

Sunshine Baskets For 8/20/06

Joann Carver, Donna L. Young,

Happy Birthday to ...

Melinda Dawson (13), Grace Sloan (14),
Dusty Deaton (16), Shirley Howell (17),
Essie Young, Chris Mabery (19)

TODAY: In-home service.

August 19TH: **Mini Bible Bowl** begins @ 3:00 pm.

August 27TH: Service at 5:00; Fellowship (Italian).

Requested Our Prayers... Michelle Burris

Bridal Shower, Sunday, August 20

There will be a bridal shower for Crystal Trisdale, bride elect of Blake Mabery at the Center Grove Community Center from 2-4 pm.

“Jesus, I Really Love You, BUT ...

... I have a problem with some of the things being preached! The idea of “total commitment” seems a bit over-the-top to me; it’s unrealistic and unfair! Lack of involvement doesn’t mean uncommitted; *You know I care.* You also know that I haven’t got enough time as it is. I think the old people should do those things; after all, their kids are grown and they don’t have jobs. You can be sure that I’ll do my fair share *when I get old!* And Lord, I don’t appreciate being told how to raise my kids! They are, after all, *my kids!* Why should I have to teach them the Bible; that’s what Bible teachers are for? Sometimes I think they’re trying to shift *their* work to parents, like school teachers do with homework! But I know that if I provide for my kids, set a good example, and take them to church when I can, that You’ll be pleased – and that’s all that really matters anyway!”

Some things don’t sound bad when you *think* them, but when you *read* them – well, that’s another story! Many believers will *not* commit to the Lord! But sadder yet; most have learned this *non-committal* attitude from *their* own parents! jm

Privileged To Serve August 20TH

- *Ushers Alan Dawson
..... Raymond Haney
..... Robert Crabtree
..... Royce Jenkins
- Announcements John Anderson
- *Song Leader Billy Scott
- Scripture Reading George Dudney
- Speaker John Mabery
- Opening Prayer Farlin Flatt
- Closing Prayer..... Bill Coe
- *Oversee Lord’s Supper Burton Young
- *Prepare Trays Jimmy Strong
- Scripture Reading Neal Chaffin
- *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 (8/20)

- Speaker Carl Call
- Scripture Reading Greg Scott
- *Song Leader Jeremy Kirby
- Opening Prayer Roy Young
- Closing Prayer..... Larry Howell
- Power Point..... Jonathan Conner

Wednesday (8/23)

- Song Leader Bobby Haney
- Invitation..... Chris Mabery
- Opening Prayer Burton Young
- Closing Prayer..... Sjon Gentry

*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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“Behold, I Thought ...”

By John Mabery

Even though he wasn’t guided by the Spirit of God, he was proud enough to challenge a man that was (cf. 2 Kings 5:11). When the man of God said he **must** dip seven times in the river Jordan to be healed of leprosy, Naaman became angry and said, “*Behold, I thought...*” In his mind he had already decided what the Lord *ought* to say. Naaman isn’t the only person to make such a mistake; legions have, and continue to do, the very same thing. But Naaman was more intelligent than most people! You see, in the end, he actually *did* what the Lord commanded, *as* He commanded, even though it made no sense to him at all – and you guessed it – *his leprosy went away!*

If we attempt to read the mind of God as Namman did, then we, too, will reject the simple ways of the Lord. Who would have *thought* the Lord would prescribe seven dips in water as a cure for leprosy? The doctrine of baptism for the remission of sins should also demonstrate that the Lord’s ways are different than ours (cf. Isa.55:8-9). Who would have *thought* the Lord would prescribe immersion in water as a cure for sin? (cf. Mark 16:16; Acts 3:28; 22:16; Rom 6:4; Gal.3:26-27)

Despite *many* divine warnings, most believers continue to be led by sight and not by faith. Paul encountered this attitude frequently as he worked among first century churches. In two epistles, the apostle attempted to determine the truth of a matter by simply asking, “What does the Scripture say?” (Rom.4:3; Gal.4:30) In Paul’s mind, the Scriptures *are* the authority, not the *thoughts* of men. (cf. Col.3:17; Mat.28:20; John 12:48) After all, the Scriptures contain “all things” that pertain to life and godliness (2 Pet.1:3; cf. 2 Tim.3:16-17).

