

Those to Serve

Sunday 11-15-2009

Sunday Morning Worship:

Announcements..... Jim Duncan
 Song Leader..... Hal Roper
 Opening Prayer..... Charles Kyle
 Closing Prayer..... Chuck Kyle

Month of NOVEMBER 2009

Sunday Morning Lord's Table

South Side:

Rance Robison
 George O'Neal
 Richard Hargrove

North Side:

Weldon Miller
 Wayne Charlton
 Ronnie Stewart

Sunday Evening Lord's Table

Frankie Sargent
 Tim Jones

Sunday Evening Worship:

Announcements..... Jim Duncan
 Song Leader..... Hal Roper
 Opening PM Prayer..... Weldon Miller
 Closing PM Prayer..... Austin Neal

Serving Wednesday Night—Nov. 18- 2009

Announcements..... Jim Duncan
 Song Leader..... Weldon Miller
 First Prayer..... Rhodney Freeman
 Closing Prayer..... Bob Hedges

*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.

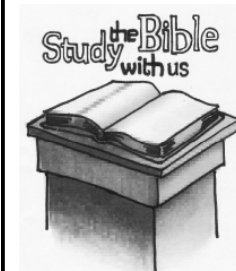
Attendance for the week of 11-08-2009

Bible Classes..... 83
 Morning Worship..... 123
 Evening Worship..... 88
 Tuesday Ladies Class..... 10
 Wednesday Night..... 99
 Regular Contribution..... \$ 4,295.52
 New Construction Fund Contributions.....\$ -0-

Averages To Date This Year

Bible Classes..... 99
 Morning Worship..... 140
 Evening Worship..... 98
 Tuesday Ladies Class..... 12
 Wednesday Night..... 94
 Regular Contribution.....\$ 4,299.03
 New Construction Fund Contributions to date..... \$ 78,224.00
 (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: "Did he Not Also Die for These?"
 Kris Groda, Preaching

PM: "Joining Affinity with Ahab"
 Kris Groda, Preaching

North Jefferson Church of Christ
 P.O. Box 963
 Mt. Pleasant, TX 75456



Address Correction Requested

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:
 903.572.1136

Elders

Gene Campbell
 Weldon Miller
 Wayne Pickrel

Deacons

Grady Duncan
 Jim Duncan
 Jerry Freeman
 Bob Hedges
 Rance Robison
 Hal Roper

Gospel Preacher

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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Founded on the Word—Focused on the World

November 15, 2009

An Empty House

By Tom Moore

"When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation" (Mt. 12:43-45).

Jesus tells of an evil spirit which was removed from a man. The evil spirit looked every where for a place to reside after being cast out, but could not find a suitable place. The evil spirit then returned to his former dwelling place, and finding it vacant, returned with seven spirits more evil than he. Jesus informs us that this man was much worse off than he was originally.

Jesus is teaching us a very important lesson concerning the keeping of our heart. When one obeys the gospel by believing in Christ (Heb. 11:6), repenting of his sin (Lk. 13:3), confessing the name of Christ (Rom. 10:10), and being immersed in water for the remission of sin (Acts 2:38), we have, as the man in Matthew 12:43-45, cleansed the house, that is, we have removed the "evil spirit" from our house.

But all too often after we have removed the evil from our lives, we fail to fill our lives with those things that will keep the evil from returning. As the evil spirit returned to the unoccupied house of the man, so will evil return to our lives if we do not fill our house or our lives with righteousness.

It is very sad to see people converted to Christ, and yet, take no precautions to keep the evil from returning to their lives. James said, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and

he will flee from you" (Jam.4:7). Paul declared, "neither give place to the devil" and "put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" (Eph. 4:27; 6:11). We are only able to keep the devil out of our house if we guard against his return. "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (Rom. 6:16-18).

Beloved, if the devil sees our house vacant of pure and undefiled religion (Jam. 1:27), if he observes that we are not thinking on pure, honest, just, true, lovely, good and virtuous things (Phil. 4:8), if he finds us no longer standing for the truth (Tit. 2:1), he will soon occupy our house once again. Jesus said that the state of this kind of person "is worse than the first" (Mt. 12:45).

This same thought is set forth by Peter in a different way, "For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, then are once again entangled therein, and overcome, the later end is worse with them than the beginning. For it is better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them" (2 Pt. 2:20-21).

It is an absolute necessity that after removing Satan from our lives, that we fill our lives with truth and godliness which will prevent Satan from returning where he once resided. Don't leave your house empty!!! ΔΩ

An Appeal for Faithful Obedience Young Men's Training Seminar

By Mike Riley

(All men can attend)

Saturday, January 02, 2010

The appeal in 1st and 2nd Kings, is for faithful obedience to God ([1 Kings 2:4](#); [1 Kings 8:25,57-58](#); [1 Kings 9:1-5](#); [1 Kings 15:1-5](#); [2 Kings 18:1-6](#); [2 Kings 22:1-2](#); [2 Kings 20:3](#)). The chief aim of both books is to teach great moral lessons exemplified by events in the history of the Jewish nation and in the lives of its leaders and people.

