

**Those to Serve**

Sunday 05-10-2009

**Sunday Morning Worship:**

Announcements..... Bob Hedges  
 Song Leader..... Hal Roper  
 Opening Prayer..... Kris Groda  
 Closing Prayer..... Gene Garner

**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..... Bob Hedges  
 Song Leader..... Hal Roper  
 Opening PM Prayer..... Glenn Parham  
 Closing PM Prayer..... Doug Abbey

**Sunday Evening Lord's Table**

Fred Harkrider, Jr. Darrell Cooper

**Serving Wednesday Night—May 13 2009**

Announcements..... Bob Hedges  
 Song Leader..... Various  
 First Prayer..... David Neal  
 Closing Prayer..... Fred Harkrider, Jr.

\*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 05-03-2009**

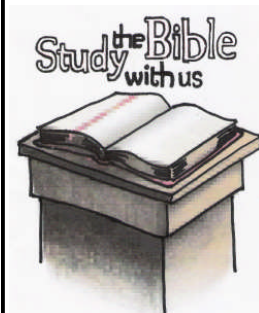
Bible Classes..... 97  
 Morning Worship..... 121  
 Evening Worship..... 101  
 Tuesday Ladies Class..... 15  
 Wednesday Night..... 103  
 Regular Contribution..... \$ 4,055.00  
 New Construction Contributions.....\$ 180.00  
 Transfer from other funds.....\$2,000.00

**Averages To Date This Year**

Bible Classes.....104  
 Morning Worship.....145  
 Evening Worship.....108  
 Tuesday Ladies Class..... 11  
 Wednesday Night.....101  
 Regular Contribution.....\$ 4,544.12  
 New Construction Fund Contributions to date..... \$ 58,935.00

**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)

**Next Sunday's Sermons**



AM: Jeff Whatley, Preaching

PM: John Ratliff, Preaching

**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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 Bob Hedges  
 Rance Robison  
 Hal Roper

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 Kris Groda

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# 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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May 10, 2009

## Position: Mom

Author Unknown

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** Long term team players needed for challenging permanent work in an often chaotic environment. Candidates must possess excellent communication and organizational skills and be willing to work various hours, which will include evenings and weekends and frequent 24 hour shifts on call. Some overnight travel required, including trips to primitive camping sites on rainy weekends and endless sports tournaments in faraway cities. Travel expenses not reimbursed. Extensive courier duties also required.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** This is for the rest of your life. Must be willing to be hated at least temporarily, until someone needs \$5 to go skating. Must be willing to bite tongue repeatedly. Also, must possess the physical stamina of a pack mule and be able to go from zero to 60 mph in three seconds flat in case, this time, the screams from the backyard are not someone just crying wolf. Must be willing to face stimulating technical challenges, such as small gadget repair, mysteriously sluggish toilets and stuck zippers. Must screen phone calls, maintain calendars and coordinate production of multiple homework projects. Must have ability to plan and organize social gatherings for clients of all ages and mental outlooks. Must be willing to be indispensable one minute, an embarrassment the next. Must handle assembly and product safety testing of a half million cheap, plastic toys and battery operated devices. Must always hope for the best but be prepared for the worst. Must assume final, complete accountability for the quality of the end product. Re-

sponsibilities also include floor maintenance and janitorial work throughout the facility.

**POSSIBILITY FOR ADVANCEMENT AND PROMOTION:** Virtually none. Your job is to remain in the same position for years, without complaining, constantly retraining and updating your skills, so that those in your charge can ultimately surpass you.

**PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:** None required, unfortunately. On-the-job training offered on a continually exhausting basis.

**WAGES AND COMPENSATION:** You pay them, offering frequent raises and bonuses. A balloon payment is due when they turn 18 because of the assumption that college will help them become financially independent. When you die, you give them whatever is left. The oddest thing about this reverse-salary scheme is that you actually enjoy it and wish you could only do more.

