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Bible Correspondence Courses  
Jail Ministry  
Television Commercial  
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.I.N.G.S. Ladies' Ministry  
Youth Group for K-12<sup>th</sup> 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 10, 2010**

***"If a man has a soul, and he has, and if that soul can be won or lost for eternity, and it can, then the most important thing in the world is to bring a man to Jesus Christ."***

# Kensington Woods church of Christ

**KENSINGTON WOODS CHURCH OF CHRIST, (601) 264-2945**



## FIDELITY

with Mike Benson

## Did Jesus Merely Restate the Law of Moses...?

**Question:** "Did Jesus merely restate the law of Moses in Matthew 19:9, or did He actually give a new law of His own? Since He taught this while the old law was in effect, is this passage applicable to us today? What do you think?"

**Answer:** These are very important questions. Rather than pursuing my opinion though, let's study this passage and reason together:

Jesus taught, *"And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality [fornication—KJV], and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery"* (Matt. 19:9). It is clear that Jesus was teaching something very different from the Old Testament law. Note the following contrasts:

1. **The law of Christ permits divorce on the grounds of sexual infidelity; the law of Moses permitted divorce for an "unseemly thing".** *"When a man hath taken a wife, and married her, and it come to pass that she find no favour in his eyes, because he hath found some uncleanness [unseemly thing—ASV] in her; then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house"* (Deut. 24:1 KJV.)
2. **The law of Christ forbids an adulterer to remarry; the law of Moses commanded that an adulterer be put to death.** *"If a man is found lying with a woman married to a husband, then both of them shall die, both the man that lay with the woman, and the woman; so you shall put away the evil person from Israel"* (Deut. 22:22).
3. **The law of Christ is intended for "whoever"—Jews and Gentiles, or EVERYONE this side of the cross** (Matt. 28:19-20); **the law of Moses was intended only for the Jews** (Deut. 5:3; 1 Chron. 22:13).

While Jesus, in fact, lived under the Old law (Gal. 4:4), He gave this legislation concerning divorce in anticipation of the time when His new law would go into effect in His coming church/kingdom (Matt. 16:18-19; Mark 9:1; Col. 2:14.) *"Now Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom..."* (Matt. 4:23).

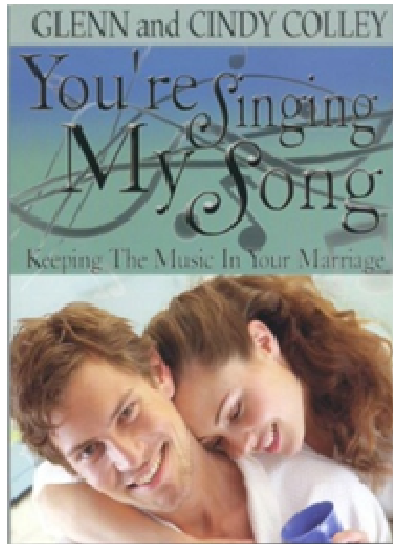
Yes, Matthew 19:9 is, in fact, applicable to us today. *"He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day"* (John 12:48; John 17:4-5.)

# MARRIAGE SEMINAR

*“You’re Singing My Song”*

**Kensington Woods church of Christ**

**January 15-16, 2010**



**with Glenn and Cindy Colley**  
**West Huntsville church of Christ**

**Schedule for Friday, January 15:**

6:00 pm: Supper

7:00 pm: Joint session #1—Husbands and Wives

Break

8:00 pm: Divided session #2—Husbands with Glenn; wives with Cindy

**Schedule for Saturday, January 16:**

8:15 am: Light breakfast

9:00 am: Joint session #3—Husbands and Wives

10:00 am: Divided session #4—Husbands with Glenn; wives with Cindy

11:00 am: Joint session #5—Husbands and Wives

12:00 noon: Lunch and Q&A

*Please sign-up to attend the seminar ASAP. Child care will be provided.  
Please indicate by your name when you sign-up if you will need child care.*

# News & Notes



## Remember in Prayer:

- ~ Hazel Lewis had a heart cath and she will be treated with medication.
- ~ Ariel Reynolds is recovering from successful surgery after removing a swollen lymph node.
- ~ Regina Reynold's sister-in-law, Jennifer Adams will have heart surgery in mid to late January.
- ~ Gary Howell's wife, Chantel Howell had a lumpectomy and is now cancer free.
- ~ Clyde Dechamp, friend of Dottie Thomas is recovering from recent heart surgery.
- ~ Susan Taylor, friend of Anita Hatten had a car accident and is hospitalized in critical condition at the Regional Medical Center in Memphis.
- ~ Deborah Asbill, Valerie Berch's sister of Madison, MS was recently diagnosed with breast cancer and will have a double mastectomy on Friday at Baptist Hospital. She will soon start radiation and chemo.
- ~ Julianna Asbill, Deborah Asbill's daughter and Valerie Berch's niece is 13 yrs. old and has been diagnosed with Chrones's disease and is being treated.
- ~~ Larry and Sue Demoss, friends of Dorothy Bolinger requests prayers for safe travel to and from TX for the funeral of Sue's brother-in-law.
- ~ Gladys Wilson was hospitalized this week at FGH.
- ~ Jenny Netterville is having migraine headaches.
- ~ Carolyn Rhodes had recent tests run at FGH.
- ~ Lou Brown's uncle, Dee Tadlock recently passed away.

