

**Sunshine Baskets For 7/30/06**

Mary Nell Flatt, Lorene Haney,  
Betty Smallwood, Nell Haney

**Happy Birthday to ...**

Michael Meadows (23), Dean Wilson (26),  
Aline Whitaker (27), Michelle Burriss (29)

**Happy Anniversary to ...**

C.J. & Catherine Mabery

**Services at 5:00 Tonight w/Fellowship Following.**

Submarine sandwiches.

**Benefit for Delenn** on July 29<sup>TH</sup> @ C.G.C.C.

There will be a pot-luck supper and auction.

All help would be greatly appreciated.

**July 30:** All male meeting at 1:30.

**MEDIA OUTLETS**

(1) We need to improve our media productions

(television, radio and internet) and add a Q&A television program. Hopefully a "media group" can be assembled and work together on ways to improve what we're already doing as well as layout the format of a panel Q&A session on television.

(2) Nathan wrote the youth section of this bulletin.

With him gone, that is no longer being done. Hopefully, one or two of you will step up and accept the challenge. The format of that section can be changed if desired.

(3) We have a similar problem with our web site!

We need to figure out a way to keep it up and running and perhaps make it better than ever. We may want to add video sermons as well as archive printed materials for all to have access to. Also, links to other good sights would be helpful.

LET ME KNOW IF YOU'D LIKE TO HELP! jm

**Privileged To Serve July 30<sup>TH</sup>**

- \*Ushers ..... Logan Cantrell
- ..... Tracy Jenkins
- ..... Jerry Young
- ..... Alton Mayberry
- Announcements ..... Billy Scott
- \*Song Leader ..... Roy Young
- Scripture Reading ..... Charles Mitchell
- Speaker ..... John Mabery
- Opening Prayer ..... Doug Hensley
- Closing Prayer..... George Dudney
- \*Oversee Lord's Supper Roy Smallwood
- \*Prepare Trays ..... Ben Young
- Scripture Reading ..... Jon Conner
- \*Serve ..... \*\*Burton Young
- ..... \*\*Neal Chaffin
- ..... \*\*Earl Crabtree
- ..... Dale Dennis
- ..... Russell Wilson
- ..... Alan Burriss
- \*Alternate to Serve ..... Roy Flatt
- ..... Rellon Burriss
- \*Dismiss Classes..... Roy Flatt
- \*Count Contribution ..... Corky Trisdale
- ..... Carl Call
- ..... Charles Mitchell
- ..... Josh Brinkley
- \*Response Card ..... Tyler Meadows
- Power Point..... Blake Maberry

**Sunday Night (7/30)**

- Speaker ..... Youth
- Scripture Reading ..... Youth
- \*Song Leader ..... John Anderson
- Opening Prayer ..... Youth
- Closing Prayer..... Youth
- Power Point..... Brian Trisdale

**Wednesday (8/2)**

- Song Leader ..... Billy Scott
- Invitation..... Brian Trisdale
- Opening Prayer ..... Roy Young
- Closing Prayer..... Kevin Moss

\*For the month..... \*\*Take to shut-ins  
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

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- John Mabery 268.0651
- John Anderson 268.2406

- Rellon Burriss 268.4738
- Carl Call 268.2040
- Sjon Gentry 268.3273
- Bobby Haney 268.2754
- Jerry Young 268.2215

**Youth Minister:**

- Nathan Moss 268.1871
- Cell: 267.2770

**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 Man Jesus Refused to Save"**

*By John Mabery*

The title of this article doesn't seem right, for God desires "all men" to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth (cf. 1 Tim.2:4). Haven't we accepted the belief that "God so loved [all] the world that He gave His only begotten Son..." (John 3:16)? So how can it be said that Jesus willfully *refused* to save a man, *a man who had served God faithfully all his life*? Didn't Paul imply that his *own* salvation proved that the grace of God was available to *all*?

<sup>15</sup> This *is* a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. <sup>16</sup> However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that ***in me*** first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a ***pattern*** to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life."

