

Sunshine Baskets For 8/13/06

Jewell Fox, Jewell Pippin,
Rita Gentry, Peggy Anderson

Happy Birthday to ...

Ray Flatt, Jimmy Strong (7),
Levi Anderson, Michael Martin, Brian Trisdale (8)
Josh Mathis, George Dudney, Jean Loftis (10)
Bessie Young (12)

Happy Anniversary to...

Ray & Lisa Mahan (8/8/97)
John & Shanna Anderson (8/10/90)

August 20TH: In-home service.

August 27TH: Service at 5:00; fellowship following.

Our Deepest Sympathy to the Family of...

Billy P. Hamilton
(Brother of George Hamilton
and Betty Smallwood)

Jesus Will Examine Our "Labor"

"Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them." (Mat.25:19)
Why not take the time to read the parable before proceeding? (cf. Mat.25:14-30) Jesus didn't tell this parable to entertain, but to *inform* and *educate*. He expects His people to work *in His kingdom* and not for self alone. He made Himself crystal clear; i.e. those who fail to labor in the kingdom will not be invited to live with Him in heaven.

Many do nothing, or very little, because they say they have no skills. I understand that! Nevertheless, the Lord still requires each one to serve Him! We seek volunteers constantly for at least two reasons: (1) we need the work done; (2) many need work to do. Each time you fail to volunteer to perform tasks that need to be done, you miss one more chance to serve the Lord. Would you be happy with a person you were paying to work, that did no work? Do you suppose the Lord grows weary of this as well? jm

Privileged To Serve August 13TH

- *Ushers Alan Dawson
- Raymond Haney
- Robert Crabtree
- Royce Jenkins
- Announcements Carl Call
- *Song Leader Billy Scott
- Scripture Reading Dale Dennis
- Speaker John Mabery
- Opening Prayer Greg Scott
- Closing Prayer..... Jonathan Conner
- *Oversee Lord's Supper Burton Young
- *Prepare Trays Jimmy Strong
- Scripture Reading Randy Duke
- *Serve **Roy Flatt
- **Sjon Gentry
- **Steve Hensley
- Mark Collins
- Glen Haney
- Thurel Flatt
- *Alternate to Serve Randy Duke
- Jimmy Strong
- *Dismiss Classes..... Corky Trisdale
- *Count Contribution Jerry Young
- Josh Brinkley
- Chris Mabery
- David Wilson
- *Response Card Roy Young
- Power Point..... Kevin Moss

Sunday Night (8/13)

- Speaker John Mabery
- Scripture Reading Kevin Moss
- *Song Leader Jeremy Kirby
- Opening Prayer Doug Hensley
- Closing Prayer..... Farlin Flatt
- Power Point..... Jonathan Conner

Wednesday (8/13)

- Song Leader Randy Duke
- Invitation..... Burton Young
- Opening Prayer Charles Whitaker
- Closing Prayer..... Neal Chaffin

*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
- 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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"Will I Know You in Heaven?"

By John Mabery

When I was in the fourth grade, I was chosen to be the *captain* of the safety patrol in the next school year. For those who don't know what that is, the safety patrol stopped automobile traffic on the main streets so school children could cross the street safely. As captain, I was responsible for all of the patrol boys at Carstens Elementary School. But before I could assume that responsibility, I had to go to a camp that all captains from the greater Detroit area were required to attend. *I didn't want to go!* I didn't want to go because I didn't know a soul there. Everyone told me it would be alright, I would quickly make friends and feel right at home – *but they were wrong!* I thought I would hate it before I went, *and I did!* Though the camp was supposed to be some kind of a perk, I would have preferred to remain at home.

Thirty years ago I was giving a great deal of thought to obeying the gospel. I asked a preacher if people would know one another in heaven. He said, "No! We'll be like angels floating around. If you and I were to pass each other we would never recognize one another." I didn't expect that answer! As soon as I heard those words, heaven lost its appeal to me. I found nothing inviting about spending eternity with total strangers! I did that when I was a child and I didn't like it – why would heaven be better than camp? I decided to put my conversion on hold.