**BENEFITS:** While no health or dental insurance, no pension, no tuition reimbursement, no paid holidays and no stock options are offered, job supplies limitless opportunities for personal growth and free hugs for life if you play your cards right. Moms, you are loved and appreciated for everything you do on a daily basis. YOU ARE SPECIAL.

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

## The Home Page

By Todd Clippard

### What parents do not owe their children:

**The latest fashion** (Acts 10:34-35; 1 Timothy 2:9-10; James 2:1-10). We need to teach our kids to earn admiration and respect through character and not clothing.

**The hottest toys and games** (Ecclesiastes 1:4, 8). Look through your house at all the "gotta have it" toys that haven't been touched in months. I wrapped all these one year and gave them as anonymous gifts to needy families. Not once did anyone ask "what happened to my . . . ?" or "where is my . . . ?"

**A car and money to burn** (1 Timothy 6:10-11). There's nothing inherently wrong with buying your kids a car, but most 16-year-olds think they are OWED a car at 16. Take a group to the mall or on a youth trip and see who has the most spending money--it's not the adults!

**A life free from pain or embarrassment.** The Bible says that all who would live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution (2 Timothy 3:12). Peter said, "If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but rather glorify God" (1 Peter 4:16).

### What parents do owe their children:

**A godly example** (Psalm 85:13; cf. 1 Peter 2:21-22). Jesus gave His disciples an example (John 13:15), as Paul did his (1 Corinthians 11:1).

**A good name** (Proverbs 22:1).

**A peaceful home** (Proverbs 21:9; cf. 25:24).

**Objectivity** (Proverbs 19:18). Everyone (including teachers, the police, etc.) is not "out to get" your child.

**Structure and discipline** (1 Samuel 3:13). Children need discernable boundaries. Children need to understand the consequences of violating the boundaries.

### What children owe their parents:

**Love** -- (1 John 4:19).

**Respect** (Ephesians 6:1-3) -- For the name they wear, especially when their parents aren't around.

**Obedience** -- The word obey in Ephesians 6:1 is from Greek the compound hupakouo (hupo = under + akouo = hear or give the ear to). Literally it means "to listen with the intent to obey" (cf. 1 Samuel 3:9-10).

**Submission** -- (1 Peter 5:5).

**Proper care when they become aged** -- (Proverbs 23:22; 1 Timothy 5:4). The word despise in the phrase "despise not thy mother when she is old" means to hold in contempt or as insignificant (it is an antonym of reverence). Your parents helped you with your first steps; help them with their last. Your parents made sure your home was clean and your food was hot--don't let them live in squalor. 1Tim. 5:8 says that a failure to properly care for your parents disrespects them, disgraces the church, denies the faith, and damns your soul.

## What Moms Do

She carried me under her heart, loved me before I was born.

She took God's hand and walked through the "valley of the shadows" that I might live.

She bathed me when I was helpless, clothed me when I was naked, fed me when I was hungry, rocked me to sleep when I was weary, and sang to me as the voice of an angel.

She held my hand till I learned to walk, suffered with my sorrow, laughed with my joy, Glowed with my triumph, and while I knelt at her side, she taught my lips to pray. She was a loyal friend when all others failed.

Through all the days of my youth, she gave me strength for my weaknesses, courage for my despair, and hope for my hopeless heart.

She prayed for me whether life was flooded with sunshine or saddened by shadows.

I can never repay the debt I owe to my mother.

*"Honour thy father and mother . . ."*  
*Ephesians 6:2*

### Brotherhood Events:

June 8—Aug— SYBSNET

June 15—19—North Jefferson—VBS

July 26-30—Oak Grove—Gospel Meeting

November 1-4—Blodgett—Fall Lectureship

Watch your bulletin for more events forthcoming.

