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Jail Ministry
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Annual Youth Campaign
Home Bible Studies

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N. Ala. Christian Children's Home
Disaster Relief
Romanian Eye Glasses Donation
Food Pantry

Edification:

Bible classes for all ages
Shepherd's class
W.IN.G.S. Ladies' Ministry
Youth Group for K-12th grade
Vacation Bible School
Focus Groups
USM Christian Student Center
Godz Girlz
Monthly Men's Breakfast
KneEmail
5th Sunday Night Singing
Gulf Coast Bible Camp

June 14, 2009

"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

FAMILY TREE

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Speaker: Kevin Beard

KW Summer Series

"Christianity is a Great Way of Life!"

Lesson #3: June 17

The Trusting and Tranquil Heart Which Christians Enjoy

Kevin is a 1992 graduate of the Memphis School of Preaching. He has served local congregations in ARK, TN, and AL, where he has worked since 1999 with the Fayette congregation. In addition to his local work, Kevin has appeared on numerous lecture-ship programs, gospel meetings, and has made preaching and teaching trips to Russia, Thailand, the Philippines, Singapore, and Jamaica. Kevin also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Freed-Hardeman University and worked as a Medical Technologist until entering full-time ministry. He and his wife, Jan, have been married since 1986 and have three sons and one daughter.



FIDELITY

with Mike Benson

Kentucky—I enjoyed my work with the Shutt family during the visit to Calhoun, KY. This was my first "outside" wedding. It was held in a local orchard and was beautiful! Perhaps I can show you some of the photos soon. I also had a chance to visit with the brethren from the Main Street congregation on Sunday. They invited me to speak at the morning Bible study and worship assemblies.

Young men—I continue to hear positive things about how some of the young men from KW are leading the congregation in worship. Several folks have already mentioned how well Kevin Devonport did preaching this past Sunday evening. I'm not surprised. Kevin is an exceptional young man and has an obvious passion for the pulpit. Continue to encourage him. I'm anxious to listen to his message.

Campaign—Our teens will be leaving this coming Saturday for Cynthiana, KY and their week-long door-knocking campaign. Keep them in your prayers as they travel. Pray for open hearts as our young people attempt to set up home Bible studies.

NEW PHOTO BOARD PICTURES

ARE BEING TAKEN IN THE CRY ROOM

SEE RON MONTGOMERY BEFORE OR AFTER MORNING ASSEMBLY

Selecting Ripe Cantaloupe

by Mike Benson

DURING THE HOT summer months of the year, my family enjoys eating what we call a "cold plate" for dinner. Practically everything on the table comes from the garden and nothing is cooked--it's all fresh produce. There's no hot stove to endure, just delicious garden fruit and vegetables. One of our favorite table items is chilled cantaloupe. Unfortunately, until recently we've not had much success with selecting them. Inevitably, the melons we've bought from the grocery have been green, generally tasteless and too hard for consumption. Too many times, our family has anticipated eating a nice, ripe, juicy cantaloupe--only to be disappointed from the very first bite. And if we've brought a good one home, it's been by sheer accident.



I called my father in Tennessee one afternoon to see if he had any insight on buying good cantaloupes. Having spent a considerable amount of time in his own garden through the years, he offered me a few suggestions that I have found especially helpful. Dad said there are certain "indicators" to look for when purchasing ripe melons. They include:

1. Color--What color is it? Avoid green-skinned melons; look for orange, brown or tan skin.
2. Firmness--Is the melon hard like a bowling ball, or can you squeeze it to certain degree? Is the consistency of the fruit over hard, or is there a certain "pliability"? Is it soft at the stem end of the melon?
3. Smell--This is one of the best signs. Is there the aroma of fresh cantaloupe? If the smell is absent, don't buy it--it's not ripe yet.

By now you're probably thinking, "Okay Mike, is this a religious article or an add for the local grocery?" Actually, my intent is not to help us in our selection of edible fruit, but to help us in our understanding and application of the Lord's words in Matthew 7. In the opening verse of the chapter, Jesus said, "Judge not, that you be not judged."

It has often been suggested that we can never--in any way--judge someone on his doctrinal views based upon the injunction in this verse. "You can't judge!" is a popular refrain. Ironically, in the very same chapter, only fourteen short verses later, we also find Jesus saying, "You will know them (i.e., false teachers) by their fruits..." (Matthew 7:16). Is there an inconsistency here? Is Jesus telling us not to judge, but then telling us that judgment is, in fact, necessary?

The answer depends on the kind of judging we're discussing. A certain kind of judgment is condemned in Scripture. Harsh, censorious, hypocritical judgment that refuses to engage in self-examination (cf. 2 Samuel 12:5-9) is wrong (Matthew 7:2-6). However, another kind of judgment is actually commanded. "...Judge with righteous judgment" (John 7:24). Friends, **if all judgment is wrong, then how can we fulfill the Lord's wishes and distinguish between a teacher of truth and a teacher of error?** If we don't have some kind of indicators to differentiate between green and ripe cantaloupe, then how can we know which one to buy? The answer on both counts is, "We can't." It is impossible to tell the difference between a false prophet and a true one unless we engage in some sort of righteous (i.e., according to the Lord's righteous standard--John 12:47-48; Psalm 119:72; cf. Romans 2:5) "fruit inspection" (cf. Acts 13:8-10; 45-46; John 8:15; Matthew 7:15-20; Romans 16:17; Revelation 2:2).

Dad would ask, "Is it the right color?" "How does it feel?" "How does it smell?" "What are the indicators?" Jesus would ask, "Is this teacher's doctrine in keeping with what I've revealed?" "Is what he says contrary to, or opposite of what I've taught in My word?" "Is he teaching truth or error?" "Is what he says based upon My divine standard (cf. Romans 2:5), or his own personal opinion?" "What are the doctrinal indicators?"

