

**Those to Serve**

**Sunday 07-18-2010**

**Sunday Morning Worship:**

Announcements..... Wade Miller  
 Song Leader..... Randy Eubanks  
 Opening Prayer ..... Royce Armstrong  
 Closing Prayer ..... Darrell Cooper

**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..... Wade Miller  
 Song Leader..... Royce Armstrong  
 Opening PM Prayer..... George O'Neal  
 Closing PM Prayer..... Daniel McCary

**Serving Wednesday Night—July 18—2010**

Announcements ..... Wade Miller  
 Song Leader..... Weldon Miller  
 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 07-11-2010**

Bible Classes..... 91  
 Morning Worship..... 132  
 Evening Worship ..... 85  
 Tuesday Ladies Class .....(Meets again in Sept)  
 Wednesday Night ..... 95  
 Regular Contribution ..... \$ 4,625.36  
 New Construction Fund Contributions.....\$ -0-

**Averages To Date This Year**

Bible Classes..... 93  
 Morning Worship.....134  
 Evening Worship ..... 88  
 Tuesday Ladies Class ..... 08  
 Wednesday Night ..... 91  
 Regular Contribution.....\$ 4,096.76

**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: "Who Can Be Saved?"  
 Dalton Graves, Preaching

PM: "Take Heed!"  
 Dalton Graves, 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—continues on Wednesday evening, July 21.**

Darwin Hunter will be our guest speaker and his topic will be **"How Faith Shapes Us in Achieving Purpose and Happiness."**

Darwin is a graduate of Preston Rd. School of Preaching, and earned his BA degree in Bible from Southern Christian University.

He has done local work in Quinlan, TX; Wylie, TX; Rockport, TX, and has served in Shreveport for over 15 years now. He holds several gospel meetings each year, and speaks on many lectureships. He has made several trips abroad to preach the gospel (Nigeria, Africa, and St. Vincent, West Indies).



**If You Were a Visitor**

*Darwin Hunter*

If you were a visitor, how would you feel if:

1. You were ignored by the church members?
2. You were not greeted and warmly received?
3. You saw members acting disinterested and bored?
4. You observed members not participating in songs of praise?
5. You noticed many sleepy-eyed members dragging in late?
6. You saw several who got up and left early?
7. You saw many sleepers during the preaching?
8. You could hardly concentrate on what was being said because of the members nearby who liked to talk the whole time?

If you were the only example of New Testament Christianity a visitor had, would it leave a favorable impression? Would they want to come back? Would they report to their friends that God is indeed among those people (1 Cor. 14:25)?

Would they believe that they had seen true New Testament Christianity for the first time in their lives?

**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

**Church Office:**  
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**Elders**

Gene Campbell  
 Weldon Miller  
 Wayne Pickrel

**Deacons**

Grady Duncan  
 Jim Duncan  
 Jerry Freeman  
 Hal Roper

**Gospel Preacher**

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## You Should've Seen What Happened on Sunday!

By Allen Webster

The view from the pulpit is often interesting. People are so used to watching unresponsive TV and computer screens that they forget preachers can see them! After a while, the unexpected becomes commonplace, and he is able to keep his composure though "the walls come tumbling down."

When Christians gather for worship on the Lord's Day, something special happens. Their common bond is strengthened as in concert they pour out their gratitude to their Savior. It is a time of worship (Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2), rejoicing (Psalm 118:24), examination (2 Corinthians 13:5), and fellowship (Acts 2:42-47). It is the week's beginning and the week's highlight, nothing else done in the next six days equals it. We understand why Paul delayed a journey for seven days so he could worship the Lord on the Lord's day with the Lord's people (Acts 20:6-7).

People of all ages are usually present: babies, children, teens, young adults, families, empty-nest couples, senior saints, widows, and widowers. Each comes to express a common love for an uncommon God; each feels a universal thirst for eternal truth. While worship is formal and congregational, it is neither cold nor impersonal, it is "in spirit" (John 4:24). Personalities are involved, and that can make it interesting. This past Lord's day we had an uncommon service. You should have seen what happened.

**A BABY CRIED.** Occasionally someone frowns when a child cries during services, but most of us smile. Parents recognize the need to take a child out to avoid disturbing others, but we don't want them to feel self-conscious. We are glad it happens! What if no baby had cried Sunday? It would have meant there were no babies there, for all babies cry. No church wants to be that quiet, a tomb quieter than a nursery, but who wants to worship in a cemetery! A church without children is a church with its best days behind instead of ahead. If no babies had cried Sunday, it might also have indicated that parents saw no need to train the next generation in the Lord's way (Ephesians 6:4). Good parents want children to learn about God from their first Sunday on planet earth (cf. Matthew 18:1-3; 19:13-14). They do not want them to be able to remember the first time they came to worship. We know they'll eventually learn to be quiet, but for now we're glad to hear them.

**A SISTER LEFT EARLY FOR WORK.** In a perfect world, all businesses would close on the Lord's day so that every person could exalt the name of God in worship (Psalm 34:3). It will be that way in heaven, but it is not that way on earth. Christians are sometimes forced to make decisions. This sister had to be at work before the service ended . . . what to do? She could have skipped the service and told others that she "had to work." She could have slept in, had plenty of time to get ready, left in time to avoid traffic, and got a bite to eat before her shift. But she chose to get up early, be in Bible class, sing God some songs, open her heart to Him in prayer, thank Him for Christ's sacrifice during communion, give Him part of last week's check, and listen to His Word. She sat toward the back so as not to disturb others when she got up a few minutes before the sermon ended. Few saw her sermon on priorities (Matthew 6:33; Colossians 3:1-2), but the preacher did.

