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Bible Correspondence Courses  
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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 17, 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

## Pine Belt Christian's Workshop

### WHAT?

Monthly "workshop" for Christians in South Mississippi.

### WHEN?

Every third Monday of the month from 9:30 until noon at Kensington Woods.

### WHO?

Anyone Christian who wishes to grow in faith and knowledge and who enjoys fellowship with those of like-precious faith. Elders, preachers, Bible teachers, retired members, are especially invited to attend.

### WHY?

- To help Christians grow and mature.
- To help build fellowship between faithful congregations.
- To encourage Bible study and equip local Pine Belt congregations.

### HOW?

9:30 a.m. Welcome, prayer, and devotional

9:45—10:15 a.m. Lesson #1

10:15—10:30 a.m. Break

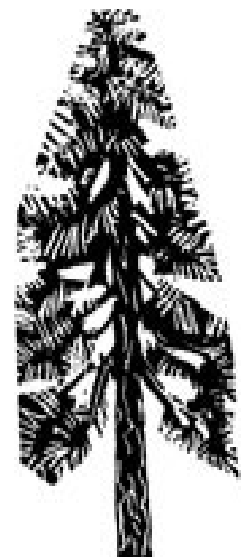
10:30—11:00 a.m. Lesson #2

11:00—11:30 a.m. Lesson #3/Bible class/Book report

11:30—11:45 a.m. Announcements and closing prayer

12:00—1:00 p.m. Dutch treat at local restaurant

Contact the KW church office for more info.



# Have You Thought Enough About Sinning?

by Mike Benson

I LISTENED TO her sob over the phone, "This isn't supposed to be happening to me—I'm a Christian wife and mother...!"

The very sound of her voice made my heart feel like lead. For months she had been involved in an affair with a man she had met at work. A friendly chat had evolved into dinner, then intimacy. Now her adultery had been exposed. She was pregnant with her lover's baby and could no longer hide her burgeoning figure. Everybody knew -- her non-Christian friends at work, her family, her church family, her husband, and her God. She lamented her behavior and wanted ever-so-desperately to turn back the clock—to undo her illicit deeds. Then too, she worried about how her future would unveil. "Where will I live?" she asked. "Who will take care of me and the baby?" "What about my other children?"



I wanted to say some magic words. I wanted to alleviate her grief and mend her broken heart. Most of all, I wanted to see her restored to the Lord and her marriage repaired. My last wish wasn't possible. Having severed her sacred trust with her husband, he had filed for divorce. In a few days the legal work would be completed and their eleven-year bond would be dissolved in a court of law.

I didn't say it to her on the phone, but I couldn't help ponder later, "She should have thought more about sin." That's right! She should have thought MORE, not less, about sin. Often times we get ourselves into trouble because we don't think enough about sin and its consequences. Jesus said, "... It is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell" (Matthew 5:29b.) Hell. Wages (cf. Romans 6:23; Numbers 32:23; Galatians 6:7,8.) Consequences. Satan doesn't want us to think about consequences—only the momentary gratification and pleasure. If he can divert our attention away from the results, we will falter and sell our soul for a "mess of pottage" (cf. Genesis 27).

I have a new-found appreciation for the words of the Hebrew writer: "By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin" (Hebrews 11:24, 25 NKJV). Moses thought about sin. He considered the eternal dimensions of staying in Egypt and sharing in the sensual pursuits of his peers.

"What faced [Moses] was a crisis decision: whether to remain in the eyes of men 'the son of Pharaoh's daughter,' or to throw in his lot with the despised people of God. He could not be both an Egyptian and an Israelite. On one hand was all the splendor of Egypt, with its rare treasures and its magnificent heritage; to be in Pharaoh's palaces and to possess perhaps even the throne, to be in a position of power and in a place of privilege and refinement—all the things (the author describes them as the fleeting pleasures of sin) an ancient empire could offer. On the other hand were poverty, contempt, and affliction; for Israel at this time was a nation of slaves, groaning under its heavy load, with broken spirits and vanished hopes, hemmed in inexorably to daily abuse. Yet Moses, by faith, recognized these to be the people of God. He deliberately chose to travel with them the dangerous way rather than to continue in ease. He saw, by faith, that to continue in ease would be sin and further, that the pleasures of sin give no lasting satisfaction ..." (Neil Lightfoot, "The Faith of Moses," *Jesus Christ Today*, 215-216).

"Bred in a palace, he espoused the cause of the people; nursed in the lap of luxury, he embraced adversity; reared in the school of despots, he became the champion of liberty; long associated with oppressors, he took the side of the oppressed; educated as her son, he forfeited the favor of a princess to maintain the rights of the poor; with a crown in prospect, he had the magnanimity to choose a cross; and for the sake of his God and Israel, he abandoned ease, refinement, luxuries, and the highest earthly honors, to be a houseless wanderer" (Quoted anonymously in Arno C. Gaebelein, *Moses -- His First and Second Coming*, np).

Like Moses, we need to think more about sin and what happens if, or when, we yield to our desires:

"A brief, lustful look could lead to an affair."

"A simple wink could wreck my marriage."

"Moral compromise would invalidate my example."

"A single click of the mouse could lead to a wrong relationship."

"A short-term thrill would devastate my family."

"An affair will jeopardize my salvation."

"The fleeting excitement of passion will rob me of inner peace."

Dear Christian, have you thought enough about sinning? "... *But fornicators and adulterers God will judge*" (Hebrews 13:4b; cf. Revelation 21:8).