**Prayer List:** Betty Abbey, Justin Barker, Rachel Barker, Louis Bell, Doris Bell, Jim Duncan, Irene Duncan, Dorothy Kyle, Wade Miller, Thelma Reed, Brenda Riley, Cathy Robison  
**Also:** Carolyn (Katy) Cabell, Wesley DuBose, Jennifer Freeman, Janice Lineberger, Teresa Ladenberger, Wayne Lineberger, 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

**REMINDER: Anyone leaving a note of any kind on the Secretary's Desk for inclusion in the bulletin will need to sign the note and show your telephone number in case I need to verify or clarify your meaning. — Thanks, Rhodney Freeman**

### Health Updates:

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

**Teresa Ladenberger**, daughter of Doug and Betty Abbey, had a breast biopsy last week. The results are not back yet. Teresa lives in Colorado. The Abbeys request our prayers.

**Betty Abbey** is scheduled to have hip surgery again on the hip she recently had replaced. Pray for her.

**Chuck Kyle** was restored last Sunday night and wishes to be recognized as a part of this congregation. He is ready to be a worker for the Lord.

**Jim Duncan** was scheduled for biopsy surgery in Paris on Friday. No update at the printing of this bulletin. Jim needs our prayers.

**Cathy Robison** has been sick at home this past week.

**MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING** is this evening, following worship service. All the men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

**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. Please keep this great work in your prayers. You are encouraged to enroll your child(ren) and bring a friend. Our congregation is going to experience an unusual staffing shortage this year. We know the Lord will provide. If you are not already committed to helping in some way, please consider your time (you might be able to help one or two days or maybe an hour at a time). Whatever you may be able to contribute, please contact Bob Hedges. **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.**

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**Tuesday morning, May 12, will be the last session this season for the Ladies Bible Class. They will resume in September. A luncheon is planned at the close of this Tuesday's class at 11:00 AM. Volunteers are needed to help serve. Please see Jerry Freeman if you can help.**

**On Ladies Day, May 02**, we had 85 ladies present representing 18 congregations. This is a good number and seems to increase each time. We look forward to next time.

"If anyone has clothing to donate to the Navajo drive we will accept them and put them into storage. They will not be sorted until next month. So, no help will be needed for sorting until then. — Hal & Karen Roper"

**THANK YOU ...** "Dear Ladies of North Jefferson: thank you so much for inviting me to come and be with you at your Ladies Day. Thank you for the sweet gift certificate. I can't begin to tell you how much your cards and phone calls have meant to me since losing my mother this past month. Your love and kindness have meant so much. I love you all

—In Christian love, Janice McCain"

**THANK YOU ...** Words cannot express how blessed I felt to be honored by such a wonderful group of Christian ladies. The framed mirror with all of your signatures will be a daily reminder of the love we share. May the Lord be with each one of you and bless you in his own special say.

— In Christian Love, Billye Campbell

**Preacher Meeting....Next Tuesday (April 12 at Noon) at Western Sizzlin ...** this will be the last one of the school year .... David Harris from Stephenville, Texas will be here to tell about his touching and inspiring story about the week he spent on the military ship with his son's unit. David was about to preach and teach and the congregation where he labors wound up adopting that unit. He will tell you about that open door and how you can be involved in this great work of evangelism. This meeting is not for preachers only ... it is for anyone in the church and you are welcome to bring an associate.

### Summer Youth Series:

We have a real opportunity to turn this into a major evangelistic effort. The Theme of this SYS is "Conquering Enemies of the Mind." The key verse: Romans 8:37 "we are more than conquerors through Him that love us." **The series kicks off June 8 at 7PM here at North Jefferson.** Doug Martin, youth minister for the Handley church in Fort Worth will be our speaker. He will be speaking on "conquering the Enemy of Fear." We will need energetic members to provide their vehicle for transportation to as many of the series as possible. This SYS is for all ages. If you have small children ... go ahead and invest the time now. It will be good for the young children to be raised in the atmosphere of church work and youth activities.

Our youth are encouraged to invite as many of their friends as they can to attend with them. This series builds upon itself and will be a great tool for shaping their thinking in the manner of the Lord. Plus it will have a positive effect on our youth for the upcoming school year.