

Shepherds:

Brian Anderson.....601 606 4478
 Charles Johnson.....601 297 2617
 Don Rake.....601 297 6958
 Ken Upchurch.....601 545 9203

Deacons:

Chip Hill.....601 270 1519
 Bible Correspondence, Jail Ministry
 Richard Jones.....601 543 3150
 Advertising, Directory, Focus Groups,
 Greeting, Involvement, Visitation
 Robby Moorer.....601 577 2115
 Bus, Fellowship, Nursery, Property,
 Youth
 Jessie Pope.....601 297 1889
 Disaster Relief, Benevolence,
 Seniors, Widows

Ministers:

Mike Benson.....812 430 7363
 mbensonkw@bellsouth.net
 Seth Sullivan.....601 270 3270
 sethka63@hotmail.com

Secretaries:

Dixie Richey.....601 297 3105
 dixierichey@bellsouth.net
 Breanne Sullivan.....601 517 6545
 bsullivan79@bellsouth.net
 Mary Kay Stickroth.....601 466 3112
 mkstickroth@bellsouth.net

Evangelism:

Tanzania 2000
 House to House/Heart to Heart
 Russian Bible Donation
 Bible Correspondence Courses
 Jail Ministry
 Television Commercial
 Annual Youth Campaign
 Home Bible Studies

Benevolence:

N. Ala. Christian Children's Home
 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 Singing
 Gulf Coast Bible Camp

September 20, 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

FIDELITY

with Mike Benson

Response—Our sister **Frances Hall** came forward this past Lord's Day morning. She confessed that she hadn't given the Lord the kind of time He deserved. Frances is a special Christian friend and an example to obedient believers here at KW. I always look forward to her warm welcome each time we meet for worship and/or fellowship. Keep Frances in your prayers this week. Encourage her with cards and gestures of support.

Attendance—Most of you already know that **Tom and Patty Smithmier** are responsible for keeping attendance records. Once a month they tabulate all of the numbers and then present them to the elders and ministers. Tom told me this past week that our attendance averages for Sunday morning worship, Sunday evening worship, and Wednesday evening Bible study are nearing a 7-year high! That's great news! This says so much about our members and our spiritual priorities. Let's keep this up, brethren (Heb. 10:25)!

College Student Welcome—I really appreciate the good work that Focus Group 2 (Pope/Reynolds) did this past Lord's Day evening following worship. They did an outstanding job of coordinating the college student reception and meal. I know the effort was a big boost to all of our USM students. Hey, maybe we should have a college student welcome once a month!

Student Center—This past Monday evening I was privileged to speak at the Monday night Bible study at our local USM Student Center. We had a good number in attendance, the food—as always—was delicious (thanks to **Pam Hill!**), and our devotional time together was uplifting. **Colby Heathcock** is doing an excellent work in this realm. I see focus, I see commitment to individuals, and I see vision for the future. Continue to support this brother as he serves in this capacity.

Dixie—I want to say a personal thank you to **Dixie Richey**. She's been a great, part-time member of our office staff. (She stepped in during the time when Mary Kay was taking care of Richard and his struggle with cancer.) Dixie has been friendly, hard-working, supportive, and devoted to her job. She's been a real blessing in the church office! Thanks Dixie!

Meetings—

- Elders, Deacons, Ministers Vision meeting. Saturday, Oct. 17, from 7:00am until noon. Breakfast will be provided.
- Men's breakfast and presentation of the Vision, Saturday, Oct. 31. More details forthcoming.



Developing Parent-Teacher Relationships

By Seth Sullivan

There is such a need today to promote the congregation's Bible education program to the parents. I am of the belief that if parents are informed of what is taking place in the classroom that they and their children would find Bible education a top priority. I would like to suggest a few tips that can help you as a teacher in getting the parents informed!



#1) Invite them to a program in the classroom where students participate. If you have an upcoming activity planned where students will be groups or teams, then let the parents know they can come. Those young students will realize that adults are concerned for their learning and future growth in the kingdom (Matthew 28:19-20).

#2) Send a letter home telling them about memory work, homework, socials, etc. In our curriculum plan for most of our classrooms we provide a workbook that is to be a follow up lesson for the student at home. These lessons are specifically designed to have the parent teach the child. I cannot stress enough how important it is for a parent to be given to instructing their child on the ways of God (Proverbs 22:6).

