

"The members should have the same care one for another..." | Corinthians 12:25

"See that ye love one another with the pure heart fervently..." | Peter 1:22

HEART TO HEART

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Our Attendance Of Worship

By Ron Boatwright

Worship is a privilege only children of God have. There are many blessings we receive from faithful attendance in worship. God has commanded us to assemble regularly to worship Him in spirit and in truth (John 4:24). Hebrews 10:25-27 says, "**Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together**, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the day approaching. **For if we sin willfully** after we have received the knowledge of the truth, **there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins**, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation." When we forsake the assembly of the church, except for sickness or circumstances beyond our control, we are not only disobeying God, but we are robbing ourselves of all the benefits of worship which would have helped us to grow and become spiritually strong. To forsake worship is to sin willfully.

By forsaking the assembly, we also endanger our souls because as the above verse says, "For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for our sins." Christ is our only sacrifice for sin. When people reject their only sacrifice for sin there remains nothing but "a certain fearful expectation of judgment and fiery indignation."

When people fall away from the Lord, it is usually not a sudden thing. They usually start by forsaking the assembly of Wednesday night Bible study. Then they start missing Sunday evening worship. Next they stop coming to Sunday morning Bible study; and then finally they stop coming to Sunday morning worship. This is the usual path of apostasy for most people who fall away. Oh, some may come back and "visit" several times a year and a few may even attend only the Sunday morning worship with little regularity. These are described in 2 Peter 2:22 as, "A dog turns to his own vomit again, and a sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire." Some members have turned to their own vomit and are in the pigpen and they can no longer smell the stench. Let's not lose our souls by unfaithfulness.



MEN TO SERVE

January 31, 2010

Elders Request You Wear A Coat and Tie When Serving.

Deacon In Charge: Colin DeLoach
February 7 Billy Dykes

Presiding: Ricky Lightsey

Table: Charles Lavender Matt McCoy
Roger Leonard Blake McLeod
Brian Leverett Michael Meeks
Lance Lightsey Will Moore
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John Renfro Robert Minton
James Renfro Bart Mizell
Benjamin Renfro Jason Nolan

Announcements: Doug Jones

Responses: Doug Jones

Opening Prayer AM: Reginald Rose

Closing Prayer AM: Bob Rowell

Opening Prayer PM: Thomas Robinson

Closing Prayer PM: Barry Robinson

Lead Singing:
Sunday AM: Jonathan Garner
Sunday PM: David Arnold

Scripture: Matthew Stubbs

Cards/Cups: Austin Wilson Tyler Townson
Mitchell Greer Grayson Lewis

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Invitation:

Opening Prayer: Travis Strackbein

Closing Prayer: Zachary Strackbein

Song Leader Billy Lewis

PA System: Doug Daugherty

Prepare Communion:

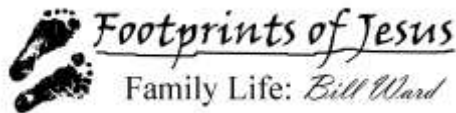
January 31 Chris Boris

February 7 Cindy Lavender

Visitor Center Larry & Pat Osheim

The Record

Bible Study:			408
Worship:	A.M.	478	P.M. 371
Wednesday:		1/20/10	357



Our Gospel Meeting Week

Most of what I can write is second handed as I was sick and unable to attend. I am hoping to attend tonight (Tuesday) but we have had good attendance and good number of visitors from the community and from our area congregations.

The ladies class Tuesday went great as the crowd was reported to be 45.

We appreciate Frank and Cherry for coming and for their work's sake and wish them Godspeed at Panama Street in Montgomery.

Saturday Morning for the Master Jan. 23

There were around 130 cards all ready with the doors open and lights on and people began arriving about 9:45 AM. By the time the work was completed, at least 80 visits were attempted Saturday. Praise God to Him be the Glory! We had a good number come out and thanks to all.

Barry Gilreath Jr. Coming This Sunday

We are really looking forward to meeting this young man and his family. He has preached at Highland in Dalton for the past 11 years.

Barry will teach the adult auditorium class at 9:30.

He will also teach a teenage devotional after Sunday night worship.

Let's all stay in town and come and meet this man and hear him preach God's word.

Congregational Lunch Sunday @ Noon

This is to meet Brother Gilreath and his family. BK groups 9-16 will set up and serve and BK groups 1-8 will clean up.

357 Present Wednesday Night!

We have gone up four weeks in a row. This is 17 more than the week before. New faces showing up. Exciting classes. God's Word. Fellowship. Come to class next Wednesday and find your place to study God's Word!

Sing at Cairo January 29

Time: 7:00- 8:30 PM with finger foods to follow.

Address: 289 12th Ave NE in Cairo.

Some Key Thoughts For the Year

December 2009 Truth for Today

1. Difficult times should remind us that this world is not our eternal abiding place.

2. We are not citizens of this world trying to get to heaven, but citizens of heaven trying to get through this world.

3. We are unable to face our earthly woes and foes until, by faith, we have the image of our eternal home implanted firmly in our minds.