(1 Timothy 1:15-16; emphasis, jm)

Before his conversion, Paul hunted down, imprisoned, and even consented to the death of at least one Christian, *just because they were Christians!* He despised Christ and intended to destroy His church during his lifetime! The question begs to be asked, "If the Lord would save Paul after all he did, what would one have to do to cause Jesus to *refuse* to save him?" As strange as it seems, the fact remains *that there was a man* Jesus absolutely ***refused*** to save ***and He could have!*** The man Christ refused to save was *Himself!* As He hung on the cross...

<sup>35</sup> ... the people stood looking on. But even the rulers with them sneered, saying, "He saved others; ***let Him save Himself if*** He is the Christ, the chosen of God." <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked Him, coming and offering Him sour wine, <sup>37</sup> and saying, "***If*** You are the King of the Jews, ***save Yourself.***" (Luke 23:35-37; emphasis, jm)

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**Schedule of Services**

**Sunday:** Bible Classes @ 9:00 a.m.  
Worship @ 10:00 a.m.  
Worship @ 6:00 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

The mockers *thought* they made their point; i.e. Jesus was *not* from God! If the stories were true, then surely He would have *saved* Himself and *proven* who He was – ***but He did not!*** Therefore, they assumed, ***He could not!*** Did they have a valid point? It can't be denied – the Son of God did die on the cross! Was God in flesh *unable* to deliver Himself from the hands of mere men? His enemies tasted victory – He bled and He died just like any other mortal man would have bled and died!

These men erred by assuming the Lord ***could not*** save Himself because He ***did not*** save Himself! Look again, the title of this article *is not*, “The Man Jesus ***Couldn't*** Save”, *but*, “The Man Jesus ***Refused*** to Save”. *This* is the drawing power of Christ's death; i.e. it was *love*, not the *nails*, that held Jesus on the cross! Speaking of His life, the Son of God said...

“No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself.....”  
(John 10:18)

When Peter attempted to stop the men sent to arrest his Lord, Jesus said,

“... do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels?” (Mat.26:53)

Adam Clarke wrote, “A legion, at different times, contained different numbers; 4,200, 5,000, and frequently 6,000 men; and from this saying, taking the latter number, which is the common rate, may we not-safely believe that the angels of God amount to more than 72,000?” Jesus could have called the whole thing off whenever He wanted to – ***but He refused to do it!*** Our Lord *voluntarily* laid down His *own* life....

“... ***for the joy that was set before Him...***”

For that joy He ...

“...endured the cross, despising the shame, ...” (Heb.12:2)

***His joy is our salvation!*** Christ will save every person who comes to Him on *His* terms *without exception*. His love is more than mortal mind can grasp! He let His enemies taste a moment of victory just so He could save us! Well, we know what the *sinless* Son of God did for *sinners!* What remains to be seen is whether *we're* willing to surrender *our* rights and liberty to assist those in need of *our* grace? Will we deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow our Leader? Christ's love is magnified in sacrifice; will others see Christ's love in us? The least of all is able to reflect the beauty of Christ, if they're only willing to walk in His steps!

When ***one*** fails to do their part...

<b><u>The Sick at Home</u></b>	
Debbie Bachor	Bernice Davison
Ann Johnson	Ray Flatt
Sally Harris	Sandy Haney
Wanda Warren	Zella Charles
Dorothy Burris	Ozelma Martin
Donald Burris	Mildred Elkins
Mattie Ransom	Robert Smith
Jo Ann Ledbetter	Earl Johnson
Marie Shoemake	Jody Looper
Ida Thomas	Stacy Miotke
	Abby Goodnight

**Area Hospitals**

**Area Rest Homes:**

**Life Care in Sparta:** Sharon Hall

**NHC:** Mary Dudley, Alice Pippin

**Mabry:** Bessie Young, Robbie Parks

**Chattanooga Rehab:** Brian Hamby

...this is what gets done!