

# THE FRIEND OF TRUTH

Greensboro Road church of Christ

2008 Old Greensboro Road  
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*“Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?” (Galatians 4:16)*

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Michael Hughes  
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## SERVICES

### SUNDAY

Classes 9:00 a.m.  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
6:00 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

## What Must I Do To Be Saved?

*Hear* the Word of God  
Romans 10:17

*Believe* the Word of God  
John 8:24

*Repent* of your sins  
Luke 13:3

*Confess* your faith in Jesus  
as the Son of God  
Romans 10:9,10

*Be Baptized* for the remis-  
sion of your sins  
Acts 2:38

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## KeepNotes

This past week we have suffered with so much rain and all the storms and devastation that comes with it. We have seen all around us how much harm the rains can bring with flooding. As the rivers and streams all around us continue to rise let us all remember our neighbors and friends as they are suffering through these troubling difficulties. Our own Mark Brewer and his family have had to come to Jonesboro after being evacuated from their home. Keep all who are suffering in your continuing prayers.

We rejoice this week as **Earline Franklin** was baptized into Christ. Earline met with Bill, Jean and me after having given much thought and consideration to her conversion. Believing that she had been pressured into being immersed when she was much younger, she was convinced that she had not been baptized with an understanding and therefore her baptism was not valid. We baptized her into Christ Monday morning and all rejoice with the assurance she has been added to the family of God. Keep Sister Earline in your daily prayers.

Our Vacation Bible School will be discussing “The Fruit of the Spirit” this year. Mark your calendar for June 12-15 and plan to be with us each and every night. We have a goal of having 100 children present those nights. We are encouraging every parent, grandparent, great-grandparent, aunt, uncle, cousin, neighbor and friend to bring your young ones and be with us. Make every effort to get young ones to come with you and be with us. It will be a great VBS and the more children we have the more our opportunities to open doors to bring others to Christ. There will also be classes for our adults and we encourage everyone to help us fill the building these four night. We can do this if we all work hard. Will you help or do you intend to be a hindrance to this effort?

*Let us all look for opportunities to sow the seed of the kingdom in our community. Plant in the field where you are and pray for seed to be sown all around the world that others may be brought to Christ.*

## Elder's Corner for May 8, 2011 by Dan Nichols

### Sow Seed Here?

Growing up on a farm, I learned that there were very simple rules that must be followed in order to have a crop to harvest in the fall. First there was a need for seed, then someone (generally the farmer) had to sow that seed and third the ground or field had to be prepared or receptive. God's laws of planting and harvesting with regard to the spiritual are just as simple. There must be a seed, a sower, and a field for new life to be produced. In the spiritual realm "*the seed*" is the word of God, Luke 8:11. New Testament Christians are "*the sowers*" and "*the field*" is the receptive hearts of those who are spiritually lost. The word of God is powerful according to Hebrews 4:12, the gospel is the power of God unto salvation, Rom. 1:16. So let us never doubt the viability of the seed, if we plant it, God will not allow it to return void, Isa. 55: 11.

We must maintain a balanced vision of seeking the lost. There is the need for a "world-vision" concept as well as a "home-vision" concept. Often it seems, we are quick and eager to see the needs of those in another city, state or country while overlooking and neglecting those we come in contact with every day. Do we not have friends, family members, neighbors, business associates and co-workers who are in need of salvation? Everyday we come in contact with any number of people who are in need of having the seed planted in their hearts. We must not overlook these people because they are so close to us.

Certainly not every member of the church has the same talents and opportunities to be involved in soul-winning. But all can be involved in some way. It is God's will that souls be saved. If we will pray, plant the seed and work earnestly for the cause, God will answer our prayers. And where do we start? Right here. Surely we all know at least one person who needs to hear and obey the gospel. Start with them and let God give the increase.

Just a thought.

## CAN WE GET IN WITHOUT IT?

A preacher preached his sermon on the terms and conditions of admission into the kingdom and quoted the words of Jesus, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16). A woman in the audience replied to the sermon by saying, "I do not believe I have to be baptized to be saved." When asked how she could believe that when the scripture were so plainly stated, she replied, "Yes, I know what it says, but it does not say I cannot be saved without being baptized."

