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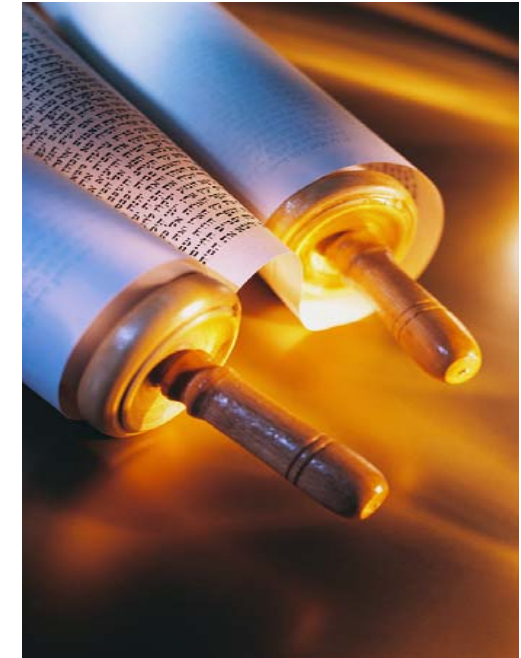
Services

Every Sunday

Bible Study	9:30 AM
Morning Worship	10:30 AM
Evening Worship	6:00 PM

Every Wednesday

Bible Study	7:00 PM
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Assembly Assignments for October, 2008

The Lord's Supper

Andrew Moorer / Steve Sanders / Robb Sanders / Zack Wilson

Announcements

Mike McDougald

Building Duties

Ray Frost

Greeters

Ray Frost
Darrin Sanders

Nursing Home Duties

Isaac Sanders
Jace Sanders

Lord's Supper Preparation

Amy Baugh

Scripture Reading

Ross Sanders

Privileged to Serve on October 19th

Morning Prayer

Danny Rolling (opening)
Steven Frost (closing)

Evening Prayer

Mike McDougald (opening)
Jace Sanders (closing)

Song Leader

Ronald Hilburn

A/V Equipment

Reed Kilcrease

Please notify Mike McDougald if you are unable to serve.
All announcements need to be written and turned in before each assembly!

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Catching Calves

Got a new batch of calves last week. Seems that's a ritual I have to go through each spring. One thing a person needs before opening the gate of that trailer and turning them loose is some kind of a strategy for catching them again. I learned long ago that you don't just "drive" those critters into a small enclosure. You have to try to outsmart them. So, what do we do? We place their water and feed inside that corral, and eventually, they find their way inside, and you close the gate. Well, at least, that's the way it's supposed to work.

But, it does not always go according to the book. Generally, there's at least one in the herd that refuses to get with the program. In my case this year, it's a red white-faced heifer who dared me to try to pen her. What does one do? My plan is to place the feed just outside the enclosure, then move it a few inches (maybe a foot) closer each day. Before she knows it, she's inside, and that gate is closed. That's worked before, and it worked for me this week.

What's the point of all this "calf-catching" stuff? Just to point out that Satan used that strategy long before I did. He knows he's not likely to "pen" a person in one fell swoop. So, he's patient; he's willing to move his victim one step at a time. An armed robber probably did not begin his career at a bank or convenience store. Maybe he stole somebody's pocket change or shoplifted an item at Walmart. An alcoholic did not envision himself as a drunkard; it likely started with just a beer with the boys. The drug addict begins with some pot or pills, then moves on to stronger stuff. The backslider did not intend to quit the church. Just miss a service here and there, and the first thing you know he's a full-fledged apostate. It's like Achan about whom we read in Joshua 7:21. He looked, then coveted, then took those two hundred shekels of silver, that wedge of gold, and that beautiful Babylonian garment. Remember, Satan is patient, and sin is progressive. It's better to never start down that road.

Walter Buchanan
Waxahatchie, Texas

Copied from church of Christ, Berryville, Arkansas



In Our Prayers

- Percy Coggins – back problems
- Raymond Elliott – health problems
- Virginia Elliott – health problems
- Joe Dexter Flynn – surgery for brain tumor went well
- Joe Griffin – general health, improved some
- John Allen Helms – at his daughter's in Prattville
- Bobbie Sue Henderson – cancer
- Richard (Rich) Hodgkinson - cancer
- Dianne Hoffman – pneumonia
- Francis Hoffman – back pain and torn rotator cuff
- Donald Hilburn – treatments for cancer
- Cecil Kelley – COPD
- Rusty King - neck & shoulder problems
- Chris Kyser – a little better, still serious condition
- Maggie Marshall – repositioning the feeding tube 10-16
- J. T. Owens – lung cancer
- Danny Rolling – awaiting MRI results
- Alice Smith – Debbie Beaver's grandmother, health
- Lindsay Turner – in B'ham; had surgery to fix broken bones
- Ted Tindal – brain cancer
- Sammy Vassas - health
- Carolyn Wilkerson – pulled muscles in her chest
- Joseph Wright – in trauma unit in B'ham

In Luverne Nursing Facility:

- Frances Burgans Margaret Hall Allene Mount
- Fanny Nichols Charles Phillips Edwina Rolling
- *Pray for soldiers overseas such as Dickie Sims.*

Mission Efforts

South Africa India Rainbow Omega
Gospel Broadcasting Network
Panama Missions Santiago, Panama
church of Christ, Tooele, Utah

Remember to pray for missionaries, for leaders, for our congregation, and for our efforts to carry out God's will.

Watch "Good News Today" on:

DirecTV – Channel 323 – 7 to 8PM CST
Dish Network – Ch. 9407 & 9396 – 11 to 12PM CST

- **Copies of sermons** are available on CD.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **Congratulations** to John & Samantha Hoffman On the birth of a baby girl born 10-12-08 whom they have named Madeline Elizabeth. Grandparents are Francis and Diane Hoffman and Anita McNeil.

• **Needed: Bottles of lotion and bars of antibacterial soap** to make baskets for the nursing home residents for Christmas.

• **Gospel Meeting at the church at Rock Hill** - November 2-5. Sunday–11 a.m. & 2 p.m.– Speaker - Mark Turner

Monday - Wednesday: 7:30p.m.
Monday-Terry Claunch; Tuesday– George Merritt; Wednesday – Richard Henderson.

• You are cordially invited to attend an informal tea for the Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of Ted and Robbie Turnipseed on Sunday, October 19th, 2008 from 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the church of Christ building in Ramer, AL. No gifts.

• **Ladies Caring and Sharing** group meets every Tuesday morning at 9:30.

What Must We Do to be Saved?

The Alien Sinner Must:

1. Learn the truth (John 8:31-32; Rom. 10:17).
2. Believe in Christ (John 8:24).
3. Repent of his sins (Acts 17:30; 2 Cor. 7:10).
4. Confess his faith in Christ (Matt. 10:32).
5. Be baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:20, 21).

The Erring Child of God Must:

1. Repent and confess sins (Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:8-10).
2. Pray for forgiveness (Acts 8:22; James 5:16).

The Child of God Must:

1. Study the Word of God (2 Tim. 2:15).
2. Grow spiritually (1 Pet. 2:1-2; 2 Pet. 1:5-11).
3. Worship regularly (Acts 20:7; Heb. 10:24-31).
4. Live right in this present world (Titus 2:11, 12).
5. Be faithful unto death (Rev. 2:10; Matt. 10:22).