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 House to House/Heart to Heart
 Russian Bible Donation
 Bible Correspondence Courses
 Jail Ministry
 Television Ad
 Annual Youth Campaign
 Home Bible Studies

Benevolence:

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 Disaster Relief
 Romanian Eye Glasses Donation
 Food Pantry

Edification:

Bible Classes for all ages
 Shepherd's class
 W.I.N.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 SingingGulf Coast
 Bible Camp

August 2, 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

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



KW Summer Series

"Christianity is a Great Way of Life!"

Lesson #10: August 5, 2009

Speaker: B.J. Clark

The Wonderful Love Which Christians Enjoy

B.J. CLARK currently serves as Dean of Admissions at the Memphis School of Preaching and serves as an instructor. He earned his B.S. and Masters Degree from Freed Hardeman University. He is the former editor of *Power*, a publication of the Southaven church of Christ. He preached his first sermon at the age of 9. He frequently speaks on the nationally televised program *The Everlasting Gospel*, which airs as a part of the GBN television. B.J. is married to the former Tamela Hall of Marietta, Georgia. They have three children.

EDUCATE

with Seth Sullivan

Teacher Appreciation Banquet— On Sunday, July 19 all the teachers in our Education Program were treated to a meal provided by Movie Star restaurant. It was delicious! The fellowship hall was packed out with brethren and their families. After the meal, I recognized several of our teachers for their many years of service in teaching in the Lord's church. There was also a brief ceremony recognizing those who have taught for an exceptional number of years. A plaque was awarded to Ken and Carolyn Upchurch, Don and Jonell Rake, and Mary Johnson for their service of over 40 years of teaching! A plaque was also awarded to one of our members who has been teaching for more than 50 years! He is one of our elders, Charles Johnson. I am thankful to not only these individuals for their dedication but to all those who make sacrifices to see that our church family are not only spiritual Christians, but knowledgeable of God's Word (2 Tim. 3:16-17). To conclude the banquet, all the teachers were given a small gift as a token of appreciation for their efforts this past year. Thanks teachers! Let's look forward to another productive year!

Southern Evangelism Conference—In about two weeks, Bro. Mike and I will be going to Birmingham, AL to speak at an annual youth conference called S.E.C. This conference is centered around teaching the need for young men and women to spread the gospel throughout their community. Any youth at KW who are interested in going may sign up to go on the sheet located on the back table in our auditorium. The event is from August 14-15. The theme for this year is from Luke 19:10, "Seeking the Lost." The total cost to go is \$30 and sign up deadline is August 12. The registration fee covers your lunch, housing, and conference book. T-shirts may be purchased for an additional \$10 and is on a first come first serve basis. If you would like a shirt, simply indicate your t-shirt size by your name on the sign up sheet. This event is for high school youth only.

- Seth

"That's Just Your Interpretation..."

by Mike Benson

MICHAEL SHEKLETON WAS driving through Charles City, Iowa...

Okay, perhaps "driving" is not the appropriate word. "Flying" might better describe his two-wheeled endeavor. The local speed limit signs displayed "30 MPH," but Shekleton's motorcycle was traveling as much as 123 miles per hour! No, that's not a misprint.

A Floyd County sheriff's deputy tried to stop Shekleton on Saturday night, July 18, 2009 for a local traffic violation. Shekleton didn't yield to the officer's request and so a twenty-minute high speed pursuit ensued.

The authorities eventually caught up with the offending motorcyclist as he attempted to hide behind a downtown building. Shekleton was charged with excessive speeding, 14 counts of failure to obey a stop sign or signal, unsafe passing, and driving on the wrong side of a divided highway.

Let's imagine for a moment that we were witnesses to Shekleton's capture in over in Charles City. Officers cornered him and then demanded that he give himself up. And just as they were about to handcuff him and place him under arrest, Shekleton sincerely asked, "Is there some sort of problem, officers?"

"Problem?! Problem?!" one of the deputies exclaimed. "Mr. you were driving ninety-three miles over the speed limit! You could have killed somebody! We're taking you to jail!" But then Shekleton objected in a rather agitated voice, "What?! You guys can't take me to jail! I interpret the speed limit sign one way, and you interpret it another way. All of us could be right. How fast I drive my motorcycle is a matter of personal choice and preference! Thirty miles an hour to you is one hundred twenty-three miles an hour to me. It's a purely subjective choice."

