

Sunshine Baskets for 1/13/08

Patsy Scott, Louise Haney, Pam Peterson, Peggy Anderson, Shirley Howell, Doris Martin

Happy Birthday to...

Melissa Robinson (1/1), Rita Strong (1/1)

Happy Anniversary to...

Burton & Shelia Young (1/2/77)

Pantry Items We Need...

Canned Pork, Green Beans, Pineapple Slices

Announcements & Upcoming Events...

December 30, 2007: All Male Members Meeting @ 1:30 pm.-**TODAY!**

December 30, 2007: Deadline to sign-up/pay \$20 for Challenge Youth Conference-**TONIGHT!**

December 31, 2007: Youth NYE Party @ the annex; 8 pm-12:15 am. 50's theme (you can dress up if you want!☺). Anyone who can bring food of some sort will be greatly appreciated! ☺

December 31, 2007: Mary Nell Flatt's NYE Party; begin eating finger foods @ 6pm. If you'd like to play Chinese Christmas bring a \$10-\$12 gift.

January 6, 2008: Classes change; sign-up sheets for adult classes are on the back table.

January 6, 2008: Prayer meeting here for all those going to India on Monday; Sunday night after worship; pot-luck supper; make sure to bring food if you can because we'll have visitors!

January 11, 2008: Parents' Date Night 5-10 pm. Flyers are on the back table with more details! ☺

February 16, 2008: Sweethearts' Café

February 22-24, 2008: Challenge Youth Conference in Gatlinburg, TN

June 14, 2008: Golden Years' Banquet

Bulletin Articles: If you'd like to write an article for the inside right page of the bulletin, please give it to Kristina Hammock whenever you can.

Website: We're working on updating our website, & want YOUR opinion! Please pick up a survey & return it to Chris Mabery or Kristina Hammock as soon as you can!

Privileged To Serve January 6th

- Ushers Alton Mayberry
..... Alan Dawson
..... Glen Haney
..... Roy Flatt
Announcements..... Roy Smallwood
Song Leader Ben Crossman
Scripture Reading..... Alan Burris
Speaker John Mabery
Opening Prayer..... Randy Duke
Closing Prayer..... Farlin Flatt
Oversee Lord's Supper . Tyler Meadows
Prepare Trays Chris Mabery
Scripture Reading..... Jeremy Mathis
Serve..... *Rellon Burris
..... *Burton Young
..... *Robert Crabtree
..... Tyler Meadows
..... Jonathan Conner
..... Kevin Moss
Alternate to Serve..... Bobby Haney
..... Dale Dennis
Dismiss Classes..... Roy Flatt
Count Contribution Tracy Jenkins
..... Ben Young
..... Mark Collins
..... Roger Robinson
Response Card..... Jimmy Strong
Power Point..... Blake Mabery

Sunday Night (1/6)

- Speaker John Anderson
Scripture Reading..... Ben Gentry
Song Leader Tyler Meadows
Opening Prayer..... Carl Call
Closing Prayer..... Burton Young
Power Point..... Brian Trisdale

Wednesday (1/9)

- Song Leader Randy Duke
Invitation..... Chris Mabery
Opening Prayer..... Ted Ragland
Closing Prayer..... Mike Martin

*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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The Importance of "Patience"

By John Mabery

On Tuesday, Jesus and His disciples departed from the temple; for Jesus, this would be the last time. On Friday of that week He would be crucified. As they left the temple area, the apostles commented on the size and beauty of the temple and its accompanying buildings (cf. Matthew 24:1-35; Luke 21:5-36). It was at this time that Jesus spoke the following words,

"These things which you see--the days will come in which not one stone shall be left upon another that shall not be thrown down." (Luke 21:6)

Contrary to the doctrines taught many today, the text is quite clear; i.e. the Lord was foretelling the destruction of Jerusalem, not the end of the world! Astonished, the disciples asked,

"Teacher, but when will these things be? And what sign will there be when these things are about to take place?" (Luke 21:7)

Jesus said false teachers would use some of the events that would occur before the temple fell as "signs" of His coming (vv.9-11). Despite what the false teachers said, there would only be one "sign"; i.e. when the Roman armies surrounded the city (v.20). Jesus told His disciples that they would suffer great persecution during this time (vv.12-18). The Lord gave the disciples words to live by; words, that if followed, would sustain them through the worst of times; words I have grown to appreciate and value more and more throughout the years:

"By your patience possess your souls." (v.19)

When their world fell apart; when they couldn't understand what was going on or why; when they asked, "Where is God?" THEN, too, was when they must trust the Lord, be patient and wait on Him! (Psa.27:14) God's faithful are NEVER out of His sight! There is NOTHING that can limit our God's ability to act, and He will act, when HE is ready! Be Patient! Continued inside ...

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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

“**Patience** implies suffering, enduring or waiting, as a determination of the will and not simply under necessity. As such it is an essential Christian virtue to the exercise of which there are many exhortations. We need to “wait patiently” for God, to endure uncomplainingly the various forms of sufferings, wrongs and evils that we meet with, and to bear patiently injustices which we cannot remedy and provocations we cannot remove.” (International Standard Bible Encyclopedia)

Having served as king for two years, Saul found himself in a great dilemma (or so it seemed to him); i.e. he and his army were greatly outnumbered by the mighty Philistines (cf. 1 Sam.13). Afraid, his army began to desert (v.6). This made Saul all the more anxious to get on with the battle, but he had been instructed to wait until Samuel arrived and offered sacrifice to God.