4. The hope of heaven becomes even brighter when we remember the fellowship that it contains.

5. Jesus gives all the hope, refreshment, and encouragement any pilgrim could ever need!



NEWS 'N NOTES

FROM AROUND FORREST PARK

Family Activities

Monday for the Master meets each week at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday for the Master Radio Program can be heard 6:00 PM, on 92.1

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class meets each week at 10:00 AM in the church library.

Young Adults will have a fellowship get together at Andrew Nelson's home in Homerville. Car pooling from the building at 6:15. Bring a couple of dollars for pizza. Please RSVP!

Sunday, January 31st, Teenagers, grades 6 - 12 will meet in the Fellowship Hall for Bible Class.

Sunday, January 31st, Congregational Luncheon after morning worship.

Sunday, January 31st, Girls speeches are due.

Sunday, January 31st, Puppeteers will meet in the Puppet Room at 2:00 PM. Bring your calendar. Practice schedule for February will be set.

Sunday, January 31st, SNAC, grades 6-12 in the Youth Room. Girls bring sandwiches, boys bring drinks and desserts.

Friday, February 5th, Young at Heart Valentine Banquet at Ocean Pond Clubhouse. Cost is \$16.00 per person and is all inclusive. Please sign up at the Visitor Center if you plan to attend. This is open to anyone 50 and older. See John or Beth Crum for more details. Money is due by January 27th.

Saturday, February 6th, 5:30 PM, Father - Daughter Banquet in the Fellowship Hall. Adults \$15.00 and children 10 and under \$8.00. Tickets can be purchased from Donna Swilley.

Tuesday, February 9th, 6:30 PM, Ladies Evening Bible Study will meet at the home of Peggy Barr. Bring Italian.

Response

Kevin Bradford and Caroline Barnes responded to the invitation Sunday requesting prayers and forgiveness.

Joelle Harvey requests prayers for her family as they go through a very difficult time.

Cards

Dear Forrest Park Family,

I want to thank you for your concern, cards, phone calls and especially for your prayers, during my hospitalization and recovery.

Please keep me in your prayers.

Sisterly,

Cynthia Council

Dear Forrest Park Family,

I could not have grown up in a more dear and loving place than Forrest Park. I still consider this congregation as much a part of home as I do my own church in Carbon Hill. There are still so many people here that I love dearly! Thank you for the prayers and cards during my surgery. They mean the world to me.

In Christian Love,

Alecia Carmichael

I would like to thank the elders and my many friends at Forrest Park for all the acts of kindness shown to me during the passing of my daughter-in-law, Kathy.

Your prayers, calls, cards and book in the library meant so much to me and my family.

Your Sister in Christ,

Effie Roberts

More Prayers (Cont)

Sharon Lavender, sister-in-law of Toni Bradford, is in ICU in Atlanta.

Retha Stringer, mother of Donna White, is recovering at home following reconstructive surgery.

Horace Williams, father of Jerry, is in Shands Hospital, Jacksonville awaiting Surgery.

Albert Copeland, kin to many here, is now in Langdale Hospice House.

Prayer List

Our Shut-Ins

Abbie Anderson, Margaret Berrien, Martha Boyd, Valdeese Brown, Robbie Bryson, Lee Clark, Peter Flintroyal, Mary Harrelson, Carolyn B. Johnson, Bess Jones, Lila Jones, Malloy Jones, Gerald & Nellie Leveille, Inez Lott, Mazella Nathan, Ruth Nicholson & Margaret Tankersley.

Our Sick

Devlin Belote, Toni Bradford, Tracy Cope, Beverly Coxwell, Georgia Ann Dykes, Faye Dykes, Della Gill, James Grace, Sharon Huffman, Gary Hutchinson, Mary Blake McLeod, Louise Padgett, Vicki Roberts, Norman & Louise Sainz, Randy Walker and Bill Ward were out of services sick Sunday.

It was good to have Cynthia Council and Lynda Wright back in services with us Sunday.

Bobby Glisson is recuperating at home following a stay at SGMC.

Gerald Leveille had to discontinue chemo treatments and will have tests to ensure nothing has spread.

Jeanette Allen is recuperating at home following a mild stroke.

Ginger Daugherty is at home, continuing to improve.

Norman Sainz is now recuperating at home.

Mary Mitchell's procedure went well and she is to have more tests in February.

Willie Parker will have an OP procedure February 2nd.

Elizabeth Jackson, Henry Howard and Al Howard are recovering at home.

Please continue to remember Lee Clark, Gerald Leveille, Inez Williams and Norman & Louise Sainz.

More Prayers

Thelma Shockley, mother of Glenda Ward, is in Lake Haven Nursing Home, room D3, for rehab. Her husband, Tom, is also there undergoing rehab.

Joe Rowell, brother of Bob, is in SGMC, room 542, and not doing well. No visitors please.

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