I know what some of you are thinking, "Mike, you are being ridiculous," and I would agree. Anybody knows that when the local authorities post a speed limit sign, they expect that those citizens who drive can not only read what it says, but they can understand it in a uniform fashion. Different people can't read the same speed limit sign and travel totally different speeds and all be right. A 30 MPH speed limit sign communicates an objective truth which is not open to personal taste, fuzzy feelings, hairs standing up on the back of our neck, or individual interpretation. Intelligent people recognize that we can (and must) all read the same sign and know for certain that there is a correct speed and an incorrect speed. And any acceleration in a 30 mile zone that exceeds 30 miles per hour is unlawful.

Oddly enough, we often hear this kind of unbalanced thinking in a different context today. People say, "Hey, you have your interpretation of the Bible, and I have mine... What I believe, and how I live, is a matter of personal choice; you can't condemn my beliefs or behavior! Both of us could be right."

It doesn't make much sense, does it? The Bible is not some sort of work of art that is to be evaluated on some personal level. It is *objective* truth.

The Bereans in Acts 17 understood this principle. The record says, "These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica in that they searched the Scriptures daily...WATCH IT (mb)...to find out whether these things were so" (v. 11). If the Bible was meant to be understood on a purely individual level and not interpreted in a uniform fashion, then how could the Berean brethren have able to determine if any teaching was wrong or not (cf. Matt. 22:29; Rom. 16:17; 1 Cor. 1:10; Phil. 2:2; 2 Pet. 2:1ff)?

Let's think about this in a practical way, brethren: When someone says, "You believe baptism is essential, but I believe it is not essential," can both of us be right (Mk. 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom. 6:3-4; 1 Pet. 3:21)? When someone says, "You believe homosexual behavior is wrong, but I believe it is right," can both of us be correct (Rom. 1:26ff; 1 Cor. 6:9-11; Gal. 5:19ff)? When someone says, "You believe mechanical instruments in worship are not permitted, but I believe they are permitted," can both of be in harmony with God's revealed will (Lev. 10:1-2; 1 Kgs. 12:25ff; Col. 3:16; John 4:24)? When someone says, "You believe a few alcoholic drinks over a lunch meeting is condemned, but I believe that they are not condemned," can both of us stand blameless before the Lord (Isa. 28:7; Prov. 20:1; 23:29-30, 33; Lev. 10:9-11; Hab. 2:5, 15, 1 Tim. 3:2,3)? When someone says "You believe a person who commits adultery is not free to remarry, but I believe someone who commits adultery is free to remarry," can both interpretations be right (Matt. 19:9; Rom. 7:2-3)? When someone says, "You believe that abortion is murder, but I believe it is a choice," can both each of us stand justified before the Savior (Prov. 6:16ff)? When someone says, "You don't believe in the millennial reign of Jesus, but I think He will rule in His kingdom on earth for a 1,000 years," can we each hold two totally different doctrinal viewpoints and be right in the eyes of the One who authored the Bible (Mk. 9:1)? When someone says, "You believe that 123 miles per hour in a 30 mile speed zone is wrong, but I believe it is perfectly acceptable" can both ideas be right (Rom. 13:1ff)?

The issue is not, "Who is right?" brethren. The issue is, "GOD IS RIGHT!" and He expects us to understand (Eph. 3:4; 5:17) and obey (Heb. 5:8-9) the objective truth (John 16:13) He has revealed (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:20-21) in His Word.



News & Notes

Remember in Prayer:

- ~ Phyllis Chapin will have heart surgery on August 3.
- ~ George Chapin had cataract surgery on his right eye on Wednesday.
- ~ Billy Lambert's 11 yr. old grandson was recently killed in an accident.
- ~ Mary Paige Shaw, C.R. Domergue's daughter had heart surgery on Monday at Oshner's Hospital in New Orleans.
- ~ Talisa Phillips, Pamela Loving's niece who lives in Vicksburg, has been diagnosed with an enlarged heart and has several spots on her lungs.
- ~ Zack Little, 8 yr. old boy had surgery at Oshner's hospital. 90 % of a tumor on his brain was removed and they are waiting on test results. He is the grandson of a friend of Marie Carlisle.

