

Those to Serve

Sunday 06-27-2010

Sunday Morning Worship:

Announcements..... Jim Duncan
 Song Leader..... Randy Eubanks
 Opening Prayer George O'Neal
 Closing Prayer Wade Miller

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..... Jim Duncan
 Song Leader..... Hal Roper
 Opening PM Prayer..... Frankie Sargent
 Closing PM Prayer..... Jerry Freeman

Serving Wednesday Night—June 30—2010

Announcements Jim Duncan
 Song Leader..... Royce Armstrong
 First Prayer..... Weldon Miller
 Closing Prayer..... Ronnie Stewart

**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 06-20-2010

Bible Classes..... 78
 Morning Worship..... 126
 Evening Worship 72
 Tuesday Ladies Class(Meets again in Sept)
 Wednesday Night 71
 Regular Contribution \$ 3,494.50
 New Construction Fund Contributions.....\$ -0-

Averages To Date This Year

Bible Classes..... 94
 Morning Worship.....136
 Evening Worship 88
 Tuesday Ladies Class 08
 Wednesday Night 91
 Regular Contribution.....\$ 4,073.34

New Construction Fund Contributions to date..... \$ 94,291.29

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)*



(Also includes transfers and interest earned)

Today's Sermons

AM: Joy
Kris Groda, Preaching

PM: "Why People Stop Attending Worship and Bible Classes."
Kris Groda, Preaching



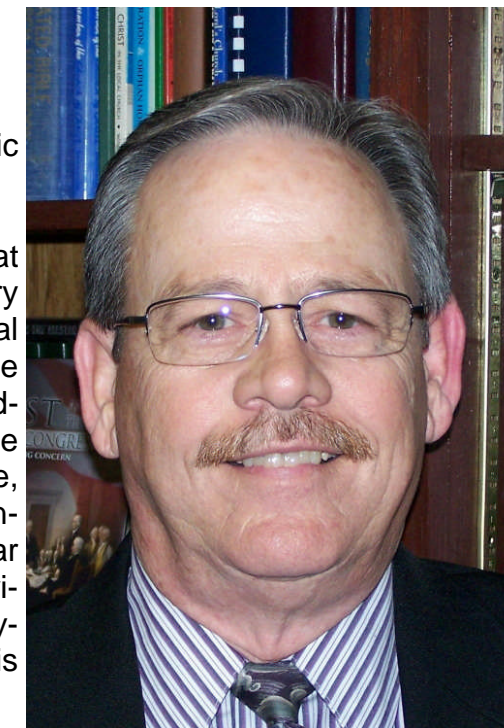
"As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger to them that send him"
 Proverbs 25:13

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Summer Sermon Series

Joe Hancock will be our Wednesday night speaker and his topic will be "How Faith Shapes Our Home."

Joe is currently the pulpit minister for the church of Christ that meets in Hallsville, Texas where he has served since February 2004. He began preaching the gospel of Christ in 2000 at local congregations in Anderson and Houston counties of Texas. Joe is a 2003 graduate of Brown Trail School of Preaching in Bedford, Texas. Following his graduation, he served as associate minister for the Crockett Road church of Christ in Palestine, Texas until he accepted the pulpit ministry with the Hallsville congregation. He has held several gospel meetings and is a regular panelist and occasional host for the "Give Me the Bible" television program that airs weekly on the NBC affiliate, KETK in Tyler, Texas and on the Gospel Broadcasting Network. Joe and his wife Sharon have four children and eight grandchildren.



What Can I Do to Promote Our Summer Sermon Series?

- ◆ I can purpose to attend (Acts 2:42; Hebrews 10:24-25).
- ◆ I can personally invite others to come (Luke 14:23).
- ◆ I can mail invitations.
- ◆ I can pray for this work of the church.
- ◆ I can call and encourage others members.
- ◆ I can come early and enjoy a common meal which is an expression of fellowship (1 Cor 5:11; Acts 2: 42-46).
- ◆ I can also log on to: http://njcofc.com/Summer_Sermon_Series.html and hear lessons I missed. Check it out!
- ◆ If you are not out of town, you can make the work of this congregation priority one!

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

Deacons

Grady Duncan
 Jim Duncan
 Jerry Freeman
 Hal Roper

Gospel Preacher

Kris Groda

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“BUT DELIVER US FROM THE EVIL ONE”

Patrick Hammack

On October 1, 1987, news crews scrambled to Midland, Texas to cover the most unbelievable story. Jessica McClure, an 18-month-old toddler had fallen into a well and had become trapped 20 feet below the ground. The entire nation sat around the television, mesmerized by the heart-breaking story of young Jessica. Would they get to her in time? If they did, would she be okay or had she suffered some kind of horrific injury? It was only natural to think of young Jessica as if she were one of our own children and siblings. The clock kept ticking and our minds kept wondering. Then, 58 hours later, the rescue cable pulled up paramedic Robert O'Donnell cradling the small child. Through the efforts of many, baby Jessica had been delivered from her dark, cramped, terrifying prison.

