

**Those to Serve**

**Sunday 04-18-2010**

**Sunday Morning Worship:**

Announcements..... Royce Armstrong  
 Song Leader..... Randy Eubanks  
 Opening Prayer ..... Royce Armstrong  
 Closing Prayer ..... Chuck Kyle

**Month of April 2010**

**Sunday Morning Lord's Table**

**South Side:**

Weldon Miller  
 Rodney Cook  
 Roger Grimes

**North Side:**

Bob Hedges  
 Daniel McCary  
 Jon McCain

**Sunday Evening Lord's Table**

Grady Duncan      Jody Sparks

**Sunday Evening Worship:**

Announcements..... Royce Armstrong  
 Song Leader..... Royce Armstrong  
 Opening PM Prayer..... Jim Duncan  
 Closing PM Prayer..... David Neal

**Serving Wednesday Night—April 21 2010**

Announcements ..... Royce Armstrong  
 Song Leader..... Hal Roper  
 First Prayer..... Wayne Charlton  
 Closing Prayer..... Jon McCain

\*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 04-11-2010**

Bible Classes..... 102  
 Morning Worship..... 139  
 Evening Worship ..... 91  
 Tuesday Ladies Class ..... 08  
 Wednesday Night ..... 90  
 Regular Contribution ..... \$ 4,210.47  
 New Construction Fund Contributions.....\$ 180.00

**Averages To Date This Year**

Bible Classes..... 94  
 Morning Worship.....135  
 Evening Worship ..... 90  
 Tuesday Ladies Class ..... 09  
 Wednesday Night ..... 92  
 Regular Contribution.....\$ 4,099.75  
 New Construction Fund Contributions to date..... \$ 85,181.13  
 (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: "Understanding the Times"  
**Kris Groda, Preaching**

PM: "Church Growth:  
 My Part Is Prayer"  
**Kris Groda, Preaching**



"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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April 18, 2010

**"THY KINGDOM COME"**

James Gravelle

Lord, teach us to pray was the petition of an unnamed disciple as recorded in Luke 11:1. In response, Jesus replied in part, "When you pray, say...Your kingdom come" (v. 2). These words were similar to what Jesus taught the multitudes in the Sermon on the Mount recorded in Matthew 6:9-10: "In this manner, therefore, pray...Thy kingdom come." Consider two important points.

First, the context of Matthew 6 includes the prohibition of vain repetitions (v. 7). Various religious groups today, in their worship assemblies and other gatherings, recite what they refer to as "The Lord's Prayer," as found in Matthew 6:9-13. It would be better to call this "The Model Prayer" and then use it as an outline for prayers to God. Uttering these words over and over is "vain repetition," which is a violation of Jesus' teaching.

Second, we need to consider the matter of "the coming of the kingdom." To understand this, let us go back to Daniel 2 and recall Nebuchadnezzar's dream. There were four kingdoms—Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Greek, and Roman. In verse 44 Daniel presents a prophecy that in the days of that fourth kingdom (the Roman Empire) there would be another kingdom established that never would be destroyed, and that would stand forever.

In Luke 1:31-33, we are given access to a conversation between the angel Gabriel and Mary, in which Gabriel referred to this kingdom and said that Mary's Son, Jesus, would reign over this kingdom, of which there would be no end. In Mark 9:1, Jesus said to the people, "There be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power." The keys of this kingdom were given to Peter (Matt. 16:19), who used them to allow entrance to the kingdom for the very first time in Acts 2. It is upon this occasion that "the power" of which Jesus had spoken finally came (Acts 2:1-4).

On that day, 3000 people obeyed the Gospel and were forgiven of their sins. God added those saved individuals to the church (Acts 2:47), which is the body of Christ (Eph. 1:22-23) or the kingdom (Matt. 16:18-19). Therefore, the church, the body, and the kingdom are one and the same. In Colossians 1:13 Paul explained that Christians are members of this church/kingdom: "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son." The writer of Hebrews put it this way: "Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and fear" (Heb. 12:28). Paul described the

**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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day when the Lord will come again when he said, “The cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power” (1 Cor. 15:24). The kingdom will continue in heaven for all eternity.

We must understand that the kingdom—as prophesied by Daniel, Gabriel, and Jesus—came into existence on the Day of Pentecost recorded in Acts 2. It continues to this day, will prosper until the Lord’s return, and will continue throughout eternity. To pray for the coming of the kingdom would be like praying for today’s bread after leaving the dinner table well fed. Today, we should make sure we are citizens of God’s kingdom. Then, we should pray for its growth. Repent and be baptized for the remission of your sins, and the Lord will add you to His kingdom.

