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Evangelism:

Tanzania 2000
House to House/Heart to Heart
Bible Correspondence Courses
Jail Ministry
Television Commercial
Truth In Love Television Program
Annual Youth Campaign
Home Bible Studies

Benevolence:

N. Ala. Christian Children's Home
Disaster Relief
Food Pantry

Edification:

Bible Classes for all ages
Shepherd's class
W.IN.G.S. Ladies' Ministry
Youth Group for K-12th grade
J.A.M Youth Rally
Vacation Bible School
Focus Groups
USM Christian Student Center
Godz Girlz
Monthly Men's Breakfast
KneEmail
5th Sunday Night Singing
Gulf Coast Bible Camp
Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes

January 31, 2010

Sunday TV Programs

GBN - 6:00 a.m. Channel 6
In Search Of The Lord's Way -
6:30 a.m. Channel 6
Truth in Love - 8:30 a.m. Channel 10



Kensington Woods church of Christ

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EDUCATE

with Seth Sullivan

J.A.M. 5 — Everything is in place for our 5th annual "Jesus And Me" youth rally! Based on the number of youth ministers I have spoken to we are anticipating a great crowd this year! Please remember that you can still help. We do need housing and food for our guests. If you haven't signed up to help already, please see the sign-up sheets on the back table in the auditorium. J.A.M. is February 19-21. The cost for youth to attend is \$5 and t-shirts will be available on the Friday night of registration on February 19.

LADS TO LEADERS / LEADERETTES — Please pray for our youth as they will be attending the worship services at the Waynesboro Church of Christ on Sunday night. Over the past several weeks well over 40 people have been involved in the program. Approximately 18 of our youth will be doing their presentations at Waynesboro. Our young baptized men will lead the worship service, followed by our young boys making their presentations, and the girls will make their presentations before the women of the congregation afterwards. This is a very exciting, yet stressful time for the youth. I am proud of their achievements.

WINTER QUARTER — I am encouraged by saying that we began the quarter off with our average attendance slightly increased from the prior quarter! This quarter we have devoted our Adult classes to the topic: "A Call to Evangelize." Mike has been teaching a class on methods and motivations for practical evangelism of which I hear now are breaking into groups and practicing mock Bible studies! On Sundays, Ken Upchurch has been leading a discussion class on Humanism vs. Christianity. Ken tells me that several questions are addressed and discussed during his class. I have enjoyed being in the auditorium on Sunday mornings leading a series on capturing the courage to evangelize through a study in Acts. I have been pulled aside numerous times by people wishing to communicate their appreciation for the class.

UPCOMING SPRING QUARTER — I have been working on getting our classes set and ready for the next quarter. The new quarter begins on Wednesday, March 3. I am going to be meeting with the Educational Supervisors in a few weeks to discuss our transition plans for the new quarter. We have added Leironica Williams, Katie Benson, and Joshua Naylor to our teaching staff! My thanks guys for your help! Please continue to pray for continued success in education!

How Much Does Conviction Cost? 2

by Mike Benson

THE STORY READS like a transcript from a recently aired edition of *The Jerry Springer Show*. Both had been married before. Both had found other "more desirable" partners. Both divorced their first mates and subsequently married each other. His new wife had previously been married to his half-brother, Philip. The story is true, but it doesn't originate from tabloid TV, but from the pages of the Bible (Mark 6:17,18); cf. (Matthew 14:4; Luke 3:19,20).

Herod Antipas had been married to the daughter of Aretas, king of Arabia. On one particular visit to Jerusalem, Antipas met Herodias, was taken with her great beauty and began an affair with her. She, likewise, was enamored by the tetrarch's great power, and so the two divorced their current spouses and joined in their unholy union.¹ Antipas was interested in gratifying his fleshly desires; Herodias was interested in securing political clout.

Then came the preacher -- John. John preached a sermon on the sin of adultery -- "It is *not lawful* for you to have your brother's wife" (Mark 6:18). The Greek text suggests that he continued to repeat his message and censure the politician's illicit behavior (cf. Colossians 3:5-7). Antipas and Herodias may have been married from a strictly legal perspective, but they didn't have heaven's sanction for their relationship. As one author notes, "This case establishes the fact that God recognizes marriages of the unbelievers but He does not approve unlawful attachments (not really marriages.) By whose law was the relationship 'unlawful?' Divorce and remarriage was common among both cultures. It could be called 'pagan license' and 'Mosaic toleration.' They were responsible to God's marriage law and this was the point..."² (cf. Leviticus 18:16; 20:21). Each time the couple engaged in physical intimacy, they were violating Jehovah's "one man for one woman for life" principle (Genesis 2:24; cf. Matthew 19:5). John had to confront that fact.