In studying these two Old Testament books, we see that every king was judged by his obedience or disobedience to God's law. His success was measured by his adherence to the law and by his God-honoring testimony before the heathen (cf. [Deuteronomy 17:14-20](#)).

The good of the nation depended upon its faithfulness to God (our nation needs to give strict adherence to this fact as well). Idolatry and compromise caused the decline and eventual fall of both Israel and Judah (cf. [Hosea 1-13](#); [Jeremiah 1-52](#)). Idolatry and all sin inevitably brings defeat and punishment ([Psalm 106:34-38](#); cf. [Jeremiah 19:3-11](#)) while faith and righteousness bring victory and joy ([Psalm 33:12](#); [Proverbs 14:34](#)).

Events in Jewish history are lessons in the righteousness, justice, loving kindness, mercy, and faithfulness of God ([Hosea 2:18-20](#)). They also serve as a constant warning and example of the consequences of disobedience ([1 Corinthians 10:1-12](#); cf. [Romans 15:4](#)).

25 minutes Lesson Topic: "The Privilege of Service and Worship"

**Sub topics: "Am I Qualified?"
"Leading Prayers"
"Reading Scriptures"
"Song Leading"**

Lunch will be provided.

If there are any questions contact Chris McElyea

What A Treasure We Have!

Our young people who are participating in our Bible Bowl team are really setting a standard for many of us. For the second month in a row, they have placed first in the Area Wide Bible Bowl event that is held here at our building on the second Monday night of each month.

Congratulations to Cody Sparks, Tyler Hargrove, Emilee Ferrell, Mollee Ferrell, Emily Robison, Cade Armstrong and Joanna Armstrong. The test they took last Monday night consisted of forty-four questions. Our Bible Bowl team answered every question on the main body of the test correctly! Truly a wonderful example of dedication to their study of the God's word. They studied! They rehearsed! They excelled! We are also grateful for the leadership of their parents and their encouragement to them in their study of God's word. Well done!

The Elders

Prayer List: Justin Barker, Rachel Barker, Doris Bell, Billy Campbell, Gene Campbell, Suzanne Charlton, Jim Duncan, Barbara Duncan, Irene Duncan, Patsy Duncan, Wade Miller, Wayne Pickrel, Thelma Reed, Bud Roach, Julia Terrell, Rebecca Tippit

Also: Carolyn (Katy) Cabell, Mary Jo Lee, Janice Lineberger, Ruby McFarland, Kent Stephenson, Charles Whitney

Congregational Shut-Ins:

Home: Doris Bell, **Pleasant Springs Assisted Living:** Annah Brown, **Home:** Irene Duncan, **Villa Assisted Living:** Georgia Lide, **Omaha Healthcare Center:** Alice Lovelady

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Next Bible Bowl Practice will be at 5pm on Sunday afternoon, November 22
Study Acts 5-8

The Next Area Wide Bible Bowl is Monday night December 14, at 7pm. Come one, come all!

FILL THE FOYER!

If you did not pick up a bag on your way in this morning please get one on your way out. We are attempting to re-stock our pantry. Won't you be a participant in this good work?

If you still have not checked the list in the foyer to make certain your name, address, phone number, email address, etc is correct, please do so today. Grady is attempting to bring our directory up to date. The list should be completed no later than December 20 for printing in January. Thank you for your help in this project!

TV Worth Watching

"Give Me the Bible" Can be seen
Sundays: 7AM NBC 56 out of Tyler, TX and On Dish Network 9407 Sunday's at 9AM and 1PM; Tuesdays at 11AM; & Friday at 2PM

"Give Me the Bible can be seen on the Web:
Gospel Broadcasting Network
www.gbntv.org on Sunday's at 9AM
And

The Crockett Road church of Christ Web Site

Video On Demand:
www.crockettroadchurchofchrist.org/missionsoutreach/givemethebible.html

HEALTH UPDATES:

Billye Campbell has been making a progressive recovery (at home) following her recent surgery.

Julia Terrell is now back at her own home. She is still weak and prefers no visitors or phone calls for a little while longer. She would love to receive cards.

Wayne Pickrel is back at home and says he is feeling pretty good. Keep this family in your prayers.

Hallie Lang went to Baylor Hospital in Dallas last Wednesday where she had her pace-maker replaced. She was released that evening and returned home. With her was Linda, Brenda, Jerry and Alice. Rhodney could not go due to his own doctor appointment for noon on that day.

GOSPEL MEETING

REDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Highway 67

Redwater, Texas 75573

November 15 through 18

Sunday—10:00 AM

10:45 AM

6:00 PM

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

7:00 PM

SPEAKER: Dale G. Stinson