

Those to Serve

Sunday 06-13-2010

Sunday Morning Worship:

Announcements..... Royce Armstrong
 Song Leader..... Randy Eubanks
 Opening Prayer Royce Armstrong
 Closing Prayer Gene Campbell

Month of June 2010

Sunday Morning Lord's Table

South Side:

Jerry Freeman
 Melvin Norfleet
 Austin Neal

North Side:

Gene Campbell
 Roger Grimes
 Cody Sparks

Sunday Evening Lord's Table

Charles Kyle Ron Traugher

Sunday Evening Worship:

Announcements..... Royce Armstrong
 Song Leader..... Royce Armstrong
 Opening PM Prayer..... Fred Harkrider, Jr.
 Closing PM Prayer..... Charles Kyle

Serving Wednesday Night—June 16—2010

Announcements Royce Armstrong
 Song Leader..... Kris Groda
 First Prayer..... Daniel McCary
 Closing Prayer..... Tim Jones

**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 06-06-2010

Bible Classes..... 107
 Morning Worship..... 154
 Evening Worship 90
 Tuesday Ladies Class(Meets again in Sept)
 Wednesday Night 88
 Regular Contribution \$ 4,391.50
 New Construction Fund Contributions.....\$ 180.00
 (Transferred from Checking)

Averages To Date This Year

Bible Classes..... 95
 Morning Worship.....137
 Evening Worship 90
 Tuesday Ladies Class 08
 Wednesday Night 92
 Regular Contribution.....\$ 4,109.81
 New Construction Fund Contributions to date..... \$ 94,291.29
 (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: ""Where Would Jesus Worship?"
Russell Haffner, Preaching

PM:
Weldon Miller, Preaching



Assembly Times

Sunday
 Bible Classes9:00AM
 Worship10:00AM
 6:00PM
Tuesday
 Ladies Bible Class ..10:00AM
 (September—May)
Wednesday
 Bible Classes7:00PM

Church Office:
 903.572.1136

Elders
 Gene Campbell
 Weldon Miller
 Wayne Pickrel

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 Grady Duncan
 Jim Duncan
 Jerry Freeman
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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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Founded on the Word—Focused on the World

June 13, 2010

Guest Preacher Today

Russell Haffner

Russell was born in Edmund, Oklahoma on May 26, 1963. While still young his family moved to Salt Lake City, Utah and then Denver, Colorado, and finally Tyler, Texas. Russell graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in Tyler in 1982. He left home to attend Texas A&M University graduating in 1986 with a degree in architecture. While attending the school Russell married Dee Gilbreath on May 21, 1983. Upon completion of his degree they moved to New Braunfels, Texas where Russell started his own design company and Dee worked as a loan secretary at the bank. Russell designed many custom homes and small office buildings in New Braunfels which can still be visited today. Russell left the field of architecture and attended the Southwest School of Bible Studies in Austin to become a minister of the gospel in 1991. He graduated in 1993 and began preaching for the Trenton Church of Christ in Trenton, Texas, where he continued for fifteen years.



While in Trenton, Dee graduated from Texas A&M University at Commerce with a degree in teaching. She taught at both Commerce and Trenton before making the move to Corsicana where she teaches math at Drane Intermediate School. Russell is excited about his current role as the youth and education minister for the Westhill congregation. Russell & Dee are the proud parents of three wonderful children (Ross, John, & Kati).

North Jefferson Summer Sermon Series

Theme: "How Faith Shapes Us"

This Wednesday June 16 Neal Thurman will be here to deliver his lesson: "How Faith Shapes Us When We are Sinned Against".

Neal has been preaching for 18 years, and has served with the University congregation in Tyler for 7 1/2 years. He also Co-directs a session of church camp each summer at Pettijohn Springs Christian Camp.

He and his wife, Tracy, have been married for 21 years and have two sons, Andy (16), and Spencer (12).

Our Shepherd

By Russell Haffner

We often sing a song entitled: **“Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us.”** In the first stanza of the song we proclaim, *“Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.”* It is important for us to realize that as we enjoy the blessings of being a Christian it is only possible because Jesus bought us. In 1 Corinthians 6:20 Paul wrote, “For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.” 1 Corinthians 7:23 says, “Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men.” What was the price that was paid to buy us out of our bondage to sin? It was the precious blood of our Lord. In 1 Peter 1:18 we find, “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.” Jesus Christ loved us enough to give His life so that we could have freedom from our sins. He laid down His life for the sheep (John 10:15). He truly is the good shepherd (John 10:11). We might think it impossible for a Christian to forget such a sacrifice made by the Son of God, but in 2 Peter 2:1 we find, “But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.” We must be good sheep and remember what our shepherd has done for us. In the last stanza of the song we sing: “Early let us do Thy will.” If we are to be good sheep we must follow our Shepherd by obeying His will.

Summer Youth Series

(SYBSNET)

The Topic for the Series is **Fact or Myth.**

Will be at the Mount Vernon Church of Christ this Monday evening beginning at 7:00 p.m. The topic for Monday evening will be: “Alcohol—Only Sinful if You Get Drunk?”

