

Noteworthy

Prayer Requests: Jo Anderson (*ongoing medical*), Karen Berry (*recovering from accident*), Margaret Blackburn (*pancreas and hip*), Joe Brown (*cancer*), Marian Church (*neck & back*), Mildred Church (*shut in*), Linda James (*ongoing medical*), Paul Lloyd (*back, on-going medical*), Bonnie Meagher (*medical*), Ahrea Miller (*recovering from hip surgery*), Neil Miller (*back*), Butch Morgan (*ongoing medical*), Dottie Reynolds (*back, on-going medical*), Mike Sadler (*neck pain*), Martha Smith (*broken hand, recent passing of her granddaugbter*), Suzette Stevens (*ongoing medical*), Arelene Turner (*medical*).

Family and friends: Nell Goodall (*Charles Goodall's aunt—blood clot, ongoing medical*), Chuck Goodall (*Charles and Vernita's son—cancer*), Ned Hicks (*Larry Hick's father - ongoing medical*), Brian James (*cancer*), Ken & Jerry Jordan's sister and brother-in-law (*their brother-in-law suffered a stroke*), Wayne Ryland (*ongoing medical*), Ardis Tucker (*Paula Sullivan's sister—ongoing medical*). Remember and encourage others who are struggling with problems.

Out of Town: The Ross family.

Group Meeting: Group 1 will meet next week after the evening worship service.

Kids' Review: Will meet again Nov. 12th in classroom number 5, shortly after the evening service.

Ladies' Bible Class: Meets Nov. 13th at 7pm in Keri Rice's home. In preparation, please do the lesson titled "Blessings of Wifhood" from the book, "Woman, Her Blessings and Responsibilities".

Gospel Meeting(s): The Trilacoochee Church of Christ's meeting with Doy Moyer begins this week, Oct. 22-27. The Azalea Park Church of Christ will hold a meeting Nov.16th-19th with Basilio Munoz.

Assignments for Worship Service

Wednesday Night: 10/25/17

Song Leader: Clay Sadler
 Opening Prayer: Sherman Johnson
 Invitation: Colby Sadler
 Announcements: Larry Wisdom
 Closing Prayer: David Williams
 Recordings: Bob Marschall
 Usher: Gus Johnson

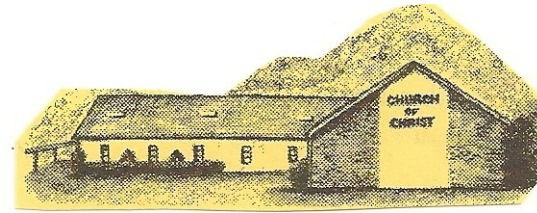
Sunday Evening: 10/29/17

Song Leader: Joe Brown
 Opening Prayer: Keith Marschall
 Lord's Table: Sherman Johnson
 Announcements: Bob Marschall
 Closing Prayer: Nick Ross
 Recordings: Trent Stevens
 Usher: Gus Johnson

Sunday Morning: 10/29/17

Lord's Table: Sherman Johnson (B)
 Trent Stevens (C)
 Serving: Jim Abram
 Jerry Williams
 Song Leader: Colby Sadler

Opening Prayer: Jim Elliot
 Announcements: Bob Marschall
 Closing Prayer: Nick Ross
 Recordings: Trent Stevens
 Usher: Gus Johnson



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SERVICES

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.

DEACONS:

Robert Marschall
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 David Williams

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“Reasons Why Our Gospel Meeting Was a ‘Success’”

Friday evening concluded our gospel meeting with Brother Joseph Casimier, from Houston, Texas. The theme of the week concerned “God’s Plan for His People” and was “A Series of Lessons on our Relationships. Roles, and Responsibilities”. We have heard through the heralded messages - convincing pleas for us to obey the gospel and powerful exhortations to remain & grow in faithfulness to God Almighty. With such great messages heard, let us consider three reasons why the meeting can be viewed as having been successful!

We Have Been Strengthened Through the Scriptures

Peter says in 2 Peter 3:1-2, “Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder), 2 that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior,”. Each meeting time last week offered us all an opportunity to hear and meditate on God’s word. While we know of our Lord and His ministry, time is never wasted when we’re reminded of the words spoken by (and about) Him! Our understanding of God’s word has deepened with these lessons!

