

**Those to Serve**

**Sunday 11-29-2009**

**Sunday Morning Worship:**

Announcements..... Daniel McCary  
 Song Leader..... Royce Armstrong  
 Opening Prayer ..... Wayne Charlton  
 Closing Prayer ..... Ronnie Stewart

**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..... Daniel McCary  
 Song Leader..... Daniel McCary  
 Opening PM Prayer..... Rodney Cook  
 Closing PM Prayer..... Ron Traughber

**Serving Wednesday Night—Dec. 02- 2009**

Announcements ..... Daniel McCary  
 Song Leader ..... Hal Roper  
 First Prayer..... Jerry Freeman  
 Closing Prayer..... Hal Roper

\*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.

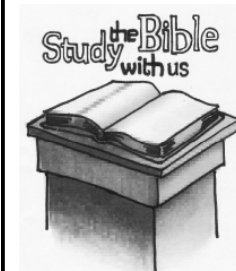
**Attendance for the week of 11-22-2009**

Bible Classes..... 96  
 Morning Worship..... 138  
 Evening Worship ..... 87  
 Tuesday Ladies Class .....did not meet  
 Wednesday Night ..... 89  
 Regular Contribution ..... \$ 4,083.50  
 New Construction Fund Contributions.....\$ 90.00

**Averages To Date This Year**

Bible Classes..... 99  
 Morning Worship.....139  
 Evening Worship ..... 98  
 Tuesday Ladies Class ..... 12  
 Wednesday Night ..... 93  
 Regular Contribution.....\$ 4,284.79  
 New Construction Fund Contributions to date..... \$ 78,314.00  
 (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: "Lovers of Money"  
**Kris Groda, Preaching**

PM: "Poverty Theology"  
**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



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**Elders**

Gene Campbell  
 Weldon Miller  
 Wayne Pickrel

**Deacons**

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

**Gospel Preacher**

Kris Groda

**Secretary**

Rhodney Freeman

# 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 29, 2009

## Hog Killin'

—Floyd Kaiser

Every year, the first cold day of fall brings to mind the announcement that used to be common in my world around fifty years ago. "This is hog killin' weather."

Through the summer we fed-out a few hogs to be butchered when the temperature dropped to the level where the meat could be safely hung in the smokehouse without spoiling.

On "hog killin' day," early that morning, a fire was built under a large black kettle filled with water. When it got scalding hot, the hog was killed, bled and gutted—the dogs enjoyed this day. The hot water was poured in a metal barrel that was tilted to allow the hog to be easily lowered in and out. The carcass was turned over and over in the hot water until the hair was loosened. Then, it was removed and we would attack it with spoons and begin to scrape the scalded hair off the hide.

The hogs butchered on "hog killin' day" would eventually become sausage, bacon, lard, pork chops and hog head cheese. There was not much of the hog that wasn't used.

Whenever I read the Old Testament book of Leviticus I think of "hog killin' day." Here one can read about how each kind of animal was to be butchered and offered to God. For instance, one can read about the removal of the animal's fat covering the tail and entrails and how, along with the lobe of the liver and kidneys, it is supposed to be burned as a soothing aroma to God (Lev. 3,4). Certain parts of the sacrifices were

to go to the priests as a means of livelihood (ex. Num. 18:11). Specific rituals were to be performed with the blood (ex. Lev. 5:9). Even the disposal of head and refuse of the animal offerings was done in a prescribed fashion (ex. Lev. 4:11-12).

While Israel served in the tabernacle and, later, the temple, this butchering of sacrifices ceaselessly continued day after day. Only someone who has experienced the difficult and distasteful work of butchering can appreciate the magnitude of the task. The blood of animals incessantly flowed from the slaughtering ground to the alter.

Yet, in spite of all of this, the Hebrew writer said that it was impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins" (Heb 10:4). All their work for the purpose of atonement, the hundreds of thousands of animals butchered did not pay the price of a single sin.

It wasn't until Jesus came and John the Baptist announced about Him, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29) that man had any hope. It wasn't until certain Romans and Jews butchered the Son of God that a sacrifice was finally brought to the temple that could do the job a million "hog killin' days" could not. Jesus is the final and complete offering for sin (see Heb. 9:11-12).

Brother Hood Events:

## Young Men's Training Seminar

(All men are encouraged to attend)

Saturday, January 02, 2010

Mount Vernon church of Christ

"The Privilege of Service and Worship"

Areas of Interest:

"Am I Qualified?"

"Leading Prayers"

"Reading Scriptures"

"Song Leading"

Lunch will be provided.

If there are any questions contact Chris McElyea

## Great Smoky Mountain

# Marriage Retreat

February 17-20, 2010 Pigeon Forge Holiday Inn Conference Center - Pigeon Forge, TN

**Theme:** Joy in the Journey—Celebrating God's Gift of Matrimony.

**Who:** This is a couples only retreat for married couples of all ages. It is designed to be part get-away and part practical instruction seminar on enriching marriage relationships.

**Cost:** There is no charge for the retreat. Including food and hotel, a couple can usually for about \$250.

This retreat is sponsored by the Jacksonville church of Christ—Jacksonville, AL. Allen Webster is the director.

For more information, please call, 256.435.9356.