**Pick up a SYBSNET schedule in the foyer.*

Marriage Enrichment

Seminar

June 18 thru 19

DeKalb Church of Christ

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Pritchett church of Christ

Located on FM 1404, two blocks south of highway 155 in Pritchett (between Gilmer and Big Sandy)

June 13th through 16th, 2010

With Perry Cowan, preaching.

Bible Classes at 9:30 AM

Morning worship at 10:25 AM

Evening Worship at 7:00 PM

Monday through Wednesday at 7:00 PM

Emory church of Christ

Highway 69 North—Emory, Texas

June 20th through June 23rd

With **Jason Rollo**, preaching

Sunday Bible Class at 9:00 AM

Morning Worship at 10:00 AM

Evening Worship at 6:00 PM

Monday through Wednesday at 7:00 PM

The following letter was received from John Ratliff who is attending BIBLE INSTITUTE OF MISSOURI (letter & grades posted on bulletin board in North Hallway)

“Dear brethren at the North Jefferson church of Christ, Hello, I hope this letter finds all going well. This first year of school has went by in a flash. Our last day of school is on June 9, and summer school begins on June 21. I would like to express my deepest gratitude for the support that you are providing for my family and me. I want you to know that without your help our efforts here at the BIM would not be possible. The second year students will be graduating on June 6, 2010, and they will be heading off to begin their respective works at various locations.

During the summer session there will be two classes. One will be Introduction to the Hebrew language and the other will be Counseling. Both will last for approximately five hours a day for two weeks. I am looking forward to those classes and the beginning of the second year of school. I am confident that it will go by just as fast as this first one.

With this letter I have included my grades from the third quarter and will send my grades from the fourth quarter as soon as I receive them. Again, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the support and prayers that have been and will continue to be offered on behalf of my family and myself. Everyone is doing well, and Isaiah is growing quickly. He will be six months old on June 9th and will crawling very soon.

In Christ, —John Ratliff”

Please Remember These in Your Prayers:

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, Myrtice Grissom, Bob Hedges, Wade Miller, Wayne Pickrel, Thelma Reed, and Helen Roper,

Also: Ozroe Bush, Carolyn (Katy) Cabell, Odis Duncan, Denise Hess, Cato Jones, Margaret Laurence, Mary Jo Lee, Janice Lineberger, Mike Norfleet, 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

Sue Browning had a heart attack Friday afternoon and was air-lifted to Tyler for treatment. The doctors installed a temporary pacemaker, but were not able to find all the stents the family said she had. They found four and one of those was blocked to the extent that they could not get the wire through it so they could install a stent. They were to re-evaluate her condition on Saturday morning. We should have some form of update on her condition by this morning. Keep Sue in your prayers.

Myrtice Grissom has now returned to her home after a lengthy absence. She is doing much better.

Barbara Duncan's doctors have told her she may have bone cancer. Please remember Barbara (and Jim) in your prayers.

Wayne Pickrel had some medical problems Wednesday afternoon and had to go to the Emergency Room at TRMC. He was able to return home later. Please pray for Wayne and Ann as they struggle with his illness and other things in their lives.

Wade Miller had had more problems with his foot this past week and returns to his doctor this week for more treatment. He needs our prayers.

Nelda Dunn was sick this last week and was scheduled to see her doctor on Friday June 11. No update on her at the printing of this bulletin.

ReRe Raines (daughter of Pat Dillard) is scheduled for surgery on Monday, June 14, 2010. Please remember her in your prayers.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Kris, Lena and the kids are in Missouri today, having

left Friday to attend a wedding.

MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING tonight following the evening worship service. All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

Wednesday Nights this Summer

Congregational Supper 5:45pm
Congregational Singing 6:45pm
Summer Sermon Series 7:00pm

Menu for Wednesday night supper on June 16, 2010:

ITALIAN

All are welcome to join us for supper! If you are eating, monetary donations for the chefs are appreciated, but not necessary.

Contact Keely McCary at (903) 563-7895 by Tuesday of each week to see how you can contribute to the meal or sign up today at the table in the foyer.

THANK YOU

From Rance, Cathy, Travis and Emily

“Dear Ones: Your display of love continues to shine. The warmth and honor that was shown our family in the way of hugs, cards, words, great fellowship, and a money tree that just kept on blooming green, was very touching.

Thank you, thank you, thank you. Words are sometimes hard to express, but feelings of genuine love and appreciation come easy.

Thanks again for sharing your love.

—Rance, Cathy, Travis and Emily Robison”

Kris received the following e-mail:

“Dear Kris,

We have two granddaughters that both received four year athletic scholarships and have graduated. Currently we have two grandsons playing college baseball on scholarships. We have followed all four of them across the U.S. watching them play their sport. Therefore, we have had the pleasure to worship with many, many, congregations from California to Nebraska to Georgia to Florida and points in between. Your congregation is by far the friendliest and most welcoming congregation we have worshipped with in all our travels. I feel that your members need to know this. Please share with them.

In Christian Love, Chuck and Judy Gentry