

Sunshine Baskets for 10/21/07

Frankie Wilson, Frances Anderson,
Dean Wilson, Sandy Jo Collier,
Pauline Whitaker, Jo Ann Carver

Happy Birthday to...

Ambre Kirby (15), Alice Pippin (16),
Bradyn Smith (18), Don Meredith (19),
Rita Gentry (20)

Happy Anniversary to...

Bobby & Sandy Haney (10/14/1967)
Blake & Crystal Maberry (10/14/2006)
Jeff & Judy McDaniel (10/19/1996)

Requested Our Prayers ... Michelle Burris

Announcements & Upcoming Events...

Directory Changes: We are putting together a new directory! The dates are as follows: March 7th, 8th, and 10th. Please keep these in mind.

October 20, 2007: Fundraiser for Taylor Christian Camp (JSCYC). BBQ meal. Mike Netherton Speaking.

October 21, 2007: Putnam Co. 3rd Sun. Singing @ McBroom's Chapel.

October 21, 2007: 40th Wedding Anniversary Celebration for Bobby & Sandy Haney @ the Center Grove Community Center from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

October 26, 2007: Fright Night! Food sign-up sheet in the back of the auditorium. We are also in need of individually wrapped candy. Anyone that would like to donate candy, please give this to Sjon Gentry or Randy Duke **no later than** Wednesday, October 24th!

October 30, 2007: Services moved from Wednesday night to Tuesday night due to Halloween.

November 10, 2007: Ladies' Day Out in Mt. Juliet. Sign-up sheet in the back of the auditorium.

Privileged To Serve October 21st

- Ushers Billy Stafford
- Ben Young
- Mark Collins
- Roger Robinson
- Announcements..... Jerry Young
- Song Leader Mike Martin
- Scripture Reading Roy Smallwood
- Speaker John Mabery
- Opening Prayer..... John Anderson
- Closing Prayer Bill Coe
- Oversee Lord's Supper . David Wilson
- Prepare Trays Alan Dawson
- Scripture Reading..... Raymond Haney
- Serve *Jeremy Mathis
- *Earl Crabtree
- *Alan Burris
- Corky Trisdale
- Blake Maberry
- Ben Gentry
- Alternate to Serve..... Rellon Burris
- Jerry Young
- Dismiss Classes Jimmy Strong
- Count Contribution Robert Crabtree
- Roy Flatt
- Roy Young
- Royce Jenkins
- Response Card..... Burton Young
- Power Point..... Jonathan Conner

Sunday Night (10/21)

- Speaker Kevin Moss
- Scripture Reading..... Sjon Gentry
- Song Leader Bobby Haney
- Opening Prayer..... Jeremy Kirby
- Closing Prayer..... Farlin Flatt
- Power Point..... Brian Trisdale

Wednesday (10/24)

- Song Leader Bobby Haney
- Invitation..... Mike Netherton
- Opening Prayer..... Billy Scott
- Closing Prayer..... Jonathan Conner

*Take to the sick & shut-in.
Let Jerry Young know if you can't serve.

Elders:

- Ted Ragland 268.9387
- John Mabery 268.0651
- Cell: 265.3835

Deacons:

- John Anderson 268.2406
- Billy Scott 268.0569
- Robert Crabtree 268.4417
- Raymond Haney 268.2493
- Rellon Burris 268.4738
- Carl Call 268.2040
- Sjon Gentry 268.3273
- Bobby Haney 268.2754
- Jerry Young 268.2215

Ministers:

- John Mabery 268.0651
- John Anderson 268.2406

To Be Saved, JESUS Said We MUST...

Believe Him (Jn.8:24; Heb.11:6)
Repent of our sins (Lk.13:3, 5)
Confess Christ (Rom.10:9-10)
Be immersed in water for remission of sins
(Mk.16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom.6:3-4)

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"Judge Not" (Part II)

By John Mabery

"Judge not, that you be not judged." (Mat.7:1)

"He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first." (John 8:7)

In Part I, we noted that some people pervert the will of God when it comes to the matter of judging. In this article we'll *briefly* consider **why** this is done, and then turn our attention to **why** we *must* continue to distinguish between truth and error even though it's so politically incorrect.

Some religious people believe all judging is wrong simply because they've been taught that by people who do not understand the will and ways of God. Some people never investigate the will of God for themselves; they leave that to their teachers and preachers. But there are many people who have a sinister motive in mind, one best explained by the Lord Himself.

And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. [20] For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. [21] But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God. (John 3:19-21 ESV)

Some people hate the light (truth). A thief prefers to work in darkness in order to conceal his deed; the person that sheds light on his activity becomes his enemy. Similarly, some religious people prefer to walk in darkness, yet want to present themselves as followers of Christ. These are also angered by the one who dares to shine the light of the gospel on their erroneous ways.

