

Those to Serve

Sunday 03-21-2010

Sunday Morning Worship:

Announcements..... Grady Duncan
 Song Leader..... Rance Robison
 Opening Prayer Grady Duncan
 Closing Prayer Royce Armstrong

Month of March 2010

Sunday Morning Lord's Table

South Side:

Jim Duncan
 George O'Neal
 Austin Neal

North Side:

Jerry Freeman
 Doyle Riley
 Chuck Kyle

Sunday Evening Lord's Table

Charles Kyle Ron Traugher

Sunday Evening Worship:

Announcements..... Grady Duncan
 Song Leader..... Daniel McCary
 Opening PM Prayer..... Jerry Freeman
 Closing PM Prayer..... Charles Kyle

Serving Wednesday Night—March 24 2010

Announcements Grady Duncan
 Song Leader..... Hal Roper
 First Prayer..... Daniel McCary
 Closing Prayer..... Kris Groda

*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 03-14-2010

Bible Classes..... 99
 Morning Worship..... 131
 Evening Worship 91
 Tuesday Ladies Class 08
 Wednesday Night 89
 Regular Contribution \$ 3,995.00
 New Construction Fund Contributions.....\$ -0-

Averages To Date This Year

Bible Classes..... 99
 Morning Worship.....125
 Evening Worship 93
 Tuesday Ladies Class 10
 Wednesday Night 92
 Regular Contribution.....\$ 4,129.88
 New Construction Fund Contributions to date..... \$ 80,695.88
 (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: "Poison In The Pot—2 Kings 4"
Kris Groda, Preaching

PM: "Manners Matter"
Kris Groda, Preaching



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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Gene Campbell
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Grady Duncan
 Jim Duncan
 Jerry Freeman
 Bob Hedges
 Rance Robison
 Hal Roper

Gospel Preacher

Kris Groda

Secretary

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Address Correction Requested

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

March 21, 2010

Better Homes and Congregations

Robert Johnson



A recent study by the Family Research Council offers encouragement for both the home and the faith. Doctors Nicholas Zill and Phillip Fletcher found a "startling discrepancy between children who live with both biological parents and attend religious services weekly, and those from broken homes who worship less frequently." Using data from the National Survey of Children's Health, they found "students from intact, churchgoing families are five times less likely to repeat a grade. Less than 21% of these parents were contacted by their school for behavior or achievement problems, compared to 53% whose children were not living with both parents and not attending services regularly. The more frequently a family worships together, it seems, the less anxious moms and dads are about their children's school performance."

Christ (Ephesians 4:15-16), and live more as God intends, which is the best life to live. The value of worship, and worshipping together as a family, is inestimable as well. No wonder the Hebrew writer encouraged his readers, and us, "Not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near" (Hebrews 10:25).

Unfortunately, most of the world, and even many in the Lord's church, do not understand this very basic principle. To ignore God and the importance of the home has brought so much hurt to so many people. Yet, Satan has deceived the world into thinking all the evil around us, which afflicts us individually, as families and as a society, has nothing to do with sin that is so prevalent. "In whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God" (2 Corinthians 4:4).

Even more surprising is that these differences held true even after considering family income and poverty, parent's education level, race and ethnicity. As the report stated, "Children thrive, the family bond strengthens, school success skyrockets, and the nation reaps the reward." Church and family seem to be the "perfect prescription" for many social problems faced in our nation today.

If a change for the better is to happen, it will happen with those in the body of Christ truly being light and salt (Matthew 5:13-16). If the world does not see a difference in us from it, then what is there to attract them to the Gospel, and the blessed life it provides? Commit yourself to being a strong, integral part of your family, fulfilling the God-given role you have. Commit yourself to being a strong, integral part of the church, using your God-given talents to serve. It can make a difference, not just for you, and your family and the body of Christ, but perhaps your part of the world. "Prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world" (Philippians 2:15).

This data just confirms what so many of us realize about the importance of both the home and the Lord's church. We are created by God, and He knows best what it takes for us to live an abundant life here and now. Solomon advises us, "Buy truth, and do not sell it, get wisdom and instruction and understanding" (Proverbs 23:23). The importance of a complete education, both spiritually and otherwise, cannot be overstated. Just as important as this is the role the church is to play in our lives. We find worth and value, individually and as family units, by being active in the work of the church. It enables us to grow in the image of

Guest article take from:
<http://www.gospelgazette.com/gazette/2010/mar/page12.html>

Robert Johnson is the preacher for the Longview church of Christ.