#3) Have open-house in your room. I recently took made a “walk-through” in which I checked out the classrooms to see how they were set up for the new quarter. I must say I am impressed! Most all of the classroom doors have new decorations on them. I walked in another room and objects were hanging from the ceiling which correlated with the lessons. I have been stopped and asked to laminate several posters for teachers who were creating games, lessons, etc. for their class. I would encourage you as a teacher to encourage the parents to take a peek into the classrooms. Let them see the contributions you have made to try and effectively teach our children (cf. John 4:34; Ephesians 2:10).

#4) Have get-togethers for students and parents (invite parents to help.) Visit in the home. I remember as a boy going to Mrs. Yates' class. She wore glasses that had small chains on each ear piece so she could wear them around her neck when she wasn't reading. She would hold my hand and sing songs with me as we sat in those small chairs. I loved her because she just wasn't my Bible teacher, I viewed her as a mentor. She visited my home from time to time to talk to my parents and me. I felt as if she was on “my side” and witnessed Christ living in her life (Galatians 2:20).

#5) Remember special days like birthdays, big ballgames, etc. Whenever I begin a new class I ask the students to put their name and birthday on a sheet of paper so I can send them a card on that special day for them. I usually will talk with the students when we have some “down time” in which I find out about ballgames, sporting events, etc. I do try and attend ballgames when my schedule permits, but I always follow up with them and ask how the game went. These are steps I take to show the students that I care for them and want is going on in their life (cf. I Thessalonians 5:11; Romans 14:19).

#6) Send home a newsletter. Let them know what you are teaching. I have already had a few teachers come to me and deliver a letter they created stating to the parents the subjects they will be teaching for the quarter. I am so impressed! Informing the parents of your lessons helps establish your vision for the quarter. They can know what you want to cover and they can set up their schedules to make sure their child(ren) are in the classroom. If you are going to have an activity, let them know about it so they can make plans to attend this get-together.

#7) Say nice, positive things about the child to the parents. Every child has his/her own abilities. Some may be extroverted while others introverted. In either case, always find the good in them. When you run into a child with their parents at services, fellowship activities, etc. make a positive statement about your student. Let the parent know their child means a lot to you.

Establishing a healthy relationship with parents is so important. Informing parents will help them know what is taking place and how they can be involved. The primary learning center for a child is the home. The church is the secondary learning center. Thus, it should be one of our goals to help aid the parents in educating our children. Remember the words of Joshua, “Choose this day whom you will serve...as for me and my house we will serve the Lord” (Joshua 24:15).

News & Notes



Remember in Prayer:

- ~ Phyllis Chapin is at home and is receiving physical therapy for her leg pain.
- ~ Janell Holmes is home recovering from neck surgery.
- ~ Betty Louish, Janell Holmes mother, is at Janell's home recuperating from her broken bones.
- ~ Pam Anderson has bronchitis and is scheduled to have knee replacement surgery on October 7.
- ~ Donna Green, co-worker of Buddy Overstreet had surgery this week to remove skin cancer.
- ~ Dottie Thomas is having complications from her recent fall.
- ~ Dr. Glenn Smith, a physician for some of our KW members, lost his 21 yr. old daughter in a drowning accident. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.
- ~ Elijah Canion, brother of Sharon Harris is scheduled for back surgery to have a cyst removed from his lower spine on September 21. He lives in Millville, NJ.

Also Remember:

Pete and Ina Mae McLeod, Dorothy and Earl Bolinger, Ken and Ginger Renfroe, Ruth Counts, Jonell Rake, Jana Roth, Dorothy Bolinger, Hannah Duke, Mary Kay Stickroth, Sylvia Madden, Louise Jenkins, Carolyn Whitten, Joyce Driskell, Zach Little, Rachel Barczewski, Jamie Dial, Bobby Evans, Zelma Dial, Dwight Trippe, Charlie Ainsworth, Bernice Westbrook, Phillip Madden, Bobby Lammers, Scott Howell.

Birthdays

- Khalia Groves - September 18
- Kyra Groves - September 20
- Regina Reynolds - September 20
- Russell Mullins - September 23



Anniversaries

No anniversaries this week.

Address Update

Elizabeth Bracey's new address is 29 Caitlynn Circle Hattiesburg, MS 39402.