John's courage in light of this circumstance merits our attention. Consider his loving, but firm example:

1. **He could have preached on any number of other subjects.** Instead of taking a stand on such an emotional and volatile issue, John could have "side-stepped" it all together and delivered a less offensive message (Amos 8:11; Isaiah 30:10). He could have gone back into his office and chosen something else from his sermon files. For that matter, John could have chosen to ignore the whole matter and "let God sort it out at the judgment." He didn't. "He had Truth that applied to this specific situation, and he had a duty to say so."³

2. **He preached what his audience needed to hear** (cf. Acts 4:20; 5:29). John's divinely-authorized (cf. Mark 11:30) sermon addressed the necessity of r-e-p-e-n-t-a-n-c-e (cf. Mathew 3:2). Repentance is a change of mind [toward sin] that results in a change of behavior (2 Corinthians 7:10; cf. Acts 3:19). Obviously, Antipas and Herodias didn't appreciate such a stringent sermon topic, nor its implications for their lives, but in terms of their standing before God it was imperative that they hear and heed it (cf. Jeremiah 22:29; Matthew 11:15; 13:15; 1 Corinthians 1:21).

3. **He preached the truth despite the consequences.** John's fearless proclamation came with a hefty price tag. His conviction and dedication to truth not only cost him his freedom (Matthew 14:3; Mark 6:17), but his head (Matthew 14:10-12.) By speaking "thus saith the Lord," John paid the ultimate price (Matthew 10:34-39) and exchanged his life for the promise of eternal reward. You might say he "did the math" and decided that the approval of man was more expensive than the approval of God (2 Timothy 4:7,8; Mark 8:36-37).

Faithful gospel preachers (as well as all Christians) today can take a lesson from John and his preaching. "Stand up, Stand Up, for Jesus" is more than a song -- it is a "bill" that is mailed to us daily (Luke 9:23; 1 Corinthians 9:16) through the Spirit's revelation. The payments are hard, and they never stop coming (2 Timothy 2:3; Romans 12:1,2).

John was willing to pay his debt (Romans 1:14,15) Dear reader, what about you?

1/ Flavius Josephus, *The Antiquities of the Jews*, 17:5, 1.

2/ Allen Webster, "Marriage Laws And Remarriage," Jesus "Spake These Things Unto Them," *Seventh Annual Truth In Love Lectureship*, Paul Sain, editor (Pulaski, TN: Sain Publications, 1997), 330.

3/ Tim Nichols, "John Beheaded And Various Travels And Miracles Of Jesus," *Studies In Matthew*, Fourteenth Annual Denton Lectures, Dub McClish, editor (Denton, TX: Valid Publications, 1995), 195-196.

News & Notes



Remember in Prayer:

~ Ariel Reynold had surgery on Tuesday at St. Jude. Physicians were able to get all the cancerous tissue. They will determine what is next to come after pathology reports come back next week.

~ Denny Goodenow, Mike Benson's uncle will have open heart surgery on February 10.

~ Dottie Thomas is hospitalized at Stone County Hospital in room # 124 .

~ Becky Sones, Lou Brown's sister will have knee replacement surgery on February 16.

~ Jesselyn Lammers has either a stress fracture or broken hip.

~ Freddie Gardner, Sylvia Madden's niece's husband is hospitalized at FGH in room # 2232 due to a recent heart attack.

~ Donna Green, Buddy Overstreet's co-worker, has a brother who had a serious heart attack and is not doing well.

~ Linda Pitts, Dewey Hatten's sister has been hospitalized in FL and is now at home. They are running tests to determine her problem.

~ Vanessa Martin, wife of a gospel preacher of Meeker, CO was involved in a car accident that took the life of their 9 yr. old son Stone. Their daughter Alahna still remains hospitalized in critical condition. Due to her positive responses and normal brain activity there is great hope for her.

Also Remember: Pete and Ina Mae McLeod, Earl and Dorothy Bolinger, Ken and Ginger Renfroe, Pam Anderson, Hannah Duke, Louise Jenkins, Lorraine DeLeon, Sylvia Madden, Hazel Lewis, Phyllis Chapin, Rachel Barczewski, Jennifer Adams, Kimberly Bouie, Deborah Asbill, Julianna Asbill, Susan Taylor, Louis Pecoul, Buster Hensley, Tyler Austin, Paul Trippe, Clyde Dechamp, Michael Madison, Wanda Long, Jim Murrell, Sister Idealya, Arnwine Family, Myers Family. **Serving Our Country:** Philip Madden, Bobby Lammers, Jesselyn Lammers, Scott Howell, Robin McCall, Randy Pierce.