So why would a person continue to be led by human *thought* rather than divine revelation? The answer is simple; they lack *faith in*, and *love for*, the Son of God. If one *truly* trusts Jesus, they’ll follow no other; if they love Him, they’ll desire no one before Him (cf. John 14:15).

We can make all the excuses we want, but the bottom line is very simple; **God’s wants people to know how to be saved** and no one can misunderstand Him without help. (cf. 1 Tim.2:4)

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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 teacher was explaining evolution to the children at school. She conversed with one boy:

TEACHER: "Caden, do you see the tree outside?"

CADEN: "Yes,"

TEACHER: "Do you see the grass outside?"

CADEN: "Yes."

TEACHER: "Go outside and look up and see if you can see the sky."

CADEN: "Okay." He returned a few minutes later; "Yes, I saw the sky."

TEACHER: "Did you see God?"

CADEN: "No."

TEACHER: "That's my point. We can't see God because He isn't there. He just doesn't exist."

Janie wanted to ask Caden some questions of her own. The teacher agreed.

JANIE: "Caden, do you see the tree outside?"

CADEN: "Yes."

JANIE: "Do you see the grass outside?"

CADEN: "Yes."

JANIE: "Do you see the sky?"

CADEN: "Yes."

JANIE: "Do you see the teacher?"

CADEN: "Yes."

JANIE: "Do you see her brain?"

CADEN: "No."

JANIE: "Then according to what we have been taught today, she doesn't have one."

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*The names have been changed
because it seems so appropriate.*

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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	Phyllis Aszurek
Marie Shoemake	Plytha Petty	Abby Goodnight
Mildred Elkins	Zola Flatt	Mary Bull
Bobby Elkins		Bill Kemp
		Ann Johnson

Area Hospitals

Cookeville: Logan Cantrell,
Deborah Short
Huntsville, AL.: Agatha Flatt

Area Rest Homes:

Life Care in Sparta: Sharon Hall
NHC: Mary Dudley, Alice Pippin
Mabry: Bessie Young, Robbie Parks
Chattanooga Rehab: Brian Hamby

Youth Events

Mpact: *Wednesday, Aug 16th*

To kick Mpact off this year we are having a free day at Cane Creek Park. In case of bad weather (rain or heat) bring a few dollars to go bowling with as a backup plan. The van will be at the school as usual for those who do not have transportation to the building. We will be eating fast food in Cookeville so make sure to bring some money!

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

It's that time again! Surrounding congregations gather at Center Grove to have a miniature Bible Bowl! This is great practice for Sycamore's Bible Bowl and a great way to fellowship with other congregations.

Bible Bowl: *Saturday, Sept. 9th*

It's almost here, Sycamore's Bible Bowl is right around the corner! Keep up the good work, it's worth it!

Truth for Everyone

What is the first thing that pops in your head when you hear- teachers pet? When I hear it, I think of those high school movies where one student was treated better than the rest of the class. The teachers in some movies may be partial when it comes to their students in movies, but it is nice to think that we have a Lord that will not be partial. If you remember in the second chapter of James, James makes the point that the Jews were being partial. Men in fine clothing and jewelry sat in a better spot than a man in filthy clothing. Our Savior isn't partial, so we shouldn't be either. We should be striving to be more like him each and everyday. One way we can be more like Him is if we do not show partiality. Don't refuse to talk to someone if they are not

wearing the best clothing. If you remember, Jesus would talk to anyone, even the Samaritan woman. To be more like Jesus, we cannot be partial.

- Brian T.

Riddle of the Week

Rules: The first person/family to give Frankie the correct answer to the riddle will get 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! For each week the riddle remains in the bulletin, a hint will be given.

Riddle:

Three times I have been divided
doing what God had decided.
Twice a garment was the tool
that led me to obey God's rule.
Once God's son I did embrace.
Once the ark stood in my place.
Never have I walked the ground,
nor in the heavens was I found.

Last Week's Answer: Lot's Wife

Congratulations to the Gentry's for solving last week's riddle!

We only missed one issue of this section of our bulletin after Nathan's departure, and that was because I did it on purpose! *I haven't solicited help* - yet; our young folks took it upon themselves to keep things running smoothly. Be sure to take a good look at the things that are going on around us (from Bible classes to bulletins), and know the people, both the young and the not-so-young, who labor for our sake. I often wonder what would become of us if it were not for our volunteers. I'm unable to put articulate my feelings; I am so proud of those who freely labor among us. jm