

Those to Serve

Sunday 07-11-2010

Sunday Morning Worship:

Announcements..... Grady Duncan
 Song Leader.....Royce Armstrong
 Opening Prayer Charles Kyle
 Closing Prayer David Neal

Month of July 2010

Sunday Morning Lord's Table

South Side:

Weldon Miller
 David Neal
 Doyle Riley

North Side:

Royce Armstrong
 Daniel McCary
 Chuck Kyle

Sunday Evening Lord's Table

Fred Harkrider, Jr. Rodney Cook

Sunday Evening Worship:

Announcements..... Grady Duncan
 Song Leader..... Weldon Miller
 Opening PM Prayer..... Jody Sparks
 Closing PM Prayer..... Cody sparks

Serving Wednesday Night—July 14—2010

Announcements Grady Duncan
 Song Leader..... Kris Groda
 First Prayer..... Gene Garner
 Closing Prayer..... Wade Miller

**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 07-04-2010

Bible Classes..... 88
 Morning Worship..... 123
 Evening Worship 95
 Tuesday Ladies Class(Meets again in Sept)
 Wednesday Night 87
 Regular Contribution \$ 3,579.31
 New Construction Fund Contributions.....\$ 180.00

Averages To Date This Year

Bible Classes..... 94
 Morning Worship.....134
 Evening Worship 88
 Tuesday Ladies Class 08
 Wednesday Night 91
 Regular Contribution.....\$ 4,067.39

New Construction Fund Contributions to date..... \$ 94,471.29
(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: The Superior Word of God
Kris Groda, Preaching

PM: The Preaching of Moses
Kris Groda, Preaching

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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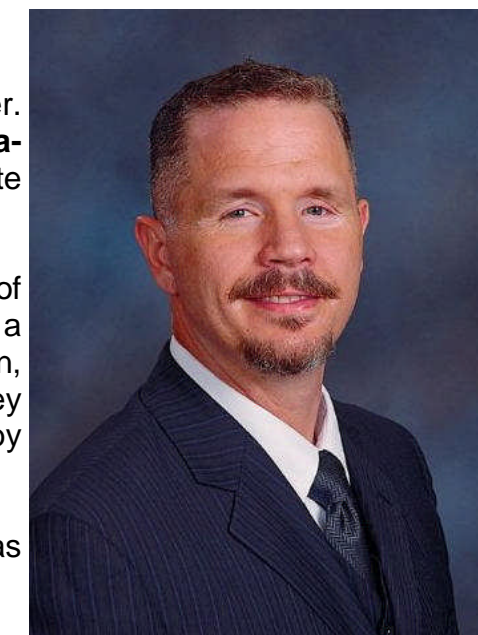
July 11, 2010

Summer Preaching Series

This Wednesday evening Richard Rutledge will be our speaker. His lesson will be **"How Faith Shapes Us in Race/Ethnic Relationships"**. You will not want to miss this lesson. Please invite your friends as we examine this important Bible doctrine.

Richard Rutledge is the preacher for the Mount Vernon church of Christ. He has served that congregation for four years. He is a 2003 graduate of the Southwest School of Bible Studies in Austin, TX Richard is married to his wife Wendy, for 22 years. They have two children: Jacob 19—who is a student SWSBS and Shelby 17—to begin SWSBS in August.

Be sure to join us for a fellowship meal. We will start serving as early as 5:30PM. Come and take part .



Summer Youth Series

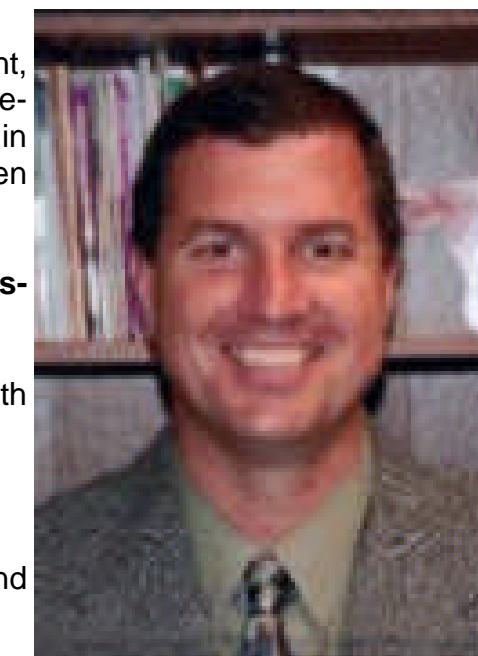
A great lesson is in store for Monday, July 12. Michael Light, no stranger to our congregation, will be with us to continue our series on Spiritual Mythbusters. Michael has served the church in Bangs, TX as their preacher for a little over 15 years. He has been married to Carrie for 16 years and they have four children.

