

Those to Serve

Sunday 01-17-2010

Sunday Morning Worship:

Announcements.....Daniel McCary
 Song Leader.....Hal Roper
 Opening PrayerGrady Duncan
 Closing PrayerFrankie Sargent

Month of January 2010

Sunday Morning Lord's Table

South Side:

Bob Hedges
 Melvin Norfleet
 Chuck Kyle

North Side:

Royce Armstrong
 George O'Neal
 Daniel McCary

Sunday Evening Lord's Table

Jim Duncan Fred Harkrider

Sunday Evening Worship:

Announcements.....Daniel McCary
 Song Leader.....Rance Robison
 Opening PM Prayer.....Glenn Parham
 Closing PM Prayer.....Fred Harkrider

Serving Wednesday Night—January 20, 2010

AnnouncementsJody Sparks
 Song Leader.....Hal Roper
 First Prayer.....Daniel McCary
 Closing Prayer.....Gene Garner

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

Attendance for the week of 1-10-2010

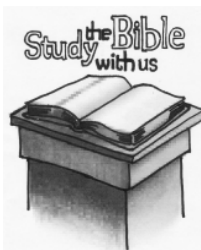
Bible Classes.....98
 Morning Worship.....127
 Evening Worship 92
 Tuesday Ladies Class12
 Wednesday Night 87
 Regular Contribution \$ 3,349.25
 New Construction Fund Contributions.....\$ 0.00

Averages To Date This Year

Bible Classes..... 99
 Morning Worship.....139
 Evening Worship 97
 Tuesday Ladies Class 12
 Wednesday Night 92
 Regular Contribution.....\$ 4,237.53
 New Construction Fund Contributions to date..... \$ 78,594.00
 (Also includes transfers and interest earned)

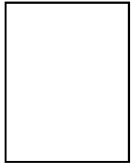
PLEASE NOTE: This bulletin is formatted Friday morning each week. Any news items or articles you wish included must be submitted to the Editor no later than Thursday Night. You may call Rhodney Freeman at 903-572-1181 (home) or 903-572-1136 (Office)

Today's Sermons



AM: **"Our Distinctive Purpose"**
 Kris Groda, Preaching
 PM: **"The Demands of Grace"**
 Kris Groda, Preaching

North Jefferson Church of Christ
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 Mt. Pleasant, TX 75456



Address Correction Requested

Assembly Times

Sunday

Bible Classes9:00AM
 Worship10:00AM
 6:00PM

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Bible Classes7:00PM



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Elders

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

North Jefferson Messenger

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



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Founded on the Word—Focused on the World

January 17, 2010

The Urgency of the Lord's Business

By Kris Groda

You know how "urgent" feels. It's what you feel when you've got to be somewhere now, and you don't have time for delay. "Urgent" is that pressing matter that requires your full and undivided attention. "Urgent" is when time is of the essence – the matter is critical – and the time to act is now.

This was the ambiance of a typical Israelite household before their delivery from Egypt. It was the night of the Lord's Passover and they were told to, "eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste" (Exodus 12:11). The Israelites needed to be ready to go for it was said that Pharaoh "shall surely thrust you out hence altogether" (Exo. 11:1). That first Passover was an urgent affair and required their diligence.

Jesus expressed urgency when he stated, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4). The context surrounding this verse is very important and giving sight to the blind (spiritually speaking) should be considered an urgent thing. Unfortunately many are "laid back" or "at ease" about evangelism.

In John 4, Jesus had just been teaching the Samaritan woman at the well. His disciples probably went out for food and when they came back they wanted Jesus to eat. "But he said unto them,

I have meat to eat that ye know not of. Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eat? Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." (John 4:32-35).

Paul stated, "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil." (Eph. 5:15-16). Paul also said, "Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time" (Col. 4:5); "For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." (2 Cor 6:2); "The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light." (Rom 13:12).

You know how Jesus felt about the works of the church, the challenge for us is to reflect the same passion being His disciples. Truly, we are not to have a ho-hum disposition about evangelism, or any other work of the church. Christians need to be excited and pumped up about church work – every aspect! If Christ gave His blood for it – we need to love it (Acts 20:28). The call of the Lord to do His business – an earnest and urgent plea!



Give Me the Bible

Banquet & Conference
"Souls to Win in 2010"

Saturday, January 23
9:00am—2:00pm
Crockett Road
church of Christ
Palestine, Texas

Mark your calendar and plan to attend! Kris will be one of the speakers at the banquet. The cost of lunch is \$6.00. There is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board if you would like to attend. We would like to have a good representation of those from our congregation. **We need to RSVP by Thursday, so please sign up no later than Wednesday.**

Focal Point

2nd Annual Preachers' Workshop April 25—29, 2010 University church of Christ San Marcos, Texas



*"Keeping our feet firmly
planted by keeping our focus on Jesus"*

This workshop is aimed at encouraging and strengthening those who preach the Gospel but is opened to all members of the Lord's church. With a classroom setting, Focal Point is designed to provide Biblical insight combined with practical application.