Also Remember:

Pete and Ina Mae McLeod, Dorothy and Earl Bloinger, Ken and Ginger Renfroe, Ruth Counts, Jonell Rake, Pam Anderson, Hannah Duke, Mary Kay Stickroth, Maxie Arnett, Sylvia Madden, Sandra Johnson, Jean Shaffer, Rachel Barsweski, Louise Jenkins, Dallas Sparks, Skipper Tarver, James Sones, Jerry Barnes, Bobby Lammers, Scott Howell, Phillip Madden, Alan Hawthorne, Barham Family, Hatten Family.



Birthdays

- Stewart Deen - August 2
- Wylodean Richardson - August 2
- Avery Barnes - August 4
- Paul Corley - August 5
- Beth Ford - August 5
- Jordan Ford - August 5
- Charles Johnson - August 5

Anniversaries

- Tom and Patty Smithmier - August 3
- Earl and Dorothy Bolinger - August 4

Food Pantry

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

Deepest Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Anita Hatten and Alan Barham and their families in the death of Anita and Alan's father Sam Barham. Please keep them in your prayers during this difficult time.

Focus Group Luncheon... Sunday, August 2 after morning services in the fellowship hall to kick-off the re-organization of our new focus groups. Zone 3 is in charge. A-L bring tea and clean up; M - Z bring rolls and set up. An updated Zone list is located on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

TZ Newsletter Labeling... Tuesday, August 4 at 9:30 a.m. in the Library. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Ladies' Night Out... Thursday, August 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Liane McCall. We will be making a non-sewing prayer quilt. More details will follow.

Focus Group Leader Needed: We need another Focus Group leader to help with the upcoming re-organization. If you are interested in volunteering, please talk to Steve Midgette.

Welcome to Kensington Woods: Louise Pecoul has placed his membership with Kensington Woods. His address is 3002 Navajo Circle, Hattiesburg, MS 39402.; h = 601-268-3899; c = 601-466-1265. He is in Zone 3.

Address Update: Pete McLeod is in Bedford Care Nursing Home. His address is 300 Cahal St. Room # 121-A, Hattiesburg, MS 39401.

KW News Line: To better communicate news to the KW congregation we have set up an additional extension to our phone. Please call 601-264-2945 after 5:00 p.m. and at the end of the voice mail instructions, press ext. 16 to hear news and updates. On Fridays the *Privileged to Serve* line-up will be available.

Songbook Dedication: If anyone would like to purchase a songbook in memory of a brother or sister from Kensington Woods who has passed away, please see Breanne Sullivan.

Special Thanks: Thank you all very much for giving Tyler and me such a beautiful shower. We truly appreciate everything that you all have done for us. We are eternally grateful for the many gifts. We are blessed to have you all thinking of us at this special time in our live. Thank you again. In Christian Love, Tyler and Sheena

To My Church Family, Thank you for the beautiful plant you sent me. Thank you for your prayers and calls. Continue to keep me and my family in your prayers. Love, Jerry Barnes

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Wedding Invitation
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*You are invited to the wedding of Sheena Marie Williams
 and Tyler Robertson Berch on Saturday, August 1 at 3:00
 p.m. at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Mt. Olive, MS. Reception
 following in the church fellowship hall.*
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PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

Week Beginning, **August 2, 2009**

Coordinator: Jessie Pope (601-297-1889)

Please call coordinator if you are unable to serve.

Announcements: Don Rake

SUNDAY MORNING

Song Leader: Malcolm Berch

Opening Prayer: Charles Johnson

Lord's Supper: (Presiding) Chip Hill

1. Richard Jones, Sr.
2. Jacob Burns
3. Mike Pierce
4. Steven Coy
5. George Roth
6. Tory Groves
7. Steve Banks
8. Carl Carlisle

Closing Prayer: Richard Jones Sr.

Attendance Cards: Reggie Neel

Communion (July): Jessie & Kesia Pope

Nursery: 8/2: Toria Chatman & Kathy Devenport

8/9: Mandy Burleson & Katelyn Stafford

SUNDAY EVENING

Song Leader: Malcolm Berch

Opening Prayer: Steve Midgette

Lord's Supper:

1. Richard Jones Sr.
2. Jacob Burns

Closing Prayer: Jacob Burns

Count Contribution: Pope / Hill

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Leader: Clint Whitley

Prayer: Bradley Anderson

ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION

July 26, 2009

	Goal	Actual	Avg.
Bible Study	200	119	139
Morning Worship	275	207	214
Evening Worship	200	125	137
Wednesday (7/22)	200	164	151
Contribution	\$8,000	\$7,523	\$8,249

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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.