I had lived long enough to know that just *wanting* a thing to be true doesn't make it true. But my perception of heaven had been greatly altered, and I wasn't sure Christianity was for me. Heaven *now* had only one appeal – *it was better than hell!* Obviously, I became a Christian, but I don't think it was because I longed to be with God in heaven. I became a Christian because I believed my sins would be forgiven and *that* would enable me to escape the lake of fire. Eternity in heaven was *preferred* above eternity in hell. I didn't like the way I felt! My joy as a Christian wasn't what it *should* have been, what it *would* have been, had I only known the truth. **Continued...**

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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)

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Let me say again; *wanting* to know loved ones in heaven won't make it come true! But our hope is not in vain, for God has spoken - we shall know one another in heaven. Consider the words of Paul:

“For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?” (1 Thes.2:19)

It's apparent that Paul expected to see the saints of Thessalonica when the Lord returns. This reunion *was* his “hope...joy...crown of rejoicing”. If there is no future recognition, then what would the apostle have to rejoice about on that day? Jesus said,

28 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice 29 and come forth--those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation. (John 5:28-29)

If “those who have done evil” cannot remember the evil they did in this world, they would have no knowledge of why they had been condemned. They would be punished for crimes they had no knowledge of. This doesn't seem right to me; what do you think?

The account of the rich man and Lazarus gives us a great deal of insight into the world to come (cf. Luke 16:19-31). At death, each man's spirit left his body (cf. James 2:26). Each man's body returned to the dust from which it came, and their spirit returned to the God who gave it (cf. Ecc.12:7; Zech.12:1). According to Jesus, this is where God keeps out-of-body spirits when they return to Him. (On the last day, (1) spirits will leave Hades and re-enter resurrected bodies; (2) ALL will appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ; (3) Judge Jesus will assign *every* person, from Adam to the last one taken up, to an everlasting abode in either heaven or hell). But notice some of the other facts Jesus unveiled when he revealed this historical incident:

First, the rich man *recognized* both Abraham and Lazarus.

Second, the rich man, though out of his body, *could feel pain*.

Third, the rich man *desired mercy* but received none.

Fourth, the rich man could remember the life he lived in this world.

Fifth, the rich man remembered his brothers who were not walking with God. He knew their fate and wanted to help them avoid it, but to no avail! His opportunities were past!

Will we know one another in heaven? This is a brief list of proof, but the answer is obvious!

Upcoming Youth Events

Mpact: *Wednesday, Aug. 16th*

We will be taking a break this week to let things settle in as we go back to school. But to kick things off next week, our first Mpact we will be a free day at Cane Creek Park. If you need a ride the van will be at the school, as usual. We will be eating out in Cookeville, so make sure to remember to bring a couple dollars!

Mini Bible Bowl: *Saturday, Aug. 19th*

Family Game Night: *Saturday, Sept. 2nd*

Bible Bowl: *Saturday, Sept. 9th*

Truth For Everyone

Verse: Mark 16:15- “He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.”

This article is to inform everyone about the mission trip that our youth took part in over the course of last week. As I'm sure most have heard, around 20 of our youth and adults joined Sycamore and Jefferson's Avenue last Saturday (15th) to head to Warrington, Georgia. While in Georgia, we worked with the congregation at Warrington Church of Christ and tried to, more or less, kick off their VBS. Some of the things we did was: prepare skits and puppet shows, teach classes, conduct theme orientated games, teach new songs, and knock on peoples doors in the surrounding community.

During the early morning hours, we loaded up and went to the church to get everything prepared by 8:00 (and yes, that's A.M). VBS lasted from 8:30-11:30 each morning, and during that time everyone took part in some activity to help the kids learn about the story of Jonah, which was our theme for the week. We waited until the heat of the day (around 12:00-1:00) to start door knocking, and knocked for several hours. Every evening, we attended a gospel meeting that was being hosted at Warrington Church of Christ, with our adults doing the speaking every night. At night, we had a singing devotion, and afterwards we finished preparing for the next day. The trip as a whole was very successful. The young kids learned a lot about Jonah, and had fun while they did it. After it was all said and done, we ended up knocking on just about every single door in the community. Thanks to everyone for their support, encouragement, and prayers that helped make the trip a success!

- Kevin M.

Riddle of the Week

Rules: The first person to give Frankie the correct answer gets to use their own riddle in next week's bulletin! If the riddle is unsolved, it will remain in the bulletin until someone solves it!

Riddle: Which Bible character has no name, whose body to corruption never came, who died a death never another person died before, whose shroud is sold in general stores?

The Sick at Home

Wanda Warren	Sandy Haney	Ozelma Martin
Dorothy Burris	Zella Charles	Delenn Strong
Donald Burris	Robert Smith	Evelyn Mayberry
Mattie Ransom	Stacy Miotke	Myrtle Colson
Jo Ann Ledbetter	Ida Thomas	Geneveve Aszurek
Marie Shoemake	Plytha Petty	Abby Goodnight
Mildred Elkins	Zola Flatt	Mary Bull
Bobby Elkins		Marie Johnson

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