Birthdays

- Felicia Groves - January 29
- Jessica Burns - January 30
- Hollis Hall - January 31
- Carrie Lammers - January 31
- Mike Pierce - February 2



Anniversaries

- Bob & Glenda Moorer - January 28

Focus Group 5 (Jones / Dickson)... will meet Sunday, January 31 after evening services in the fellowship hall.

Focus Group 6 (Coy / Hill)... will meet on Sunday, January 31 after evening services at the home of Paul and Katelyn Stafford.

College Student Supper... Monday, February 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the Student Center. Chip & Pam Hill will be hosting.

KW Television Program: As part of the new KW Vision we are now sponsoring an evangelistic television program, "Teaching The Truth in Love" taught by Eddie Parish. The program will air every Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. on channel 10 (WHLT).

Think Magazine Subscription: If you are interested in subscribing to this magazine, please give Mike a check for \$27 payable to *Think Magazine*. The deadline to sign-up is January 31.

Special Thanks: Dear Kensington Woods Church Family, We would like to thank the church for the thoughts, prayers, flowers, and concern during this most difficult time. We will never forget your kindness and thoughtfulness. In Christian Love, Seth Sullivan and all of his extended family

Dear KW Family, Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, calls, visits, flowers, and other gifts while I was recovering away from home. They were a great source of encouragement. Your prayers have certainly helped me to walk again. Thanks again for your many acts of love and kindness. In Christian Love, Mattie Brister

Dear KW Family, For all your warm hospitality, encouragement, many kindnesses, and material support we're thankful. We're praying for seeds planted, for strong marriages, and for His blessings on your work in Hattiesburg, Africa, and around the world. We also thank you for our beautiful basket of Hattiesburg souvenirs. God Bless, Glenn & Cindy Colley

Deepest Sympathy: Our deepest sympathy is extended to Seth Sullivan and his family in the death of his grandmother Bradys Grubbs. Please keep them in your prayers during this difficult time.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Patty Smithmier and her family in the death of her father Dallas Sparks. Please keep them in your prayers during this difficult time.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Dixie Richey in the death of her cousin Tabitha Hansen. Please keep Dixie and her family in your prayers at this difficult time.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Jacob Burns in the death of his aunt Barbara Burns. Please keep Jacob and his family in your prayers at this difficult time.

Youth News

Lads to Leaders / Leaderettes Presentations... Sunday, January 31 at the Waynesboro Church of Christ. All participants, please meet at KW at 4:00 p.m. We will take the bus and other vehicles.

J.A.M 5 Youth Rally... February 19-21 at Kensington Woods for 7th-12th grade. Youth registration and sign-up sheets for housing and food are located on the back table in the auditorium. The t-shirt design is also located on the back table. T-shirts will be available to purchase at J.A.M. Cost to attend is \$5.

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

Week Beginning, January 31, 2010

Coordinator: Richard Jones (601-543-3150)

Please call coordinator if you are unable to serve.

Announcements: Ken Upchurch

SUNDAY MORNING

Song Leader: Duane Richey

Opening Prayer: Phil Rake

Scripture Reader: Malcolm Berch (Isaiah 55:8)

Lord's Supper: (Presiding)

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| 1. Steve Midgette | 5. Colby Heathcock |
| 2. Charles Johnson | 6. Khalil Pope |
| 3. Roger Bickham | 7. Don Montgomery |
| 4. Paul Stafford | 8. Luke Archer |

Closing Prayer: Steve Midgette

Attendance Cards: Reggie Neel

Communion (January): Jacob & Jessica Burns

Nursery: 1/31: Liz & Janna Roth

2/7: Robby & Mary Alice Moorer

Building Cleaners: 2/1: Chip Hill

2/8: Kevin Reynolds

SUNDAY EVENING

Song Leader: Duane Richey

Opening Prayer: Ken Upchurch

Lord's Supper:

1. Steve Midgette
2. Charles Johnson

Closing Prayer: Charles Johnson

Count Contribution: Jones / Pope

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Devotional: 2/3: Colby Heathcock

Song Leader: Malcolm Berch

Prayer: Chip Hill

ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION

January 24, 2010

	Goal	Actual	Avg.
Bible Study	200	124	129
Morning Worship	275	225	212
Evening Worship	200	120	131
Wednesday (1/20)	200	116	124
Contribution	\$8,500	\$6,698	\$7,346

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday: Prayer 8:30 a.m. • Bible Class 9 a.m. • Worship 10 a.m. & 5 p.m. • **Wednesday:** Bible class 7 p.m. • Ladies Bible Class: 7 p.m.