One might be inclined to ask, "Since it's politically incorrect to judge the activity of others, and since the hypocrite hurts no one but himself, wouldn't it be best to just ignore it? **Continued...**

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Schedule of Services

Sunday: Bible Classes @ 9:00 a.m.
Worship @ 10:00 a.m.
Worship @ 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Bible Classes @ 7:00 p.m.
Our A.M. Service is **Televised** on Monday on Cable Channel 9 @ 6:00 pm

Radio: "The Lord's Word" on WLIV 920 AM
10:10 a.m. Monday - Saturday
(We broadcast Thursday, Friday and Saturday)

Website: www.centergrovecoc.com

Wouldn't we be better off to just take care of our own business and leave everyone else alone?" It is my **firm** conviction that this attitude has greatly contributed to weakening the Lord's church at this time! When the apostles suggested this same approach, the Lord immediately rejected their proposal because the cost was much too high (cf. Mat 15:1-14). For those who advocate such posturing, I would simply resort to a method often employed by our Lord Himself; i.e. **"Have you never read ..."** what Jesus did when He encountered error; how He faced and challenged the scribes, Pharisees, hypocrites in Matthew 23? **"Have you never read..."** how Peter charged his audience with the gross act of murdering the Son of God in Acts 2? **"Have you never read..."** the sermon Paul preached as he stood atop Mars Hill in Acts 17? If I'm sure of anything at all, I'm sure that my Lord and His apostles **never** intended to take a "hands off" approach in spreading the gospel (Peter did stumble on one occasion (Gal.2:14ff). Unlike many today, these men weren't merely trying to "grow a church"; they were striving to reveal the divine will in its pure form so that each person could know it and make a personal choice based on that knowledge.

Why **must** we "judge with righteous judgment"? First, because we're commanded to (John 7:24). Second, because our Lord did and we strive to imitate Him. Third, because God's truth must be revealed; Jesus came into the world to reveal the truth and so must we (John 17:17; 18:37; Mat.28:18-20). Whenever the whole counsel of God is proclaimed, error, of necessity, is exposed. Fourth, divine truth is the power of Almighty God, the means deity employed in order to liberate all people from the wages of sin; eternal death (Rom.1:16; 6:23). Divine truth can free people from the shackles of sin and the fear of death (John 8:32; Heb.2:14-15). Divine truth can save every person who embraces it from their sins (James 1:21). Fifth, if people believe and practice the lie, they will lose their soul (2 Thes.2:10-12). Our Lord refused the politically correct method knowing that would leave the deceived without aid or help (Mat.15:14).

I know some people are angered by the truth, *but the Lord isn't*. I know some people don't want error exposed, *but the Lord does*. I know most people will be turned off if we teach the truth and expose error, *but not all* – **and these are the very people we're looking for!** Like a man sowing seed in a field, we can only scatter truth, reveal error, and leave the rest to the Lord.

Sandy Haney	<u>Sick at Home</u>	Vickie Wilson
Zella Charles	Ruby Dunn	Jo Ann Ledbetter
Donald Burris	Aline Whitaker	Katherine Mabery
Dorothy Burris	Marie Shoemake	Roberta Hix
Delenn Strong	Bob Radtke	Glenda Burchett
Abby Goodnight	Paulette Radtke	Stephanie Smith
Ozelma Martin	Bobby Elkins	Robert Haney
Bessie Young	Mildred Elkins	Mattie Ransom
Wanda Warren	Ray Flatt	Bud Coffman
Lillie Goolsby	Bill Wisdom	Jennifer Phillips
Opal Pippin	Bruce Young	Ida Thomas

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer & supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God," (Phil.4:6)

Area Hospitals:

Baptist: Jesse Anderson
Memphis: Connie Rhodes

Area Rest Homes:

NHC: Alice Pippin, Joe Anderson, Mary L. Dudney
Mabry: Plytha Petty, Wilma Howell
Clay Co.: James Allen
Michigan: Viola Scarlett

Spiritual Cancer

By Jeremy Mathis

As I was preparing to write this article, a friend of mine called and told me that one of their family members had been told that they have cancer. It got me thinking about cancer and how scary that word can be, and how we all dread the possibility that we or a loved one could get that news. As I was thinking about it, I wondered if it was possible to have spiritual cancer, and I came to the conclusion that not only is there spiritual cancer, but that we have all probably suffered from it at one time or another.

In its verb form, cancer is described in this way: to corrode or eat away with steady and destructive persistency. What came to mind as I read this was something that has been the subject of a recent sermon: discouragement. We have all been discouraged at one point in our walk as Christians, and know the burden and pain that discouragement can bring in its wake. Just like physical cancer, if left unchecked, this spiritual cancer can be just as destructive, as it slowly and persistently eats away our spiritual drive and zeal.

Luckily for us, there is somewhere we can turn, or more appropriately, there is a physician to whom we can turn to. This physician is none other than Jesus Christ, "The Great Physician." He is the Word (John 1:1), and His healing comes from His Word, which is the Gospel, the good news. The news of our salvation, the news that though we may feel alone, there is One that always stands with us, that the battle is won and we have only to claim the victory. When we grow weary we can look to Him and consider all that He has done for us. (Hebrews 12:3)

Also, we as Christians have the responsibility to one another to bear each others' burdens (Galatians 6:2). We are also

commanded not only to exhort one another (Hebrews 3:13), but also to encourage each other (1 Thessalonians 5:14). To nurse each other, as it were.

In light of this, when is the last time you patted a brother or sister on the back and told him or her that he or she was doing a good job? We're often quick to tell someone when they're doing something wrong, but slow to congratulate them when they do something right. Also, we're often guilty of only going to the elders to complain, but do we ever tell them how much we love and respect them for the burden and responsibility they bear for our sakes?

Finally, all this can be summed up in one little, but very powerful word: LOVE! Therefore, brethren, we need to love one another (1 John 3:11). We need to open up our hearts to each others' needs, and to love one another not only in word, but also in deed (1 John 3:17-18).

"But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth."

1 John 3:17-18 (ESV)

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

Galatians 6:2 (ESV)

"But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin."

Hebrews 3:13 (ESV)

"For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another."

1 John 3:11 (ESV)