## Examining

### The church of Christ

With Bill Burk

Mount Vernon church of Christ  
708 West Main Street

April 19—21

Sunday 9:30 am, 10:30 am and 6:00 pm  
And

Monday—Wednesday at 7:00 pm

#### TOPICS:

*The Churches of Christ: Who Are We Really?*

*The Lord’s Supper?*

*To Play or Not To Play?*

*The Only Ones?*

*Why Emphasize Baptism?*

*What’s Right About The Church?*

It has been stated, and could very well be true, that 90% of the work of the church is accomplished by 10% of its members. Could this be the “Faithful Few?”

There is an old song that sings, “There is much to do there’s work on every hand ...” There is so much work that needs to be done that all need to be involved. We need to change the “Faithful Few” into the “Faithful Many!”

“Wherefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not vain in the Lord” (1 Cor. 15:58).

“Cursed be he that doeth the work of Jehovah negligently” (Jer. 48:10).

Think About It!

Have A Great Day!

Tom Moore  
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### The Faithful Few

In every church, in every clime,  
When there’s some work to do,  
It very likely will be done  
By just the “Faithful Few.”

While many folks will help to SING,  
And some of them will TALK,  
When it comes down to DOING things,  
A LOT of them will BALK.

“We can’t do THIS, and we can’t do THAT,  
Excuse us, please, this time;  
We’d be so glad to help you out,  
BUT It’s not in our line.”

So when the leader casts about  
To find some who’ll “DO,”  
Although he’s done it oft before,  
He asks the “Faithful Few.” [author unknown]

#### 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, Wade Miller, Wayne Pickrel, Thelma Reed, Helen Roper, and Rebecca Tippitt.

**Also:** Ozroe Bush, Carolyn (Katy) Cabell, Denise Hess, Cato Jones, Margaret Laurence, Mary Jo Lee, Janice Lineberger, Kristen Powell, Kent Stephenson, Kaitlin Taylor, Wayne Tippitt, Dorothy Trammel 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

**Myrtice Grissom** (mother of Jody Sparks) had colon surgery on Wednesday to remove a portion of her colon. She is in room 308 at TRMC. No updates on her condition were furnished to the editor of this bulletin for your knowledge.

**Wayne Tippitt** has been having some health issues. Please remember him in your prayers.

**Don Freeman** is scheduled for cataract surgery on one of his eyes this week and then the other eye the following week. Keep Don in your prayers. Don and June continue to have a great interest in the congregation and the work here at North Jefferson.

**Odin Duncan** had an MRI on his head this week and all turned out good. His doctor will be treating him for migraine headaches.

**Dorothy Trammel** will be going to the hospital in Brownwood for chemo treatments beginning Monday. Please keep Dorothy in your prayers.

### CHURCH HAPPENINGS

VBS Planning Meeting today at 5:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. All teachers, assistants, and subs are encouraged to attend.

**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.

#### THANK YOU ....

“To all who donated money, time, and effort to make our Ladies Day a success, on April 17th, thank you so much. A special thanks to Elna and Nelda for their work in making the building so beautiful.”

### 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.**

### TIMELINESS

**Everyone is to be reminded and encouraged ... to be in your seat or assigned area if you have designated duties ... watch for the men who approach the front that will be offering communion and the first song begins. This is a time we need to cut off our visiting and become quieter as we enter into our worship service. We need to focus on the worship to our Lord.**

New gutter construction has been completed along the south side of our property to drain the water leeching from the adjoining properties onto our parking lot. Hopefully, this will solve most of that problem, if not all.

**THANK YOU ...** “Thank you to all those who have sent cards, calls of concern, and words of encouragement. Also for all your prayers. You must know that it has all been much appreciated.

— Rebecca and Wayne”

**We have received a letter from John Ratliff** (who we help support at Bible Institute of Missouri). John gave us a print out of his grades for the second quarter and they are very impressive, averaging A- to A+ in every subject. John sends his thank you from himself and his wife Ashley and son Isaiah (who is 4 months old) for our support and prayers. He requested that we continue to pray for them.

#### REMINDER:

*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 Ruth and Bret Chariton. Joe is the son of Gene and Carole Freeman.*