Friends, we need to inspect the fruit and then decide. If the cantaloupe doesn't look right, if it doesn't feel right, and if it doesn't smell right--then let's be careful not to "buy" it (1 John 4:1; 1 Timothy 1:19-20).



News & Notes

Remember in Prayer:

- ~ Robert Russell is at home recovering.
- ~ Ronnie Cranfield, who was a previous member at KW has a heart condition.
- ~ Earl Bolinger is having tests run and he is not doing well.
- ~ Tom Smithmier is scheduled to have more nerves burned in his back on June 17.
- ~ Leslie Smith's 32 yr. old brother, Steve Davis was killed in a plane crash in Copiah County. They are friends of Chip Hill's family. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- ~ Sam Barham, Anita Hatten's father was admitted to the VA home in Kosciusko.
- ~ Richard Stickroth is at home under hospice care.
- ~ Tabitha Hansen, Dixie Richey's cousin is undergoing tests for Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

Also Remember:

Ned and Janice Summerville, Pete and Ina Mae McLeod, Ken and Ginger Renfroe, Grady and Maxine Knotts, Ruth Counts, Hannah Duke, Pam Anderson, Louise Jenkins, Bobby Reynolds, Bobby Lammers, Scott Howell, Phillip Madden, Jamie Dial, Rachel Barczewski, Chase Jackson, Charlotte Benson, Phyllis Chapin, Dallas Sparks, George Odiwour, Delaney Turner, Louise Rice, Sylvia Madden, Jim Murrell, Family of Joshua Cabaniss

Birthdays

- Shirley Carter - June 11
- Don Montgomery - June 13
- Ken Renfroe - June 13
- Stephanie Stafford - June 14
- George Underwood - June 15
- Rachel Smith - June 17



Anniversaries

No anniversaries this week!

Food Pantry

We need spaghetti noodles & sauce, chili, and macaroni & cheese. Please put your donations in the foyer.

Ladies' Night Out... Saturday, June 13 at 6:00 p.m. at Jacquie Archer's home. It is going to be a game night. Please bring finger foods.

TZ Wish List: A wish list for the Stafford's is located on a table in the auditorium. Please put your donations on the table in the fellowship hall by June 20.

Focus Group 1 (Smithmier / Richey)... will meet at the home of Cheri Norris on Sunday, June 28 after morning services for a pot-luck meal. Please let Cheri know what you plan to bring. The bus will be driven because parking is limited.

Wedding Shower: A wedding shower will be held for L.C. and Theresa Barlow on Sunday, June 28 after evening services in the fellowship hall. They were married on March 16, 2009. They are registered at Wal-Mart and Bed Bath and Beyond under the names Lawrence Barlow or Teresa Eich. Everyone is invited!

Teacher Appreciation Banquet: The banquet is scheduled for Sunday, July 19 after morning services in the fellowship hall. All teachers, please attend this banquet in your honor!

Local Congregational Events: For more information on local congregational events, such as gospel meetings, ladies' days, summer series, and song services, please refer to the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

Baptism: Kimberly Clark, sister of Felicia Groves, was baptized into Christ on Saturday, June 6. She will be worshipping at the Meridian church of Christ.

Response: Felicia Groves responded to the invitation on Sunday, June 7 asking for prayers.

KW Ladies' Quilting / Sewing Club... will resume meeting in the Fall. There will be more information to follow. See Emma Pope if you have any questions.

Student Job Opening: The Social Security Office of Disability Adjunction and Review is looking for an enrolled college student to work for the summer and the rest of the school year in the Student Workers Program. For more information, please contact Larry Deleon at 601-544-8032.

Youth News

Door-Knocking Campaign... June 13-20 in Cynthia, KY for 7th-12th grade youth.

Vacation Bible School... June 28-30 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The theme for this year is "Christ the Carpenter Made Our World!" Please sign-up on the back table in the area you wish to help in this year. The deadline to sign-up for a t-shirt is June 17. The cost for a t-shirt is \$9. See Seth if you have any questions.

Vacation Bible School Meeting... Sunday, June 14 at 4:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Gulf Coast Bible Camp... July 12-17. Registration forms are located on the back table. See Ricky Moorer for details.

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

Week Beginning, **June 14, 2009**

Coordinator: Richard Jones (601-543-3150)

Please call coordinator if you are unable to serve.

Announcements: Charles Johnson

SUNDAY MORNING

Song Leader: Duane Richey

Opening Prayer: Ken Upchurch

Lord's Supper: (Presiding) Ken Brown

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| 1. Kevin Reynolds | 5. Hollis Hall |
| 2. Steven Devenport | 6. Reggie Neel |
| 3. Tawaski Carter | 7. Russell Mullins |
| 4. Ricky Moorner | 8. Khalil Pope |

Closing Prayer: Kevin Reynolds

Attendance Cards: Reggie Neel

Communion (June): Don Montgomery

Nursery: June 14: Kathy Devenport

Carolyn Rhodes

June 21: Robby & Mary Alice Moorner

SUNDAY EVENING

Song Leader: Duane Richey

Opening Prayer: Paul Stafford

Lord's Supper:

1. Kevin Reynolds
2. Steven Devenport

Closing Prayer: Steven Devenport

Count Contribution: Jones / Hill

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Leader: Roger Bickham

Prayer: Seth Sullivan

ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION

June 7, 2009

	Goal	Actual	Avg.
Bible Study	200	131	140
Morning Worship	275	213	212
Evening Worship	200	139	139
Wednesday (6/3)	200	156	151
Contribution	\$8,000	\$11,120	\$8,300

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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.