He waited seven days, the time appointed by Samuel. But Samuel did not come to Gilgal, and the people were scattering from him. (v.8)

We can only speculate as to what might have gone through the king’s mind regarding Samuel; i.e. “He’s old, was he sick in the bed; had he died? Was he captured by the Philistines? Was Samuel afraid, did he run?” When the time of waiting was *almost* up, Saul could bear it no longer – he decided to take matters into his own hands and offered the sacrifice himself (v.9). Just as he finished offering the sacrifice (you guessed it) Samuel arrived.

And Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly. You have not kept the command of the Lord your God, with which he commanded you. For then the Lord would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. (v.13)

The Lord tests our faith! (cf. Gen.22:1) James explained the value of these tests:

My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; [3] Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. [4] But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. (James 1:2-4)

We must learn to trust the Lord and wait on Him! Many, like Saul, take matters into their own hands, and in so doing, reveal their lack of faith! “**Be faithful unto death...**” (Rev.2:10)

Sick at Home

Ida Thomas	Ruby Dunn
Sandy Haney	Marie Shoemake
Zella Charles	Bobby Elkins
Dorothy Burris	Mildred Elkins
Delenn Strong	Connie Rhodes
Ozelma Martin	Vickie Wilson
Bessie Young	Jo Ann Ledbetter
Bill Wisdom	Roberta Hix
Lillie Goolsby	Stephanie Smith
Opal Pippin	Glenda Burchett

Area Hospitals:

Cookeville: Ray Flatt, Stan Hensley
Florida: Bob Radtke

Area Rest Homes:

NHC: Alice Pippin, Joe Anderson,
 Mary L. Dudney, Beatrice Byers
Mabry: Plytha Petty, Wilma Howell,
 Ethel Stewart
Mabry Assisted Living: Edna Roberts

Our Sympathy to These Families:

Bulah Birdwell, Matthew Barley, Earl Heady

“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)

The Meaning of “Psallo” in the New Testament

by Eric Lyons

(<http://www.apologeticspress.com/articles/1774>)

After failing to discover a biblical command, a binding example, or a necessary inference for the use of mechanical instruments in Christian worship, those who advocate the use of such music often allege that the term *psallo* includes the use of instrumental music. *Psallo* is the Greek verb translated “making melody” in Eph 5:19, & “I will sing” in 1 Cor 14:15. The noun form of this term, *psalmos*, appears in such passages as 1 Cor 14:26, Eph 5:19, & Col 3:16. If one looks up *psallo* in a Greek lexicon, he probably will find the following definitions: to touch, pull, or pluck; to twitch the strings on a carpenter’s line; **to pluck or strike the cords on a musical instrument; to sing praises.** Upon reviewing these definitions, some claim that Paul’s use of *psallo* & *psalmos* implies the use of a stringed instrument in worship. They further assert that these words **always** convey the idea of instrumental accompaniment to singing, even if the instrument is not mentioned. Are they correct? If not, why not?

When one studies the etymology of this word, he will find that it is incorrect to say that every time *psallo* was used in antiquity, it meant to play an instrument. By studying reliable Greek lexicons & various historical documents, one soon comes to understand that the term *psallo* has had a variety of meanings in different periods of its history. In fact, the evidence indicates that even before Christ came to Earth, *psallo* no longer meant to play instruments of music. Numerous scholarly sources could be cited to prove this point, but for the sake of space, 3 will suffice. First, Walter Bauer’s highly respected lexicon, revised by Frederick Danker in 2000, indicates that even in the Septuagint (a Greek translation of the Old Testament that appeared about 250 years before Christ was born), it “is usually the case” that *psallo* is translated as only “to sing” (2000, p. 1096). In Henry Thayer’s often-quoted Greek lexicon, he noted that by the time the events recorded in the New Testament took place, *psallo* meant “to sing a hymn, to celebrate the praises of God in song”

(1962, p. 675). Sophocles, a native Greek & for 38 years a professor of the Greek language at Harvard University, declared (after examining a plethora of secular and religious historical documents) that there was not a single example of *psallo* ever used in the time of Christ that involved/implied the use of an instrument; rather, it always meant to chant or sing religious hymns (see Kurfees, 1999, p. 47).

When one wishes to know the definition of a word from times past, he must inquire as to how the word was used at any particular time in history. For example, when one reads the word “prevent” in the King James Version (cf. 1 Thes 4:15), he must understand that this word does not mean the same thing it did when this version was first produced in 1611. Then, it meant “to go before; to precede.” Today, it means “to keep from happening; to impede.” The word “idiot” was used in the 17th century in reference to one “in a private station, as distinguished from one holding public office.” Today, it’s used to speak of “an unlearned or ignorant person.” Just as these words once had meanings that now are entirely obsolete, the Greek word *psallo* once meant “to pluck or strike the chords of a musical instrument.” But, before the beginning of the New Testament period, it had lost this meaning. In his well-researched book, *Instrumental Music in the Worship*, M.C. Kurfees noted that the word *psallo* never is used in the New Testament or in contemporaneous literature to mean anything other than to sing (1999, p. 45). The other meanings had entirely disappeared by the time the New Testament was written.

The fact is, however, even if this word had retained all of its original meanings (& the evidence shows that it clearly had not), the letters Paul penned to the Christians in Ephesus and Colossae specifically name the “plucked” instrument—the heart. Thus, a harp, piano, or any other kind of musical instrument is no more an integral part of *psallo* than the plucking of chicken feathers. The deceptive & misleading argument which suggests that in the New Testament *psallo* means “to strike the cords on a musical instrument,” is false to the core. It can be refuted simply by taking an honest look at all of the evidence available.