People Within Our Community Have Been Influenced

Part of our work as a congregation is to sound forth the word of the Lord, and our efforts went a long way toward fulfilling that task. The Apostle Paul commended the Thessalonians for their good deeds when he wrote, “For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything.” One of our goals in having a meeting is to provide opportunity for folks in the surrounding areas to hear the gospel. We had many visitors assemble with us last week - because they either heard of the meeting through advertising efforts, or through word of mouth. “For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth”!

We Have Demonstrated that We Are Not Ashamed of Christ

Religion in our society is under increasing pressure and scrutiny, and making a stand for the one true gospel demonstrates that we intend to “obey God rather than men” (Acts 5:28). Jesus said, “For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father’s, and of the holy angels.” (Luke 9:26) We are not to be ashamed of our Lord, nor of laboring brethren. As Paul wrote to Timothy,

“Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God” (2 Timothy 1:8). It was encouraging to be with those of you who demonstrated your commitment to the meeting last week, as your example hopefully made (and will continue to make) an impression upon others (Cf. Matthew 5:14-16)!

Now that we have yielded plenty, should we take our ease; eat, drink, and be merry? Certainly not! Our work continues each day, until the last day (Luke 12:16-21)! Paul said in Philippians 3:12-14, “Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. 13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” Brethren, we have demonstrated that it is within us to focus our efforts and edify ourselves and those around us. May we all continue to press forward in these endeavors! Amen.

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- Ian Rice

“The Amazing Jesus”

It is not too surprising that people of the first century should be amazed at the miracles of Jesus, or astonished at the wonders and signs which God did by Him. (Acts 2:22) The manifestation of Deity in nature is marvelous; and when God shows Himself supernaturally, men are put out of themselves or greatly struck. (Mk. 7:37) It was not for lack of proof that many rejected Him. Astonishment at His works and wisdom was overcome by pride, envy, and prejudice. They were offended and disbelieved because He was a carpenter, one of us, and few of the big shots had believed on Him. (Mk. 6:2-6; Jn. 7:47)

But Jesus astonished both friend and foe with something other than His miracles. There was the **content** of His teaching, i.e., God is God of the living (Matt. 22:23-33); His zeal in defense of God’s house of prayer (Mk. 11:15-18); and His **ability** to capture the hearts of those who came to take Him captive. (Jn. 7:32-46)

Even the twelve disciples who were with Him daily, schooled in His idealism, were unprepared for the **extent** of His teaching. When Jesus set forth the divine concept of marriage-- that which was from the beginning—His disciples say unto Him, if the case of the man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry. (Matt. 19:3-12) His teaching so shook them that compliance seemed possible only to those who bound themselves in celibacy. But Jesus did not give ground. Devotion to divine principles can do more than the knife or the monastic cell. The true Christian will keep himself for the kingdom of heaven’s sake. Such teaching continues to amaze the worldly-minded today.

And when Jesus said, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God, His disciples were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved? (Matt. 19:16-26) The answer to this question is not to be found in some low gate dodge around the Master’s teaching. Jesus said, “With God all things are possible”. (vs. 26) At this point the disciples seemed not to understand the exceeding value of treasures in heaven, but the time would come when they would amaze the world at their willingness to give all rather than reject the Savior.

The Sermon on the Mount abounds in enough idealistic teaching to astound anyone, but an additional factor was even more amazing. Matt. 7:28-29 says, —the people were astonished at His doctrine: for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Authority was inherent in the Christ. Although He quoted Scriptures to show the fulfillment of prophecies and to interrelate all of divine truth, He spake as the **source** of truth. He did not, as the scribes, have to appeal to other sources to prove His statements. Divinity is its own proof. This primacy and ultimacy was so apparent in Jesus Christ that the honest heart could not doubt it. He could ask, Which of you convicteth me of Sin? (Jn. 8:46) and have no fear of a truthful answer.

And, wonder of wonders, this amazing Christ died for you and me.

- Robert F. Turner