The cost of the workshop is free. Some members of the University congregation have also agreed to open their homes for lodging for workshop attendees.

For more information and a schedule of the topics and speakers, see the bulletin board.

Thanks!

Our church family has received several thank you cards from the Boles Children's Home families we helped over the holidays. Some of the children even drew pictures for us in the cards! See the round foyer table for the originals.

"Two simple words can never express the love and gratitude we hold in our hearts for such amazingly wonderful people but THANK YOU endlessly for all of the wonderful gifts and love you've given us! This has truly been the best Christmas I've had since I was a child and not because of the material things. Simply because of the love and support! Thank you again!"

"Thank you so much for thinking of us during the holiday season! We had a wonderful Christmas thanks to you. The boys love the cars they got and play with them non-stop. Noah likes to line them up in a row and drive them around the house. You have truly blessed us and we thank you..."

"Thank you so much for all the wonderful Christmas gifts! This Christmas is one that I'll never forget. Thank you for all of your kindness and generosity. May many blessing fall on you and your families!"

*The family of Julia Terrell acknowledges
with grateful appreciation the kind
expressions of your sympathy.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The past several weeks have really been tough, but gradually I am returning to where I have longed to be. I feel I am at least 90-95% there. Many thanks to everyone for the many prayers offered in my behalf and for the cards and phone calls. I hope to be back in worship services Sunday, the Lord permitting.

In Christian Love,

Rhodney Freeman

Please Remember in Prayer:

Justin Barker, Rachel Barker, Doris Bell, James & Sue Browning, Billye Campbell, Gene Campbell, Suzanne Charlton, Randy Cooper, Jim Duncan, Barbara Duncan, Irene Duncan, Patsy Duncan, Rhodney Freeman, Wade Miller, Wayne Pickrel, Thelma Reed, Bud Roach, Helen Roper, and Rebecca Tippit.

Also: Carolyn (Katy) Cabell, Gary Duncan, Denise Hess, Cato Jones, Mary Jo Lee, Janice Lineberger, Kent Stephenson, and Charles Whitney

Congregational Shut-Ins:

Pleasant Springs Assisted Living: Doris Jean Bell, Annah Brown, **Home:** Irene Duncan, **Villa Assisted Living:** Georgia Lide.

HEALTH UPDATES

Wayne Pickrel saw the doctor again this past week. He received a blood transfusion on Wednesday that helped him to feel a lot better.

Patsy Duncan will meet with her doctor Thursday this week to see if she needs back surgery.

Rhodney Freeman saw his doctor on Friday. He has greatly improved since last week and has had less spells since getting off of several medications.

Jimmy Duncan met with his doctor on Monday for his six-month visit. Barbara said that all the tests came back perfect! He doesn't have to see the doctor again for another six months. Last Sunday Jimmy expressed his heartfelt thanks for all the prayers, cards, and kind words he has received during his battle with cancer.

Ola Mae Simpson is still struggling with getting her strength back after fighting off infections. She has improved some and hopes to be back with us today.

Helen Roper travels to Tyler tomorrow to begin treatments to hopefully stop the bleeding in her eye. Her doctor is prescribing a series of treatments over the next few months. Please remember Helen in your prayers that the therapy will restore her vision.

Suzanne Charlton received a great report from her heart doctor this past week. He said that everything looked good and to come back in a year!

IN SMYPATHY

Dean Sparks, Jody's father, passed away this past Sunday. Visitation was Wednesday night at Bates-Cooper-Sloan. Please remember Jody and his family in your prayers.

Peggy Grimes passed away suddenly on Thursday. Her visitation was yesterday and the funeral is today at 2:00pm at Bates-Cooper-Sloan Funeral Home Chapel. Please keep Roger, Kaitlin, and his brother Dave and family in your prayers. We will greatly miss this sweet sister in Christ.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Former member **Thelma Reed** graciously donated to our building expansion fund over the holidays. Thanks so much Thelma!

North Jefferson youth placed 3rd at **Bible Bowl** this past Monday night. We had a good crowd with 111 present. Be sure to give your appreciation to our young people for a job well done!

Bible Bowl Practice at 5pm today. This is for all young people from the 1st-12th grades.

Ladies Bible Class this Tuesday at 10:00am. Studies pick up this week in Titus Chapter 2. Mothers are encouraged to attend. Child care will be provided in the nursery.

Wednesday Night Supper There has been interest in having a potluck meal on Wednesday nights prior to services to help with our busy families. Meal time would be from 5:45pm to 6:45pm in the fellowship hall. If your family is interested in participating, please contact Keely McCary at (903) 563-7895 by Tuesday of each week to see how you can contribute to the meal.