This Monday's lesson: **Fact or Myth: "Baptism—For the Remission of Sin?"**

Let's all come and take part in the spiritual feast, grow in the faith and encourage our youth people.

Have grandchildren in town? Bring them to church this week.

The youth group and youngsters are encouraged to be here and invite their friends.



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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“Eyesalve”

By Kris Groda

The "pink eye" seems to be going around - not fun! Your eye feels scratchy every time you blink, and it is extremely watery, like bad allergies and with an irritating itch comes the temptation to rub your eyes all the time. When conjunctivitis is at a mature stage most people experience the very bothersome mucopurulent discharge. This can hinder clear vision and pose a problem to opening the eyes in the morning. Treatment: Prescription eye drops and a tube of eye salve! While its not the same thing, it does, however, remind us of the spiritual condition of the church in Laodicia.

In Revelation 3 the lukewarm church had a self image problem. They thought they were doing well. They thought they were cultured, rich and didn't need anything. There's a real problem with material comfort. Satan uses material prosperity to lull us (the church) into a lifestyle that is not dependant upon God. In fact, most people who suffer with this problem lack a sincere interest in the church and spiritual things. It is possible, even as Christians, to ostracize Christ from our lives. Really, what would we have to do for Jesus to say to us: "*Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him and he with me*" (Rev. 3:20)? This sounds really good if you an alien sinner...*but* for Jesus to say this to the church indicates they have put Jesus and His Word out of their life.

The truth is, the people of the church in Laodicia were wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked spiritually speaking. The treatment: *I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye salve, that thou mayest see.*

Metaphorically, Jesus says 'buy of me gold and white raiment'. In other words, seek spiritual riches like a strong faith (1 Peter 1:7) and the "*treasures of wisdom and knowledge*" (Col. 2:3). Seek white raiment which are the qualities of holiness and purity that would clothe their spiritual nakedness. Blind to their

own faults and to their materialistic interests, these brethren were in need of the divine illumination of His rebuke and chastening which is like eye salve to an infected eye.

Why is it that we are often blind to our own faults and short comings? How does Satan do that? Consider Paul's words to the church at Ephesus: "*This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But ye have not so learned Christ; If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness*" (Eph. 4:17-24).

The Bible

When I am tired, the Bible is my bed;
Or in the dark, the Bible is my light;
When I am hungry, it is vital bread;
Or fearful, it is armour for the fight;
When I am sick, 'tis healing medicine;
Or lonely, thronging friends I find therein.

If I would work, the Bible is my tool;
Or play, it is a harp of happy sound.
If I am ignorant, it is my school;
If I am sinking, it is solid ground.
If I am cold, the Bible is my fire;
And wings, if boldly I aspire.

Should I be lost, the Bible is my guide;
Or naked, it is raiment, rich and warm.
Am I imprisoned, it is ranges wide;
Or tempest-tossed, a shelter from the storm.
Would I adventure, 'tis a gallant sea;
Or would I rest, it is a flowery lea.
-- Dr. Amos R. Wells

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, Brenda Riley, 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 fell backward at home on Thursday hurting his shoulder and neck. On Friday morning he was taken to TRMC for tests and observation. He was feeling pain in his neck and was otherwise very tired and weak with low oxygen level and blood pressure. He was in lots of pain on Thursday night. Please pray for Wayne and Ann as they struggle with his illness and other things in their lives.

Odis Duncan is still in much pain from headaches. He was admitted to the hospital on Friday morning and will be there for two or three days. His doctors will sedate him in an effort to break the cycle of the headaches. He has been suffering from headaches for nearly 3 months, now. He would appreciate cards and letters, as well as continued prayers on his behalf. His address is:

Odis Duncan
17023 Cox Road
Athens, Alabama 35116

Hallie Lang has been experiencing some back problems recently but is feeling a little better now.

Richard Hargrove has been sick and was unable to attend worship services last week.

Kris Groda seems to be over his pink-eye problems and seems his old self again.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Men's Business Meeting following evening services today. All the men of the congregation are encouraged to be in attendance to discuss the works of the congregation.

Attendance was very good for last week's SYBSNET. We had 230 in attendance.

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:

MEATLOAF

Team No. 1: McCary, Garner, Eubanks, Trammell

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.

Summer Youth Series (SYBSNET)

An alternative Summer Youth Series has been scheduled for Monday, July 12th at 7pm. at the North Jefferson church of Christ building in Mount Pleasant, TX.

Michael Light from Bangs, TX has accepted the invitation to speak on: Fact or Myth: "Baptism - for the remission of sin?"

All members of the congregation are encouraged to attend to support our youth (this includes young and old).

**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
July 14**

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"