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Gloom & Doom? Not at all! I get tired of all the morose reporting that is often parroted as gospel truth. Over the last couple of decades there was little to report in regard to church growth that was positive. However, a recent Pew Forum nationwide survey shows some encouraging things about the churches

of Christ in America. Are we graying and dying? Actually we have a higher percentage of young adults than the national average and rank third among religious groups in the category of young adults 18-29. While young adults of that age group make up 20% of our nation's population, the churches of Christ have 22% in that age group. Flavil Yeakley has studied growth trends for decades and he says: 1) We are the 12th largest in America, 2) the 6th fastest growing, 3) 4th in the total number of congregations, 4) 5th in coverage, 5) 1st in distribution of congregations (whatever that means), and 6) 1st in the nation in weekly attendance of members. In an average week we have 76% of our adherents in worship, which is substantially higher than most religious groups. In another study conducted by Barna Marketing a few years ago, the churches of Christ also are 1st in financial support per member. These figures might even be higher if there was a way of including house churches among us. There is a growing trend of groups of disciples eschewing traditional congregations and forming smaller house churches. While some condemn this, there actually were many house churches in NT times. As long as people are speaking where the Bible speaks, I thank God that our Lord is glorified, whether in a traditional setting or in a house church.

"Para churches": There was some question after the SS quarterly mentioned parachurches as to what they are. A parachurch organizations are non-church Christian faith based organizations that are formed to further the cause of Christ. They include Christian colleges (FHU, DLU), publishers (GA), benevolent groups (Good Samaritans), Bible study groups, on and on.

Sermon Topics

AM: Better Than Shooting Someone ~ Romans 12:17, 18
PM: Report on Peru Mission (Garry Church), The Motivation for Missions (Joseph)

Youth Ministry

Families of
 Middle School and
 High School Students

Devotional

Tonight!
 Home of Terry and Carrie Rogers

Prayer Breakfasts

Tuesday mornings, Nov. 10, 17, 24

Devotional

Sunday night, November 22
 Home of Cozzie and Kathy Stewart

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 26
 Have a fun and safe holiday!

In Refuge this past Wednesday, we talked about loving people who are outside of our circle of friends and family. On a personal note, while Jesus wants me to love my enemies, I have to start well before that point. The truth is this: I have difficulty loving those who I would not even consider "enemies"! Loving all people as God does is tough, but God desires us to move in that direction. And we must remember that it is much easier to say that you love someone than it is to show that person through action. Love is genuine only when it is manifested in concrete action. So who is tough to love in your life? While I find it is difficult to love terrorists and abortion doctors and child abusers, I also find that it is tough to love those who are a part of my everyday life. May God help us as we move towards radical love!

Refuge continues this Wednesday! We are in the midst of a series on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount and we are calling it "He Said What?!" We would love to see you here at 7 PM. You will be blessed!

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

Week of Sunday, November 15, 2009

SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements: Elder-In-Charge
 Opening Prayer: T. Simmons
 Scripture Reading: Dale Bradley
 Closing Prayer: Terry Rogers

SERVE LORD'S SUPPER

Preside at Table: Eddie Martin, Dick Rumph

Serve Congregation:

Keith Riddle	Mike Champion
Jim Chasteen	Tim Jackson
Jackie Baxter	Jeff Maru
Garrett Heatherly	Bobby Mason

GREETERS: Frank & Jane Lynch

Maurice & Linnie Batchelor

USHERS: Ralph Underwood, Joel Williams

Bobby Felton, David Fandrich

SUNDAY EVENING

Song Leader: Lyle Starnes
 Opening Prayer: Wayne Simpson
 Scripture Reading: Dale Bradley
 Closing Prayer: Glenn Breccia
 Serve Lord's Supper: Ralph Underwood

SUPERVISE NURSERY

Arlene Barry (Nov. 15&18)

BUS TRANSPORTATION (Nov. 15&18)

Driver: Tim Wilson 967-9734

WEDNESDAY EVENING (Nov. 18)

Announcements & Song Leader: Lyle Starnes
 Opening Prayer: Grady Floyd
 Closing Prayer: Classes

CHANGE MESSAGE SIGN

Nov. 15 - Terry Rogers

If you are unable to serve contact:
 Ralph Underwood @ 962-2157



Assembly Times
Sunday Bible Class 9:00 AM
Sunday Worship 10:00 AM
Sunday Evening 6:00 PM
Wednesday Night 7:00 PM

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Colossians 3:16

Prayer List

- † Shane Bean
- † Janie Bragg
- † Kenneth L. Brown
- † Bob Cardwell
- † Christopher Carroll, cousin of James Taylor, struggling with cancer.
- † Cecil & Shirley Cole - NCH Place Cool Springs #1502 in Franklin.
- † Max Davis, father of Jeana Stidham
- † Don Earle
- † Rita Harrison, mother of Tony Harrison.
- † Peter Hartway, son of Dolores Manning.
- † Annie Hill recuperating from surgery last Friday.
- † Evelyn Hill
- † J.D. & Mabel Holmes
- † Melody Oliver, friend of Alberta Floyd
- † Delbert Reed
- † Louella Sernicola, mother of Cheryl Boswell.
- † Gail Woodall
- † Wilma Yates, sister of Gerry Blackwood.

Continue to remember in your prayers those who are shut-ins. They enjoy receiving cards, phone calls or visits.

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in times of trouble" (Ps. 46:1).

1. God is our shelter.
2. God is our strength.
3. God is our support.

Prayer Request

Charles Luna, early 40's, has been diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor. Charles is the nephew of Christine Hopkins. Please remember this family in your prayers.