Knowing she loved music, the preacher asked her if she was going to the symphony Saturday night. She said, "Oh no. They are charging \$75 to get in and I can't afford it." The preacher replied, "Oh yes, I know it says they are charging for admission, but it does not say you cannot get in without paying." Do you think she got the message? Maybe not. None is so blind as one who will not see.

Terry Joe

# I Corinthians 5:1-9

(The answers to the questions taken from this passage are found in the word search puzzle.)

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 J S E B L L R S N I R Q P O W  
 L E A V E N O T I C R P E S Q  
 D M W S S V H T Z S E B P R Z  
 J H H P E J I D S P T R U J X  
 P G N R X R D E V A S L I L L  
 F O R N I C A T I O N U T T B  
 U G W P B B B O D Y B M U L Y  
 E H S E Q M O W F F G P G O V  
 T E F Y R E D E N R U O M Q O  
 Y O S A Q N D B A X H X T E P

It is being commonly reported that there is what among them? This is something that is not even named among whom? One had taken his father's what? They were puffed up when they should have rather what? The one who had done this what should have been taken away from among them? Paul said that whether absent in what or present in what he had judged already? Paul said he judged as though "I was" what? Paul then commanded them when they were some together in the what of the Lord Jesus Christ and with the what of the Lord Jesus Christ to deliver such a one? To whom did he say this one should be delivered? This was to be done that what might be destroyed and what might be saved? A little what leaveneth the whole lump? They should get rid of the old that they might be a new what? What does he say Christ is to us? We should keep the feast with the unleavened bread of what and what? Paul said he had written this in a what?

## BIBLE READING FOR THE WEEK:

### May:

7. ◇◇◇ 1 Sam. 13-14 Ps. 126 2 Cor. 6-7  
 8. ◇◇◇ 1 Sam. 15-16 Ps. 127 2 Cor. 8  
 9. ◇◇◇ 1 Sam. 17 Ps. 128 2 Cor. 9-10

10. ◇◇◇ 1 Sam. 18-19 Ps. 129 2 Cor. 11  
 11. ◇◇◇ 1 Sam. 20-21 Ps. 130 2 Cor. 12  
 12. ◇◇◇ 1 Sam. 22-23 Ps. 131 2 Cor. 13  
 13. ◇◇◇ 1 Sam. 24-25 Ps. 132 Gal. 1-2

## NEWS AND NOTES

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

**Steve Stoker** is now at home to regain his strength and allow time for his pancreas to heal. He will be having open heart surgery in the near future. The gall bladder will be removed at a later time. The family has requested no visitors at this time, but would welcome cards.

**Barbara Fleming** has been released from the hospital and is now home.

Jamie Holland asks for prayers for her sister, **Stacy Williams**. She is waiting for tests results.

**Phyllis Whistle** has begun chemotherapy and radiation treatments. She is doing as well as can be expected. Keep her in your prayers.

Please also remember in your prayers: Don Moore and Christy Lamb **and those listed on the bulletin boards.**

**Visitation Team #2 (Dan Nichols & Hal Baugh)** will meet in the foyer after evening services to pick up their assignments.

Tonight will be our monthly **Ladies meeting** in room 10. All ladies are encouraged to attend.

May 15<sup>th</sup> will be the celebration for our **Graduates** after evening services. Please make plans to attend and congratulate them on their accomplishment.

**Mark Your Calendars:** Our Vacation Bible School will begin June 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>. The theme is “Fruit of the Spirit”. We want to have 100 children in attendance every night. Invite your friend, family, co-workers and neighbors to come be with us. There will be classes for all ages.

Please remember the **bulletins** will no longer be mailed out as of May 13th.

**Scripture of the Week: I Cor. 5:6** “*Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?*”

**Wednesday Evening Devotional**  
**May 11, 2011**  
**Bill Willard**

### *Our Record for May 1 2011*

<i>Sunday A.M. Worship</i>	<i>140</i>
<i>Sunday P.M. Worship</i>	<i>140</i>
<i>Wednesday Bible Study</i>	<i>133</i>
<i>Contribution</i>	<i>\$5643</i>
<i>Mission Fund</i>	<i>\$380</i>

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