

NEWS AND NOTES

- ◇ Please remember in prayer– Ken and Arlene Turner, Jeanette Claridy, Stephan Marschall, Madge Hicks, Arlene Turner’s brother (James), Wayne & Christine Ryland’s daughter (Shelly Chalmers), Ed Lawson, David Williams, The Day family, the Wisdom family, the Copeland family, Jason James, Bucky Day’s mom (Gerri), Larry Wisdom’s sister, and Keri Rice’s mother (Diane Fields).
- ◇ Please remember also our shut-ins:
- ◇ Group 3 meets tonight.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2nd Sunday each month - Afternoon Singing
- 2nd Monday night of each month— Ladies’ Bible Class.
- 4th Sunday of each month -Men’s Class
- We will not be having the Youth Study this month. However, we will resume on Feb. 1st, and will be studying every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month.

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Assignments

Wednesday Night: 1/23/13

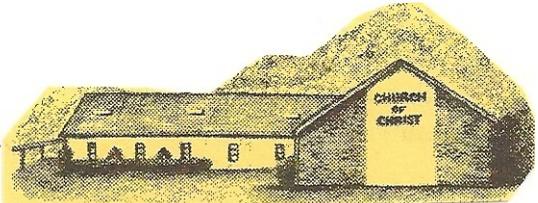
Song Leader: Jeremy Wharton
 Opening Prayer: Eddie Lawson
 Invitation: Ian Rice
 Announcements: Bob Marschall
 Closing Prayer: Daniel Stagers
 Parking Lot: Ken Turner

Sunday Morning: 1/27/13

Lord’s Table: Eric Stevens (B)
 Bucky Day (C)
 Serving: Ed Lawson
 Keith Marschall
 Song Leader: Bob Marschall
 Opening Prayer: Sherman Johnson
 Announcements: Larry Hicks
 Closing Prayer: OPEN
 Parking Lot: (9:00) Colby Sadler
 (9:50) Jim Abram

Sunday Evening: 1/27/13

Song Leader: Eddie Lawson
 Opening Prayer: Butch Morgan
 Lord’s Table: Eric Stevens
 Announcements: Larry Hicks
 Closing Prayer: Keith Marschall
 Parking Lot: Norm Blackburn



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<p><u>ELDERS</u> Larry Hicks (863) 899-7405 Leon Miller (863) 640-6378</p>	<p><u>SERVICES</u> Sunday Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Morning Services 9:50 A.M. Evening Services 6:00 P.M. Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 P.M.</p>	<p><u>DEACONS:</u> Robert Marschall Michael Sadler Eric Stevens Moses Stevens David Williams</p>
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“Come and See”

It seems to me that when I was growing up, lots of families went to worship somewhere on Sundays. If you didn’t go to offer worship on the Lord’s Day, then people took notice. People took notice - because they knew that worshipping the Lord is essential! Moreover, it seems like lots of folks used to *invite others* to their assemblies more back then. Folks were always inviting me and my family to “their” church. Even though most knew of there being different beliefs among different groups, they encouraged *me* to seek the Lord. My grandmother longed for me to attend the Baptist church she joined - and so I went. Different friends invited me to various groups (Catholic, Lutheran, Methodist, and Pentecostal)... and so I visited. However, as I look around at our society today, fewer people are showing God the reverence He demands. Thus, fewer people are being invited to worship at the various assemblies.

That said, various people *in the Bible* invited their families and friends to hear the Word of God proclaimed publicly. Consider that Isaiah prophesied, "*many people will shall come and say, 'Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord...'*" - **Isaiah 2:3**. Isaiah foretold that many would invite their friends to learn about God!

Look to the example set forth...

By Andrew, who invited Peter to meet Jesus. "One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus. Now when Jesus looked at him, He said, "You are Simon the son of Jonah. You shall be called Cephas" (which is translated, A Stone)." **John 1:40-42** Simon Peter's life was forever changed because his brother *invited* him to meet Jesus! How wonderful is that?

Look to the example...

Of Philip, who invited Nathaniel to meet Jesus – "The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found

Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote--Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." -**John 1:43-46** Philip went and told Nathanael about Jesus, inviting him to come and see Him. The result...? He heard the words of Jesus and became a "believer"! *Today, let us* be motivated to invite others to see the message of Jesus being proclaimed at our studies.

Look at the example of the...

Samaritan woman, who invited her neighbors to come and see – "The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, "Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" Then they went out of the city and came to Him." -**John 4:28-30** This woman had to speak up about her experience for others to come to Jesus. Are we telling others what Jesus is saying through His written Word? Let us be willing to speak up more about the hope that is within us. Jesus knows our works... He knows all things that we've ever done! Let us be eager to lead others to Christ that they might too receive the wonderful blessing we've obtained in Him!

Look to the example...

With Cornelius, who gathered together his family and friends to hear Peter's message. "And the following day they entered Caesarea. **Now Cornelius was waiting for them, and had called together his relatives and close friends.** As Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him. But Peter lifted him up, saying, "Stand up; I myself am also a man." And as he talked with him, he went in and found many who had come together. Then he said to them, "You know how unlawful it is for a Jewish man to keep company with or go to one of another nation. But God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean. Therefore I came without objection as soon as I was sent for. I ask, then, for what reason have you sent for me?" So Cornelius said, "Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing, and said, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your alms are remembered in the sight of God. Send therefore to Joppa and call Simon here, whose surname is Peter. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea. When he comes, he will speak to you.' So I sent to you immediately, and you have done well to come. **Now therefore, we are all present before God, to hear all the things commanded you by God.**" (Acts 10:24-33)

We see that many in the Bible came to know the Lord because they were invited by someone else to do so. The followers of Christ in the New Testament extended invitations, and souls were converted... and that same concept holds true for us today! Consider your own conversion- Who invited you to worship services? What led to your being open to Bible studies...? Which in turn, led to *YOUR* conversion?! Where would you be *TODAY* if you weren't approached by another individual?

Have we neglected our family and friends? Have we neglected lately to invite them to study the Bible... or even the worship service itself? Do not take lightly what reaching out to someone can do for them, because you never know what people are dealing with in their personal lives- *within* themselves. I exhort us all to eagerly to reach out and proclaim what Jesus has in store, "*Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*" -**Matthew 11:28**

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