

**Those to Serve**

Sunday 05-31-2009

**Sunday Morning Worship:**

Announcements..... Weldon Miller  
 Song Leader..... Hal Roper  
 Opening Prayer..... Jerry Freeman  
 Closing Prayer..... Hal Roper

**Lord's Table—Month of May 2009**

**Southside:**

Wayne Pickrel  
 Frankie Sargent  
 Tim Jones

**Northside:**

Grady Duncan  
 George O'Neal  
 Austin Neal

**Sunday Evening Worship:**

Announcements..... Weldon Miller  
 Song Leader..... Hal Roper  
 Opening PM Prayer..... Jon McCain  
 Closing PM Prayer..... Chuck Kyle

**Sunday Evening Lord's Table**

Fred Harkrider, Jr. Darrell Cooper

**Serving Wednesday Night—June 03, 2009**

Announcements..... Weldon Miller  
 Song Leader..... Randy Eubanks  
 First Prayer..... Tim Jones  
 Closing Prayer..... Randy Eubanks

\*If you plan to be out of town or are not physically able to serve, please call someone to take your place

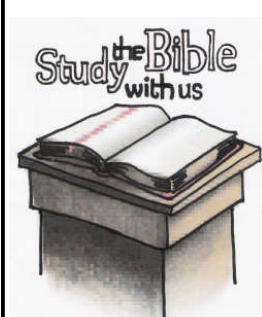
**Attendance for the week of 05-24-2009**

Bible Classes..... 101  
 Morning Worship..... 138  
 Evening Worship..... 110  
 Tuesday Ladies Class .....Meets again in September  
 Wednesday Night ..... 98  
 Regular Contribution ..... \$ 4,385.20  
 New Construction Fund Contributions.....\$ -0-

**Averages To Date This Year**

Bible Classes.....103  
 Morning Worship.....142  
 Evening Worship .....107  
 Tuesday Ladies Class ..... 12  
 Wednesday Night .....100  
 Regular Contribution.....\$ 4,464.19  
 New Construction Fund Contributions to date..... \$ 58,935.00

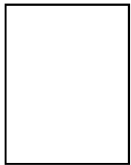
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**Next Sunday's Sermons**

AM: The Soldier's Army  
**Kris Groda, Preaching**  
 PM: Old Fashioned Sheet Sermon  
*Beginning to Sink - Matthew 14:30*  
**Kris Groda, Preaching**

North Jefferson Church of Christ  
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Address Correction Requested

**Assembly Times**

**Sunday**

Bible Classes .....9:00AM  
 Worship .....10:00AM  
 ..... 6:00PM

**Tuesday**

Ladies Bible Class ..10:00AM  
 (September—May)

**Wednesday**

Bible Classes .....7:00PM

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 Gene Campbell  
 Weldon Miller  
 Wayne Pickrel

**Deacons**  
 Grady Duncan  
 Jim Duncan  
 Jerry Freeman  
 Bob Hedges  
 Rance Robison  
 Hal Roper

**Gospel Preacher**  
 Kris Groda

**Secretary**  
 Rhodney Freeman



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As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger to them that send him" Proverbs 25:13

**Camping In Canaan's Happy Land**

By Kris Groda

Church camp is coming soon! The month of June offers four great opportunities to work or attend at Camp Ida or Lake Cisco Christian Camp July 5-9 (Jr. Session) and July 19-24 (Sr. Session). Camp is great outlet for youth to study the Bible and have good clean Christian fun. Going to camp causes me to think about the Israelite camp in the Old Testament.

When God set up the Israelite camp, He set it up where all the tribes were around the Tabernacle. "The Israelites are to camp around the tent of Meeting some distance from it, each man under his standard with this banners of his family" (Num. 2:2).

Consider that on the East side were the tribes of Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun (Numbers 2:2-10). On the South side were the tribes of Reuben, Simeon and Gad (Num. 2:10-17). On the West side were the tribes of Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh. On the North side were the tribes of Dan, Naphtali, and Asher. The Levites being in the middle. Literally, the Tabernacle was at the center of the camp and was to be the focal point in the lives of the children of God.

The word "camp" in the Bible always implies a body of people. The children of God, even in their individual tribes, were a large community or congregation, as they grew they became identified as a nation. Because God was in their midst, He was always concerned about what was going on within the camp. In fact, there were certain things that God did not allow to happen within the camp. Consider the following scriptures:

**Anything unclean must be put out of the camp:** "he shall carry forth the bullock without the camp, and burn him as he burned the first bullock: it is a sin offering for the congregation" (Lev. 4:21).

**Regarding the ashes from the burnt offering:** they were to "carry forth the ashes without the camp unto a clean place" (Lev. 6:11).

**Regarding the leprous man:** "All the days wherein the plague shall be in him he shall be defiled; he is unclean: he shall dwell alone; without the camp shall his habitation be" (Lev. 13:46). Even the man worthy of death was stoned outside the camp (Num. 15:32-36).

God's people were to put difference between clean and unclean. ( Lev. 10:10); they were successful when God was in their midst and unsuccessful when He was not. When Israel went up against Ai, they retreated from the battle because there was sin in the camp. God said, "Up, sanctify the people, and say, Sanctify yourselves against to morrow: for thus saith the Lord God of Israel, There is an accursed [devoted] thing in the midst of thee, O Israel: thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed things from among you"; (Joshua 7:13). Paul would say, "purge out therefore the old leaven..." (1 Cor. 5:7).