**PAGES RUSTLED.** As the messenger preached the word (2 Timothy 4:2), hearers "searched the scriptures to see whether those things were so" (Acts 17:11). Far from is offending him, it

was music to his ears. Jesus found "the place where it was written" (Luke 4:17), and so should we. We joke that our favorite words in a sermon are "in conclusion," but we find most Christians thirsty for the Word (1 Peter 2:2) and hungering after righteousness (Matthew 5:8). They bring their Bibles, read their Bibles, mark their Bibles, memorize their Bibles, and live by their Bibles.

**A SISTER NODDED.** No one except the preacher probably noticed, but a faithful sister nodded in agreement with a sermon point. She would not speak out to say "amen" like her husband (1 Corinthians 14:34; 1 Timothy 2:11), but she encouraged the preacher just as much without saying a word. Nods also help others in the audience to know that the sermon is expressing both the preacher's convictions and those of other Christians.

**A CHILD DREW A PICTURE.** Any parent knows that "out of the mouths of babes" come profound statements. Often a little child has led God's people (cf. Isaiah 11:6). Most churches can point to some young people whose example is worth imitating by those much older (1 Timothy 4:12). Last Sunday a child was interested enough to draw a picture of what the preacher was talking about (cf. 1 Timothy 3:15). There is nothing so unusual about that, when a PowerPoint presentation is made, little eyes are always paying attention, and little hands are often copying those words down. They may not yet fully comprehend the concepts, but the seed is planted, the foundation is laid, the base color is on the canvas. One day fruit will ripen, the structure will stand, and the painting will be perfected. And these very notes may become fresh classes and sermons for another generation of children. Some in pulpits now still occasionally use notes written with childish letters on yellowing paper. These have been born again into lessons for those who were not born when the notes were first taken. The truth never ages; it only needs recycling.

**A CHRISTIAN WORSHIPPED FOR THE FIRST TIME.** Baptized on Tuesday, a young man offered God acceptable worship for the first time Sunday. God cleansed him from sin, set him in the church, and watched with interest as he bowed his soul in adoration (Acts 22:16; 1 Corinthians 12:28; John 4:24). If the Lord delays His return, and the new Christian's days are prolonged, that is probably only 1 of 10,000 times he will offer public worship to his Creator (John 4:24; Hebrews 10:25), but it will likely never mean more to God or him than this first service. It was a beautiful step on a long journey, a first note in a grand symphony.

**THOSE FROM "EIGHT TO EIGHTY" COMMITTED TO READ THE BIBLE.** About this time each year we encourage each member to read through the Bible. On Sunday, more than a hundred agreed to do so. The youngest is just under eight years old and will read the Bible for the first time. Perhaps this is the first of fifty or more times this mind will have the cleansing Water of Life purify its recesses. The oldest is past eighty and may be reading it for the last time (Hebrews 9:27; James 4:14).

**TEARS FLOWED.** Christian love often finds itself expressed in tears, as it did with Jesus and the early Christians (Luke 19:41; Acts 20:37). God's Word touched good and honest hearts, and souls responded Sunday to the Lord's invitation. Joyful tears flowed over "one sinner that repenteth" (cf. James 5:16, 19-20).

What's going to happen this Sunday? Come and see!

*Editor's Note: - This sounds a lot like our service this past Sunday. Let us keep up the good work! Build up the body of Christ! Don't lose momentum! - Kris.*

It's not called "gossip" anymore...  
It's "the speedy transmission of near-factual information."

## CHURCH HAPPENINGS

**Kris Groda will be at Camp Cisco for a week with Michael Light. Keep Kris and Michael in your prayers.**

**Kris reported that there will be a Hot Dog Luncheon today following the morning service, in the Multi-Purpose Room. Everyone is invited.**

**We had 170 in attendance for last week's Summer Youth Series. Bro. Michael Light delivered a powerful lesson on the subject of "Baptism, for the remission of Sins?"**

### Wednesday Nights this Summer

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

**Menu for Wednesday night supper on July 21, 2010:**

### ITALIAN

*Team No. 2: Groda, Miller and 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.

## Summer Youth Series (SYBSNET)

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

**Will be at the Fulbright Church of Christ on July 19th beginning at 7:00 p.m. The topic will be: "Purity—Sex Before Marriage is Not a Sin as Long as You Love Each Other?"**  
*\*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 21**

### 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, Gene Garner, Bob Hedges, Wade Miller, Wayne Pickrel, Thelma Reed, and Helen Roper

**Also:** Ozroe Bush, Carolyn (Katy) Cabell, Odis Duncan, Denise Hess, Cato Jones, Louella 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** had surgery on his neck this past week. He was scheduled to return to Titus Regional Medical Center for continuing rehab and observation and tests. Please continue to keep Wayne and his family in your prayers.

**Suzanne Charlton** was admitted to ICU at East Texas Medical Center in Tyler last week with heart problems. She has a positive outlook. She was scheduled for open heart surgery at 9:00 am on Saturday. We should have an update on her condition today.

**Gene Garner** suffered a stroke last Sunday and was taken to ER where he was given medication and released. He fell each day for the next few days and fell twice on Wednesday. Gene and Lawanta are now at home. He had a cat scan but the results will not be known for a couple of days. He says he is feeling better.

**Sue Browning** is doing a little better. She is taking cardiac rehab treatments at TRMC. James said she tolerated it better than he thought she would. Keep her in your prayers.

**Gene Campbell** went to ER last Sunday due to dizziness which caused him to fall. The doctors determined that he had a middle ear problem which was causing vertigo. He was prescribed medication and sent home. He is doing better.

**Louella Jones** (mother of Brenda Riley) was admitted to TRMC last week with suspected congestive heart failure. She has been moved to Room 320 and will be there a few days for further tests. Brenda asks that we keep her in our prayers.