green is home recovering from surgery. Pat Quinn is home recovering from a broken hip. Sonny Watkins (Jeri's Friend) will be confined another week recovering from a broken knee. Keith Jones (Heather Morgan's dad) is struggling to recover from a badly broken leg. [Keith Jones 1495 Greenhill Rd, Tusculumbia 35674]



Wedding Shower!

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

Sunday, March 27th in the MPR immediately 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!

Memorial Gift

A donation has been made to the Bangladesh mission fund by the Orick family in loving memory of Willa Orick.

New Dorcas Project!

The Dorcas Group has taken on a special new project and we need help. We're making shirt dresses for Nepal/Bangladesh and also for the Clewiston Mission Trip this summer. If you would like to help you can cut fabric, gather the skirts, press and/or assemble the dresses. There is something for everyone to do. We are purchasing tee shirts & socks for the boys. Your help or donation would be very much appreciated!



Covered Dish Luncheon For All Seniors!

Thursday, March 31st at 11:30 in MPR

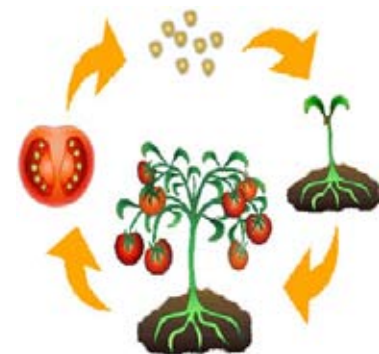
If you are over 50... thank God and be happy that you are a "Nifty". The older we get, the sweeter life is. Who wants to be 19 again? Please come and let's enjoy each other while we can. You'll be glad you did! For info see Bobby Denton.



Helping Hands Meets Next Sunday immediately following PM worship.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Hope Orick in the loss of her great-grandmother this past week. She was Rachel Lewis' grandmother



The Power of a Seed!

A lotus seed was recently discovered in Manchuria and planted in a culture dish. Carbon 14 tests indicated this seed was implanted in a crust for 3000 years. Scientists wondered if it would grow. It did, and there are lotus blossoms in Washington, D.C. today as they were pictured in a recent issue of Readers's Digest. Consider the life-giving power which was dormant for 3000 years. Can the God who kept that power in the lotus seed not keep the power in the see of the kingdom (Luke 8:11)? The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation (Romans 1:16) and the mission of the Lord's church is to plant that powerful seed into the hearts of men. Having done so, it will still reproduce "only after its kind."

THOSE TO SERVE

10:00 AM WORSHIP
Read Scripture..... Blake Allen
Opening Prayer... Michael Jackson
Closing Prayer..... Kenneth Jackson

5:00 PM SERVICE
Read Scripture.....Harold Howard
Opening Prayer..... Kenny Ford
Closing Prayer..... Neil Wells

Greeters..... Tyrus & Lori Mansell
Building Lockup Jim Malone

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:

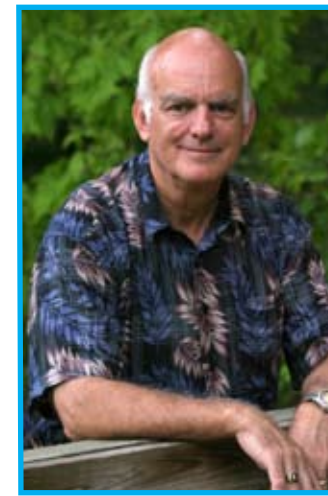
Robin McCollum, Brenda Pettus, Howard Jeffreys
Adrian West (Robin McCollum's mother), Kenneth Harrison (Dot Crowden's brother), Becky Mays (Joyce Rose's friend); David Blazer, Ann Hargett, Betty Barnes, Mike Farris
Mozelle King (Faye Smith's friend)
Norma Hallmark (B Thompson's sister-in-law)
Spruell Fretwell (Faye Smith's cousin)

Widows & Singles

Will meet at **Quizno's** tonight after worship!



Pantry item
Flour



Observations

"I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart" (Romans 9:1-2 NKJV).

"But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity. Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content" (Philippians 4:10-11).

As we prepare to depart the U.S. once again for an extended stay in South Asia I find myself to be very much of two minds. On the one hand I am eager to return to a fruitful and productive field where many are anxious to hear the message of Jesus Christ. I know that I will see close friends and Brothers and sisters in Christ. I will once again go to

beautiful places and have enormously enjoyable experiences in travel and work.

At the same time it is with a measure of reluctance that I prepare to leave my home here in the U.S. There are family, friends and fellow Christians whom I will miss greatly. Spring is about to break out everywhere with great beauty and pleasurable weather. Work here is just as rewarding and enjoyable as what I will do overseas. As much as I want to go, I also find myself thinking how wonderful it would be to stay here a little longer.

As one reads the Scriptures he finds many examples of such contradictory thinking. Paul himself admitted that he did not know how to pray with regard to his imprisonment and upcoming trial. "For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. But if I live on in the flesh, this will mean fruit from my labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell" (Philippians 1:21-22).

In Romans the Apostle described himself as filled with great sorrow because of the lost condition of the majority of his countrymen, the nation of Israel. Yet in Philippians he affirms that he is content whatever his circumstance, and even rejoices greatly.

It is obvious that the human spirit is capable of feeling both joy and sorrow simultaneously. I believe many of us have forgotten or are unaware of that fact. We believe that if there is any cause for sorrow we cannot possibly be happy. Conversely, if we as Christians are commanded to "Rejoice always" (Philippians 4:4), then it is sinful, or at least inappropriate, for us to ever feel sadness. Such misunderstandings may create confusion, doubt, and even depression.

How many grieving persons feel that life will never be worth living again after the death of a beloved spouse or child? How many sinners feel they can never be forgiven because of some terrible mistake? In each case great sorrow is believed to eliminate any possibility of future joy. This is tragic and completely unnecessary.

Paul's sorrow at the lost condition of many of his friends and fellow Jews was real. But so was his overall condition of contentment. His confusion as to which was better -- death or life -- was also genuine. But he had no trouble acting with decisive faith and conviction at all times.

How do we manage such conflicts? Paul managed his by a disciplined will which determined to see good in everything; by strong and unwavering trust in God; and by living for Christ and for others, rather than simply for himself. If we will follow his example we too can overcome those occasional conflicts.

MEB

Daylight Savings Time begins Today so that means PM Worship will begin tonight at 6:00



Meals-On-Wheels Delivers March 21 - 25 see Donna Kimbrough to help!