**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, Mattie Brister, Margaret Mason, Rachel Barczewski, Dallas Sparks, Tabitha Hansen, Wanda Long, Lucy Long, Buddy Hill, Buddy Long, Louis Pecoul, James Ingram and Family, Ann McDonald and family.  
**Serving Our Country:** Philip Madden, Bobby Lammers, Jesselyn Lammers, Scott Howell, Robin McCall, Randy Pierce.

## Birthdays

- Mary Stine - January 8
- Jacquie Archer - January 9
- Vickey Waldrop - January 10
- Mindy Deen - January 11
- Sonja Graves - January 11



## Anniversaries

No Anniversaries this week!

**Focus Group 4 (Overstreet / Rake)...** will meet Saturday, January 23 at 4:00 p.m. at Ron and Kathy Montgomery's home (16 Helene Circle, Hattiesburg 39402). Kathy will contact you on what food to bring.

**Focus Group 2 (Pope / Reynolds)...** will meet Sunday, January 24 after evening services at Seth and Breanne Sullivan's home (25 Denstone Rd., Hattiesburg 39402). Breanne will contact you on what food to bring.

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

**Student Suppers:** A sign-up sheet is available on the back table in the auditorium for those who wish to help provide meals for the spring student suppers.

**Benevolence Help Needed:** There are some boxes in the fellowship hall to put needed items for families who are in need. A list of items needed are located on each box. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

**Moved On:** Noel and Jessica Stafford have moved. Their new address is 406 W. Pillow St. Clifton, TN 38425.

**Special Thanks:** Thanks with all my heart for the many prayers and support you have given my son and me during this trying period. In Christ, Dwight Trippe

Thank you so much for the beautiful spray of flowers sent to George's funeral. It meant so much to all of us. Ann Stewart McDonald

**Deepest Sympathy:** Our deepest sympathy is extended to Sylvia Madden and her family in the death of Sylvia's sister, Sandra Johnson. Please keep them in your prayers at this difficult time.

## Youth News

**K-2nd Grade Devotional...** Sunday, January 10 at 4:00 p.m. Randy & Cecile Dunn will be hosting.

**7th-12th Grade Devotional...** Sunday, January 10 after evening services at Dixie and Duane Richey's home.

**Lads to Leaders Practice (Sunday, January 10):** Song Leading / Songs of Praise: 2:00 - 2:30 p.m.; Speech: 2:30 - 3:00 p.m.; Debate: 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.; Bible Bowl: 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.; Puppet Theater: 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**Lads to Leaders Mandatory Meeting...** Sunday, January 17 after evening services. All participants must attend! We will be confirming all event participation for registration purposes.

**JAM 5 Youth Rally...** February 19-21 at Kensington Woods for 7th-12th grade. A schedule and sign-up sheets will be available soon.

**Pictures:** We need pictures donated of any congregational events from 2009. We will be using these pictures in the LL scrapbook. Please turn them in to Seth or Breanne.

## **PRIVILEGED TO SERVE**

**Week Beginning, January 10, 2010**

**Coordinator: Richard Jones (601-543-3150)**

Please call coordinator if you are unable to serve.

**Announcements: Ken Upchurch**

### **SUNDAY MORNING**

**Song Leader:** Malcolm Berch

**Opening Prayer:** Steve Midgette

**Scripture Reader:** Richard Jones Sr. (Mt. 19:3-9)

**Lord's Supper: (Presiding)** Robert Berch

1. Richard Jones Sr.
2. Richard Jones Jr.
3. Ricky Moorer
4. Jessie Pope
5. Buddy Overstreet
6. Clint Whitley
7. Duke McCall
8. J.V. Mathis

**Closing Prayer:** Richard Jones Sr.

**Attendance Cards:** Reggie Neel

**Communion (December):** Jacob & Jessica Burns

**Nursery:** 1/10: Toria Chatman & Kathy Devenport  
1/17: Christina Overstreet & Sharon Harris

**Building Cleaners:** 1/11: Reggie Neel

1/18: Steven Coy

### **SUNDAY EVENING**

**Song Leader:** Malcolm Berch

**Opening Prayer:** Jeff Hill

**Lord's Supper:**

1. Richard Jones Sr.
2. Richard Jones Jr.

**Closing Prayer:** Richard Jones Jr.

**Count Contribution:** Jones / Pope

### **WEDNESDAY EVENING**

**Song Leader:** Bradley Anderson

**Prayer:** Paul Stafford

### **ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION**

**January 3, 2010**

|                          | <b>Goal</b> | <b>Actual</b> | <b>Avg.</b> |
|--------------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| <b>Bible Study</b>       | 200         | 124           | 124         |
| <b>Morning Worship</b>   | 275         | 203           | 203         |
| <b>Evening Worship</b>   | 200         | 125           | 125         |
| <b>Wednesday (12/30)</b> | 200         | N/A           | N/A         |
| <b>Contribution</b>      | \$8,000     | \$7,561       | \$7,561     |

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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.