## Four Principles for a Productive Bible Class

—Borrowed

First, students must be present in order to be taught. Any student's attendance to Bible class should be regular. Teachers prepare for the students that he, or she, is supposed to have (visuals, worksheets, "take homes," etc.). We should realize that sporadic attendance is inconsiderate to the one teaching the class. Furthermore, a student should be prompt in their attendance. Some appear to think very little about coming in late for Bible study or worship. However, nothing disturbs a class worse than for students to be repeatedly late. Other students lose focus on the lesson and the teacher must often begin again for the ones who are late.

Second, students must be respectful in order to be taught. Students need to have a proper respect for the subject matter (Psalm 138:2). There needs to be an understanding that this material is more important than any other material! Students need to have respect for their teachers. Teachers spend a great deal of time in preparing to teach (while they are also working during the week, raising a family, dealing with personal problems etc.). We need to be respectful of who they are and what they are trying to do. Students need to be respectful of one another. Talking, whispering, drawing and not paying attention is the height of disrespect. Sadly, some teachers spend as much time trying to keep their students from talking and cutting up as they do on teaching the weekly lesson.

Third, students must be prepared in order to be taught. Preparation for "Sunday morning Bible class" begins the Sunday before. We should review the lessons we studied (as adults) and discuss with our children what they studied that morning. Preparation continues through the week with daily Bible study. Preparation continues on Saturday night by getting enough sleep so that we are alert when it comes time for Bible class the next morning.

Finally, students must be teachable in order to be taught. Nothing is more frustrating for a teacher than to have a student who does not want to learn. Many times adults approach Bible study with this closed-minded view. Anything that is said that they have not heard, or do not understand, must be wrong. We do ourselves a great injustice when we approach any Bible study with the attitude that we have learned enough and we cannot or will not learn anymore. We all ought to ask from time to time: How teachable am I? Is my mind made up about something, or do I give the teacher and/or other students the right to express their own opinions?

The purpose of Bible class is much like the purpose of a Gospel sermon—to being someone closer to Christ. Do you and your family take advantage of these opportunities? Spiritual education will mean the difference between heaven and hell. May we look forward to being taught the Word of god!

**Please Remember in Prayer:** Justin Barker, Rachel Barker, Doris Bell, James & Sue Browning, 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, Lucille Cavallo, 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.

### Church Happenings:

**Bible Bowl News: Practice** at 5pm today. This is for all young people from the 1st-12th grades.

### Boles Home Christmas Present Project:

All gifts need to be brought to the foyer by Sunday, December 13. If you wish to give monetary donations, please see Stephanie Sparks.

### Youth Group Project:

The youth will gather in the fellowship hall to wrap the Boles Home Christmas gifts for the Boles Home on Sunday, December 13 follow morning worship. Pizza will be provided :-)

**REMEMBER ... Children's Bible Hour** will not meet in November or December. It will, however, resume in January!

**Holiday Open House:** Saturday, December 19 from 11AM-2PM at the Groda's at 315 CR 1520.

**"FILL THE FOYER" Food Drive:** Thank you for all the donations! God is good and so are you! Your contributions are appreciated.

### HEALTH UPDATES:

**Karigan Fox** was able to come home on Thursday. She is continuing to have blood tests to check her red blood cell count. Thank you Lord!

**Bayla Weston**, 2 year old great grand-daughter of Grady and Patsy Duncan has shown some improvement and at the time of this writing, might get to go home Saturday.

**Ruthie Jeffery** (sister of Mary Glover) is still in TRMC in room #334. She suffered at stroke last Tuesday night. She is improving but her blood pressure still has not stabilized.

**Billye Campbell** will have an appointment with her physician on Tuesday. She has been retaining fluid around her surgical site.

**Julia Terrell** is adjusting quite well to being at home. Feel free to call and ask about a home visit!

**Wayne Pickrel** went to ER this past week, with a hole in his lung. He was scheduled to return home this past Friday afternoon.

**Austin Neal** had his tonsils removed this past week.

**George & Elna O'Neal** and **Nelda Dunn** have taken a little excursion to the major earthquake state ... California.

**Address of J.J. and Autumn Jones:** 2092 FM 21, Pittsburg, Texas 75686.



**Here they are!** Meet Ian Jack & Thomas Hugh Duncan. Both approx. 8:00 am on 25 November 2009 to Curtis and Shelly Duncan. Ian Weighed 6 lbs 8oz and Thomas weight 6 lbs 7 oz. Both 18 in long. Mother and babies are doing fine. There is still hope that

daddy will pull through.

### IN SYMPATHY:

Lillian Black (Aunt of Tim Jones) passed away on Sunday, November 22, 2009. She turned 107 on the 18th. Services were held at St. Andrews United Methodist Church with burial at Bridges Chapel Cemetery.

### UPDATE .....

"Dear Church Family:

**I just wanted to write and give my sincere thanks for all of the prayers and cards you have sent to my grandfather Bud. As many of you know I moved him into an Alzheimer's facility in Dallas several weeks ago to be near my home.**

**I visit him Daily and each day we go through the huge stack of cards he has received. His face lights up as I read them and he really seems to take comfort in hearing from his church family. I have lined up many of the cards on his window and he points them out to all of his nurses.**

**It is a testament to his amazing friends there at North Jefferson how loved he is and I am so thankful to all of you and especially Peggy, who has been a constant support to him for years.**

**Please continue to send cards and letters and pray that he remains happy and healthy.**

**Sincerely, Amie Rittler"**