Special Thanks

Thanks to the church for the flowers and cards I received since the loss of my sister, Dot Soisson. It is nice to know that the church family supports you during your time of sorrow. Dwight Trippe

College Corner: A student supper and devotional will be held on Monday, September 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the student center. Georgene Petro and Carrie Bedwell will be hosting.

Focus Group 3 Dunn / Moorer... will meet Friday, September 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Neel's home.

Focus Group 5 (Jones / Dickson)... will meet on Saturday, September 19 at the Swann's home.

Focus Group 1 (Smithmier / Richey)... will meet Sunday, September 20 after morning services in the fellowship hall for a pot-luck meal.

Bridal Shower: The ladies of KW are invited to a bridal shower for Kelly Hill on Sunday, September 20, at the home of Mandy Burleson. Feel free to come and go as you please between 2 - 4 p.m. Registries are available at Target, Dillard's, and Bed, Bath, and Beyond. Directions are on the back table.

Baby Shower ("Diapers & Things"): The ladies of KW are invited to a baby shower for Jessica Stafford on Sunday, September 27 at 3:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. It's a girl!

Ladies' Night Out... Friday, September 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the Grand China Buffet located at 560 Weathersby Rd. **Secret Sisters and Prayer Partners will be drawn, but you don't have to participate in order to attend dinner.** A sign-up sheet is located on the back table in the auditorium. Reminder, all ladies interested in Secret Sisters or Prayer Partners, see Jacquie Archer or Jenny Pierce.

Ladies' Day: Quitman church of Christ, September 19, 8:30 a.m. - noon.

Rocky Creek church of Christ, September 26, 8:30 a.m. - noon.

Teacher Training Workshop... October 3 with Bro. Tom Tignor of 21st Century Christian Publications. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. All teachers are asked to attend and members are encouraged to attend if you desire to improve your Bible study skills.

Soldier's Box: There is a box in the fellowship hall for items going to Bobby Lammers and Scott Howell who are serving in Afghanistan. Needed items are listed on the box. Focus Group 1 (Smithmier / Richey) is sponsoring this activity and would like to mail it to them by October 14.

Gospel Meeting... October 25-28 with guest speaker Bro. David Looney. A fellowship luncheon will be held on Sunday, October 25 to coincide with the Gospel Meeting. Zone 2 is in charge of decorating.

Coin Cans: KW collected \$1,341.00 in coins for the North Alabama Children's home. Another coin drive is being planned. More details later!

Youth News

7th-12th Grade Devotional... September 27 after evening services.

3rd-6th Grade Devotional ... September 27 at 4:00 p.m. at the building. Steven and Angelia Coy will be hosting.

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

Week Beginning, September 20, 2009

Coordinator: Chip Hill (610-270-1519)

Please call coordinator if you are unable to serve.

Announcements: Ken Upchurch

SUNDAY MORNING

Song Leader: Tyler Berch

Opening Prayer: Malcolm Berch

Lord's Supper: (Presiding) Robby Moorer

- | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Richard Jones | 5. Clarence Naylor |
| 2. Steve Midgette | 6. Kevin Reynolds |
| 3. Don Montgomery | 7. J.V. Mathis |
| 4. Reggie Neel | 8. Russell Mullins |

Closing Prayer: Richard Jones

Attendance Cards: Reggie Neel

Communion (September): Ken Upchurch

Nursery: 9/20: Toria Chatman & Kathy Devenport

9/27: Christina Overstreet & Sharon Harris

Building Cleaning: 9/21: Kevin Reynolds

9/28: Overstreet

SUNDAY EVENING

Song Leader: Tyler Berch

Opening Prayer: Charles Johnson

Lord's Supper:

1. Richard Jones
2. Steve Midgette

Closing Prayer: Steve Midgette

Count Contribution: Hill / Jones

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Leader: Seth Sullivan

Prayer: Roger Bickham

ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION

September 13, 2009

	Goal	Actual	Avg.
Bible Study	200	152	141
Morning Worship	275	234	218
Evening Worship	200	152	137
Wednesday (9/9)	200	169	148
Contribution	\$8,000	\$8,939	\$8,153

The Bulletin is published weekly by the

KENSINGTON WOODS CHURCH of CHRIST

415 S. 40th Ave.

Hattiesburg, MS 39402

601.264.2945

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.