As harrowing an experience as it was for young Jessica, the reality is that the majority of the mass of humanity wrapped around our televisions were in much more grave danger. While the infant needed a crew of volunteers to help free her, the rest of us need the blood of a perfect Savior.

In Matthew 6:13, we read, “*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*” The final petition of the model prayer is a request to be delivered from evil or the evil one. Just as Jessica could feel the pressure and grip of her narrowing confines, we must constantly deal with the pressure of temptation and Satan's vise-like grip on our world. Yet, in spite of the best efforts of the prince of this world, God provides the opportunity to be delivered from evil's destructiveness. The brutality with which Satan bears down on this world only helps to show the true beauty of the gospel and the blood of Christ.

The apostle Paul was not above the pressures and devices of the evil one. In 2 Corinthians 1, Paul describes a harrowing set of circumstances. In verse eight, he writes, “*For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, inasmuch that we despaired even of life.*” From Paul's experience, one thing is clear. The situa-

tion was so bad and the events surrounding Paul's life were so difficult, that he began to believe that he would not survive. Yet, he declares his trust to be in God and not his own strength. The God who delivered Joseph from the pit, Israel from Egypt, and Daniel from a den of lions would deliver him through his time of peril. It is also worth noting that Paul tells us that the many prayers of the brethren would also aid him in overcoming his perilous situation.

What about us? Does God still deliver those attempting to navigate safely through the snares of the devil today? The answer is a resounding yes. Perhaps, one of the most comforting verses in the Bible is found in 1 Corinthians 10:13, “*There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.*” Paul tells us that God is faithful, that is, trustworthy. We can trust that God will not allow us to be overcome with such temptation that we cannot help but succumb. What comfort to know that no matter what Satan places before us, the only way he can win, is if we allow him to do so! God delivers us from facing temptations stronger than we can resist.

Finally, we are also delivered from the consequences of sin. Even after giving into temptation, we can be freed from sin's consequences. As if the promise of 1 Corinthians 10:13 to keep us from overwhelming temptations wasn't enough, God delivers us from the darkness of committed sin through the blood of Christ (Eph. 2:8). Such truth leaves little wonder why Paul trusts in the one who “*delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us.*”

Patrick Hammack is a 2000 graduate of SWSBS, preaching for the Lord's church in Mathis, TX. Phammac18@gmail.com

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, 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

Wayne Pickrel continues to struggle following the last round of treatments. He has been pretty sick. Please pray for Wayne and Ann as they struggle with his illness and other things in their lives.

Nelda Dunn returned to Dallas to her doctor on Thursday. It has been tentatively determined that her condition cannot be treated at the present time. Further tests will be necessary. Please pray for Nelda.

Sue Browning continues to recover from her recent heart attack. She is at home and does not have lots of strength. Please pray for Sue.

Wade Miller came home from the hospital on Wednesday. He had to have another procedure on his foot because it was not healing properly. He is suppose to keep his foot up most of the time. He goes back for a check-up next Wednesday. The family would covet the prayers of our brethren

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Wednesday Nights this Summer

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

Menu for Wednesday night supper on June 23, 2010:

MEXICAN

Team No. 1: Groda, Wade Miller Family, Norfleet

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 for more information.

GOSPEL MEETING

Mt. Mitchell church of Christ

6238 FR 144 North—Omaha, Texas

July 4th—8th, 2010

With Bro. Jamal Hamilton

Of Mountain View church of Christ

Dallas, Texas, preaching

Sunday—Dinner will be served at

12:30 PM to 2:30 PM and

The meeting begins at the afternoon

fellowship starting at 2:30 PM

Then 7:30 PM nightly Monday thru Thursday

Summer Youth Series

(SYBSNET)

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

Will be at the Oak Grove Church of Christ on June 28 beginning at 7:00 p.m. The topic will be:

“Salvation—I am Saved by Faith and Works?”

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

Summer Sermon Series

(each Wednesday Evening

Beginning at 7:00 PM)

CHECK THE FRONT PAGE IN TODAY'S BULLETIN FOR ADDITIONAL

INFORMATION REGARDING

WEDNESDAY EVENING

JUNE 30th

18th Annual Bible Lectureship 2010

Longview church of Christ

1401 Eden Drive—Longview, Texas

Friday August 27 thru Sunday August 30

Beginning at 6:30 PM Friday Evening

“What Do The Scriptures Say”

Theme:

“Unchanging Truths for a Changing World”

ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

Prayers: Roger Grimes

Announcements: Wade Miller

Communion: Rhodney Freeman