Benevolence Coat Drive

Please continue to bring new or lightly used coats or jackets. A box is located in the foyer.

Door Code

The code to the glass door has changed due to security purposes. If you need access to the building after office hours, please contact the church office.

Change of Address

Jean Davis & Christina Braseel
 6698 SR Hwy 50
 Pelham, TN 37366

Please note the change in your directories.

Kids for Christ is tonight! This special program for 2 years old to 2nd graders begins at 6:00 in Room 216. We hope you will decide to be here!

God didn't promise days without pain, laughter without sorrow, sun without rain, but He did promise strength for the day, comfort for the tears, and light for the way.

Upcoming Events

If you are planning any events using the church fellowship room or Vanzant Center during the upcoming holiday season, please be sure to schedule them on the calendar in the church office. You may pencil it in yourself or contact the office.

If you made a request for a copy of a CD or Cassette Tape they are available for pick up in the Audio/Visual Room. The cost per CD or tape is \$1.00

Salute the Veterans!

Veterans Day is Wednesday, November 11. We are blessed to have many veterans in our church family. Thanks to all of you for your service to our country.

It is also a time to remember our men and women currently serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, other foreign lands, and those in our country for homeland security.

Winchester Christian Academy

Winchester Christian Academy coin collection cans are available on the table in the foyer. The cans may be returned to the church office.

Pantry Items Needed

- Canned Pinto, Great Northern & Green Beans
- Canned Carrots
- Meat Spaghetti Sauce
- Canned Whole Kernel Corn
- Chili
- Canned Soups
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Potato Flakes
- Oatmeal

The pantry is in need of all of these items. If you can bring one or more, it would be appreciated.

Visitation Team Assignments

Weekly assignments for those who signed up to make phone calls or to write cards or notes will be posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.



Those Serving In The Military

- † Nick Barry
- † Randall Blake
- † Farrel Clifton
- † Josh Harrison
- † Corey Martin
- † Chris Pate
- † David Rollins



Monthly Assignment Sheet

Assignments for month of: November 2009

Elder in charge: Ben Lynch

Deacon in charge: Ralph Underwood If you cannot serve, notify deacon in charge in advance at 962-2157

Elders, Deacons, & Ministers Meeting: November 3, 6:00 p.m.

Ushers: Ralph Underwood, Joel Williams, Bobby Felton, David Fandrich

Care of baptism garments: Ralph & Etha Underwood

First Sunday Lord's Supper Presentation: Bruce Stewart

Prepare Lord's Supper: Glenn & Mert Breccia, Edgar & Verna Luthi

Greeters: Frank & Jane Lynch, Maurice & Lirnie Batchelor

Serve Lord's Supper to	Keith Riddle	Mike Champion
Congregation	Jim Chasteen	Tim Jackson
	Jackie Baxter	Jeff Mann
	Garrett Heatherly	Bobby Mason

Take Lord's Supper to Southern Living & Nursing Home: Dale Pavatte, Tim Wilson

Take Lord's Supper to shut-ins: Troy Wells, Kevin Bass

Ladies Service Program Coordinators: Etha Underwood, Donna Rumph

Monthly Kitchen Duty: (Varzant Ctr. & Fellowship Room)

SUNDAY MORNING:

Date	Opening Prayer	Scripture Reading	Closing Prayer	Preside Lord's Supper
Nov. 1	Harry K. Boswell	T.C. Simmons	Jimmy McClain	Mike Cunningham, Danny Patterson
Nov. 8	Bill Hardison	Ben Boggess	Jim Boyd	Greg Heatherly, Kyle Ashby
Nov. 15	T. Simmons	Dale Bradley	Terry Rogers	Eddie Martin, Dick Rumph
Nov. 22	Kevin Caroland	Dillon Stevens	Tim Roggi	David Wilkerson, Ted Boswell
Nov. 29	Joel Mason	Mark Clifton	Lou Pfister	Wade Rogers, Jerry Crabtree

SUNDAY EVENING:

Date	Song Leader	Opening Prayer	Scripture Reading	Closing Prayer	Serve Lord's Supper
Nov. 1	Lyle Starnes	Joseph Horton	T.C. Simmons	W.B. Duncan	Ralph Underwood
Nov. 8	Lyle Starnes	Oren Huffman	Ben Boggess	Maurice Batchelor	Ralph Underwood
Nov. 15	Lyle Starnes	Wayne Simpson	Dale Bradley	Glenn Breccia	Ralph Underwood
Nov. 22	Lyle Starnes	Mike Robertson	Dillon Stevens	Buddy Neal	Ralph Underwood
Nov. 29	Lyle Starnes	Tony Harrison	Mark Clifton	Brooks Lynch	Ralph Underwood

WEDNESDAY EVENING:

Date	Announcements & Lead Singing	Opening Prayer
Nov. 4	Lyle Starnes	Kenneth Farris
Nov. 11	Lyle Starnes	Terry Hamden
Nov. 18	Lyle Starnes	Grady Floyd
Nov. 25	Lyle Starnes	Woodrow Rogers

SUPERVISE NURSERY: (Sunday & Wednesday)

Date	Those to serve:
Nov. 1,4	Etha Underwood
Nov. 8,11	Beverly Pavatte
Nov. 15,18	Arlene Barry
Nov. 22, 25	Melissa Ashby
Nov. 29	Kristy Rogers

KIDS FOR CHRIST WORKERS

November
Teaching: Lou & Jenny Pfister
Assisting: Mike & Beth Robertson
Michael & Lori Greer
Stephanie Pate
Chloe Rogers