When God is not at the center of our lives, we will not be successful spiritually. This is the way it is for those who are lost. For some, they are in Spiritual Egypt (captive to sin); others are in a spiritual wilderness wondering ( aimlessly wondering about in sin, many of whom will die in the wilderness). What God wants for our life is spiritual success. He wants us to win the battles over self and Satan. He does not want us to be a stiff-necked people. He wants to be loved with all our heart, soul, mind and strength (Mk.12:30). If we replace God with the 'accursed things' of this life surely God cannot be in the midst of us. This is what happened with Israel in Exodus 32 & 33 after that golden calf incident. Joshua heard "a noise of war in the camp" (Exo. 32:17). God said, "for I will not go up in the midst of thee, for thou art a stiff-necked people" (v. 3). As a result, Moses took the tabernacle, and pitched it without [outside] the camp, afar off from the camp (v. 7). Today, we must draw near to God, "with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water" (Heb 10:22). If we want God in our lives, then we will have to put Him at the center.

What about you, dear reader? Does God and His spiritual tabernacle (the church 1 Cor. 3:16; 1 Pt. 2:5) take center place in your camp?

Albert Bromley wrote in his song, *Camping in Canaan's Happy Land*,

*I have left the land of bondage with its earthly treasures  
 I've journeyed to the place where there is love on every hand  
 I've exchanged the land of heartaches for the land of pleasure  
 I'm camping, I'm camping, in Canaan's happy land*



“give attention to reading.....” 1 Tim. 4:13

## Waiting Until the Last Minute

By Tom Moore

A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him in front of the service station. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump. "Preacher," said the young man, "sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip." The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

Friends, remember these words of Paul, "We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. or He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6:1-2). Life is short and unpredictable, and none of us are guaranteed another breath of life. Do not wait until the last minute to become a Christian. Do not wait to the last minute to be faithful - for that minute may not be available.

Think About It!

## A Clean Face, a Clean Heart

For a parent to require a child to wash his face and keep his body clean and not require him to learn and obey the Bible, is to teach him that the body is worth more than the soul and that a clean body is worth more than a pure heart and clean spirit. For a parent to require a child to learn spelling and reading and not require him to study the Bible is to teach him that it is much more important to be qualified to live in this world than to be fitted to live in heaven. There is no evading this simple truth. -David Lipscomb, deceased, *The Key Word, Volume 40, Number 13*

### Brotherhood Events:

June 15-19—North Jefferson—VBS

July 26-30—Oak Grove—Gospel Meeting

September 13-16—North Jefferson—Gospel Meeting  
(with Mike Hisaw)

November 1-4—Blodgett—Fall Lectureship

Watch your bulletin for more events forthcoming.

## Seniors 2009



We congratulate our High School Seniors as they have completed this milestone and move on to the next season of life's journey. We wish them well and pray that they might continually strive to be closer to God and grow in service to their Savior.



Katy Grimes



April Miller



Austin Neal



Travis Robison

Please join us this Sunday evening for *Senior Graduation Appreciation* in the fellowship hall following the evening worship assembly.

## Thoughts on Leadership:

"I attribute my success to this - I never gave or took any excuse." - Florence Nightingale

**Prayer List:** Justin Barker, Rachel Barker, Louis Bell, Doris Bell, Suzanne Charlton, Jim Duncan, Irene Duncan, Dorothy Kyle, Wade Miller, Thelma Reed, Brenda Riley

**Also:** Carolyn (Katy) Cabell, Wesley DuBose, Jennifer Freeman, Janice Lineberger, Wayne Lineberger, Brenda Riley, Charles Whitney

### Congregational Shut-Ins:

**Home:** Doris Bell, **In Tyler:** Louis Bell, **Pleasant Springs Assisted Living:** Annah Brown, **Home:** Irene Duncan, **Home:** Joyce Lee, **Villa Assisted Living:** Georgia Lide, **Mt. Vernon:** Alice Lovelady, **Home:** Marie Plemmons

**TODAY IS children's bible hour FROM 11:00 am TO 12:15pm. Lunch will be served. —Amy Jones**

**DO NOT FORGET .... TONIGHT, AFTER SERVICES, WE HONOR OUR SENIORS. Your presence at this event is appreciated.**

### Health Updates:

**Brenda Riley** is still not feeling well. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Suzanne Charlton** came through her surgery just fine. She is still in the hospital in Tyler. She is in room 4435 at ETMC

**Louis Bell** is not doing well at all. Although he was dismissed from the hospital recently he is under the care of hospice.

**Charles Whitney** (Sue Whitney's husband) is in room 4436a ETMC (at the time of this writing, Charles may get to come home on Saturday).

**Wesley DuBose** (Judy Freeman's dad) has been very ill the past week or more. He continued to gain fluid and was confined to his bed because of that and other complications. At the printing of this bulletin, however, he is refusing to take his medicines or to eat. Hospice is conferring with the family members.

**New home telephone number for Royce and Cindy Armstrong: 903-575-9530**

### EVENTS, PAST AND UPCOMING:

**SYBSNET** begins June 08 here at North Jefferson. Speaker will be Doug Martin and his topic will be "Conquering the Enemy of Fear."

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL for 2009** is scheduled for June 15 through 19 (Monday through Friday) from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM each day. Planning is enthusiastic. You are encouraged to enroll your child(ren) and bring a friend.

If you would like to make a monetary contribution to help provide snacks and refreshments for our VBS students, please give it to Veleta McFerrin or Dorothy Kyle.

*You are invited to a bridal shower honoring*

*April Miller*

*Ride-elect of*

*Jon McCain*

*Sunday, June 14, 2009*

*At 2 o'clock in the afternoon*

*North Jefferson Church of Christ*

*Hostesses: Nelda Dunn, Alice Freeman, Mary Glover, Brenda Harkrider, Keely McCary, Elna O'Neal, Janaan Parker, Ann Pickrel, Karen Roper, Stephanie Sparks, and Connie Stewart.*

**Selections are at:**

**Mason's Hardware  
Kasseigh's  
Target**