# News & Notes



## Remember in Prayer:

- ~ Dallas Sparks, Patty Smithmier's father has double pneumonia.
- ~ Paul Trippe will have an MRI and CT scan on January 21. Physicians will also remove the rest of the tumor.
- ~ Stephen Myers, Sherry Varner's cousin was killed in an auto accident last Sunday.
- ~ Michael Madison, Martha Anderson's cousin had a liver transplant and is hospitalized in Memphis.
- ~ Sylvia Madden broke her little toe.
- ~ Phyllis Chapin was hospitalized at FGH last week.
- ~ Roger Bickham is recovering from surgery on his leg.
- ~ Ariel Reynold's oncology report said that her tumor was malignant (melanoma). She had several tests run this week and went to St. Jude on Friday.
- ~ Kimberly Bouie, daughter of a co-worker of Carolyn Upchurch, is having pregnancy difficulties.
- ~ Jennifer Adams, Regina Reynold's sister-in-law will have heart surgery in mid to late January.
- ~ Susan Taylor, friend of Anita Hatten had a car accident and is in critical condition at the Regional Medical Center in Memphis.
- ~ Deborah Asbill, Valerie Berch's sister is recovering from a double mastectomy. She will soon start chemo and possibly radiation.

~ Julianna Asbill, Valerie Berch's niece has been diagnosed with Chron's disease and is being treated.

**Also Remember:** Pete and Ina Mae McLeod, Earl and Dorothy Bolinger, Ken and Ginger Renfroe, Pam Anderson, Jenny Netterville, Hannah Duke, Louise Jenkins, Lorraine Deleon, Hazel Lewis, Dottie Thomas, Rachel Barczewski, Chantel Howell, Tabitha Hansen, Lucy Long, Buddy Long, Louis Pecoul, Clyde Dechamp, Johnson Family, Ann McDonald and family. **Serving Our Country:** Philip Madden, Bobby Lammers, Jesselyn Lammers, Scott Howell, Robin McCall, Randy Pierce.



## Birthdays

- Roger Bickham - January 14
- Liane McCall - January 14
- Carol Neel - January 15
- Dixie Richey - January 15
- Lamar Pitts - January 16
- Brooklyn Lammers - January 19



## Anniversaries

- Quenton and Pamela Loving - January 19

**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 1 (Smithmier / Richey)...** will meet Sunday, January 24 after morning services in the fellowship hall.

**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 3 (Dunn / Mooror)...** will meet Sunday, January 24 after evening services in the fellowship hall.

**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 boxes in the fellowship hall to put needed items for families in need. A list of items needed are located on each box.

**Special Thanks:** Dear Brothers and Sisters, Thank you for the love you have shown in the death of my sister. The many cards, calls, and prayers have been both a blessing and a comfort. In Christ, Sylvia

## Youth News

**Lads to Leaders Mandatory Meeting...** Sunday, January 17 after evening services in the fellowship hall. All those attending convention must attend! We will be confirming registration.

**3rd - 6th Youth Devo...** Sunday, January 24 at 4:00 p.m. Randy & Cecile Dunn will be hosting.

**7th - 12th Youth Devo...** Sunday, January 24 after evening services at Mike and Jenny Pierce's home. Girls bring sandwiches and boys bring chips & cookies.

**Lads to Leaders Practice (Sunday, January 24):** 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.

**J.A.M 5 Youth Rally...** February 19-21 at Kensington Woods for 7th-12th grade. Please sign-up on the back table if you can provide housing for two nights for our youth guests and chaperones, and indicate if you prefer to keep boys or girls. Please sign-up on the back table if you can provide designated food items. All youth from KW who plan to attend, please sign-up on the back table to ensure you get a USM basketball ticket.

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

## **PRIVILEGED TO SERVE**

**Week Beginning, January 17, 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:** Mark Burleson

**Scripture Reader:** Seth Sullivan (John 11:43-47)

**Lord's Supper: (Presiding)** Robby Moorer

1. George Underwood
2. P.W. Underwood
3. Ron Montgomery
4. Jacob Burns
5. Carl Carlisle
6. Duane Richey
7. Lamar Pitts
8. Russell Mullins

**Closing Prayer:** George Underwood

**Attendance Cards:** Reggie Neel

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

**Nursery:** 1/17: Christina Overstreet & Sharon Harris

1/24: Mandy Burleson & Katelyn Stafford

**Building Cleaners:** 1/18: Steven Coy

1/25: Robby Moorer

### **SUNDAY EVENING**

**Song Leader:** Mike Benson

**Opening Prayer:** George Chapin

**Lord's Supper:**

1. George Underwood
2. P.W. Underwood

**Closing Prayer:** P.W. Underwood

**Count Contribution:** Jones / Hill

### **WEDNESDAY EVENING**

**Devotional:** 1/20: Seth Sullivan

**Song Leader:** Tyler Anderson

**Prayer:** Colby Heathcock

### **ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION**

**January 10, 2010**

|                        | <b>Goal</b> | <b>Actual</b> | <b>Avg.</b> |
|------------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| <b>Bible Study</b>     | 200         | 138           | 131         |
| <b>Morning Worship</b> | 275         | 215           | 209         |
| <b>Evening Worship</b> | 200         | 134           | 130         |
| <b>Wednesday (1/6)</b> | 200         | 131           | 131         |
| <b>Contribution</b>    | \$8,500     | \$8,713       | \$8,137     |

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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.