"Neither Could They Blush"

The following is an article excerpt from the "Patriot Post"

"If anyone was looking for a self-righteous extreme feminist, they found one in Angie Jackson. This is a woman who was so proud she was aborting her baby that she announced she would 'tweet' her chemical-cocktail abortion live, as it happened, on Twitter. The liberal media found this made-for-TV slaughter fascinating, and not at all a controversy worthy of discussing with two sides. Newsweek's Sarah Kliff proclaimed: 'One hundred thousand people have watched Angie Jackson's abortion. Late last month, Jackson posted a video of herself to YouTube, recorded after she took RU-486, a medication used to end pregnancies.' Kliff asked only 'why shame remains' about the act of killing one's baby. Jackson was honored for her courage in 'demystifying' and 'destigmatizing' the procedure: 'We need 10,000 more of her,' proclaimed Peg Johnston, chair of something called the Abortion Care Network. This desire for 10,000 more unashamed abortions is what 'pro-choice' is all about." --columnist L. Brent Bozell

"They were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush" (Jeremiah 6:15).

Isa 5:20 "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!"

Pro 6:16-17 "These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,"

Here is yet a new low for our society. I wonder how low God will allow us to go before He says enough?

This ought to bring tears to our eyes.

Sweetheart Banquet Photos

March 14, 2010



Please Remember in Prayer:

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

Also: Ozroe Bush, Carolyn (Katy) Cabell, Gary Duncan, Denise Hess, Cato Jones, Margaret Laurence, Mary Jo Lee, Janice Lineberger, Kristen Powell, Kent Stephenson, Kaitlin Taylor, 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

Sorry about the error last week. Following is the correct notice:

Dorothy Trammel, mother of Christina Trammel, had surgery and tests last week. Remember Dorothy and this family in your prayers.

Woodstock church of Christ seeking help for member

"Brethren,
The Woodstock church of Christ is seeking help for a bone marrow transplant for a sister in Christ. You can go to their web site at:
woodstockchurchofchrist.org

or go to the page directly
http://woodstockchurchofchrist.org/margaret_mason.html.

Brotherly, Ed Lee"

"**Kristen Powell** will see her doctor in Houston on April 9th for out-patient tests (considered a day surgery) to see if she is old enough to do a hip surgery to correct the shortness of her left leg. The procedure is called a *Orthogram*. She has a hip disease that causes this disability. Please remember her in your prayers.

God bless you, Michael and Christina"

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Bible Bowl practice at 5:30 p.m. this evening.

Reminder for All Ladies ... Ladies Bible Class this Tuesday at 10:00am. Studies in Hebrews. All the ladies of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

LADIES DAY will be **April 17**. Guest Speaker will be Sandi Smith. A little info about Sandi: "Sandi received a BA degree from Lubbock Christian University in 1989. Upon graduation, she spent one and a half years working in Italy. On her return to the states she met and married her husband, Joe. They have three



daughters and one son whom they school at home. She teaches elementary grade classes and ladies' classes at the Brown Trail church of Christ, and she teaches for the wives' classes in the Preacher Training School."

Events

Wednesday Night Supper is from 5:45pm to 6:45pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. If your busy 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. **THERE IS A SIGN-UP SHEET ON THE TABLE IN THE FOYER FOR THOSE WHO ARE WILLING TO HELP.**

GOSPEL MEETING

New Boston church of Christ
610 N. McCoy Blvd.
New Boston, TX
March 21-24

Sunday-9:30 AM—10:25 AM—6:00 PM
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday—7:00 PM
Speaker: Bro. Scott Hobson—Hope, AR

4th Annual Young Men's Retreat

Broken Bow church of Christ
400 Airport Road
Broken Bow, OK
April 23rd—25th
Registration 4:00—5:00 PM April 23rd

Stacie M. Charlton

And

Joseph F. Freeman

*Request the honor of your presence
To share in the celebration
Of their marriage on
Saturday, the twenty-fourth of April*

*Two thousand and ten
At three o'clock in the afternoon
Camp Langston*

*50 County Road 3227
Mount Pleasant, Texas 75455
Reception immediately following
Stacie is the daughter of Brian and Denise Philpot and
Bret and Ruth Charlton.*

*Joe is the son of Gene and Carole Freeman.
"The couple is registered at both Walmart and Target"*

THANK YOU

"Thank you very much for the food at the Sweetheart Banquet. It was so nice of you all. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.
—With love, Fay Gilmore"

THANK YOU

"Thanks to all the youth that helped with the food at the Sweetheart Banquet. It was appreciated. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.
—With love, Wanda Carlock

Why is it that one look from a parent can make you feel like a kid all over again? [Amber Cullen](#)