

THE FRIEND OF TRUTH

Greensboro Road church of Christ

2008 Old Greensboro Road
Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401

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

ELDERS

Dan Nichols
Randy Oden
Jody Pickens

DEACONS

Gary Bearden
Mike Felts
Kevin Foust
Aaron Honeycutt
Marshall Lands
Kelly Rowe

EVANGELIST

Terry Joe Kee
Bill Willard

MISSIONARIES

Rajesh Bonthu
Mark Brewer
Michael Hughes
Arnold Kelley
Johnny Robertson
Wil Sadler
Joe Spangler

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

Live faithfully
Revelation 2:10

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KeepNotes

Christians rejoice at every opportunity of coming together. We are glad whenever we can be with our brethren and worship.

The elders recently sent out letters to every parent of every child at Greensboro Road encouraging everyone to be present and help us build up our Bible school. We have such good and committed parents who work diligently to train their children. It is a great responsibility and a wonderful opportunity to plant the seeds of Christianity into the hearts of our young ones. We all want to see our young ones growing up and becoming stronger in Christ. Our goal and effort will be to prepare every child so that they will be faithful all the days of their lives. We are intent on not losing any member of the body to the world. Our Bible school will be much improved and better when every child is present for every service.

We rejoice with the angels of heaven as Wednesday night our sister, Tonya Brown, came confessing her unfaithfulness and asking for the prayers of the church. Tonya has a sincere desire to be all she needs to be as a Christian. I appreciate her sweet spirit and tender heart. Let us all continue to pray for Tonya and her family as they work to help us grow in Christ.

Our recent golf trip is now history. I am pretty sure that Hal Baugh, Randy Oden, Jimmy Selvidge and I won. It did not seem that anyone wanted to share their scores when the day was over. I figure this can only mean that everyone else knew who had won. There were fifteen of us who played golf. Marshall Lands came and ate breakfast with us, but is still not able to play golf as he is recovering from open heart surgery. It is always good to spend time together with brethren. I do believe everyone had a good time. Thanks to Aaron Honeycutt for planning this outing and to everyone who came and enjoyed the time we had together.

Pewpackers Class has gotten off to a good start. We hope to have every one of our young ones in class each Sunday night. We are continuing to review and no one has missed any new material yet. It would be a good time for everyone to get started again with these studies. Looking forward to seeing you tonight.

Elder's Corner

The Responsibility We Share

By Jody Pickens

Those who enjoy them, those who thrive on them, those who find purpose in them, those who find a way to let them guide them during the day; In contrast, there are those who find them to be a burden, an unnecessary worry, something that impinges on their fun or their way of life. Obviously, because of the title of this article, I'm giving you an over-simplified way of comparing two different kinds of people. As a Christian it really is pretty clear how we should feel about responsibilities. Colossians 3:17 "And whatsoever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him".

As sad as it is to say, there are times when Christians come to worship services and then when they leave and walk back out into the world, they forget the responsibilities that God has given to each of us. Sometimes we might forget that God gave us the responsibility to walk out into the world, and do everything in His Name. That says to me we have to be the best representative of God and His love in every single thing we do. Christians should always be the best employees, the best students, the best volunteer, Christians should be the best at everything we do, no matter how small or large the task may be. If we are doing what we do, as we would do it to the Lord, how could we even think about giving less than the very best we could?

Look back over this past week and think about the things you did. Did you do everything as though you were doing it to God? Was the effort you put out at your marriage, your job, your school work, your sporting event, or whatever it was you were involved in, your very best effort? Did you do it as though you were doing it to God the Father Himself? Or, did the evil in the world influence your thoughts, your actions, or your words? Hopefully, it didn't. We hope and pray that everything you did this week, and everything you will do next week, will be done as though you are doing it to God.

"...do all in the name of the Lord..."

God Bless You All

Example is not the main thing in influencing others.

It is the only thing.

by Albert Schweitzer

Love Your Neighbor

In order to love others one must first love God. *“You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your might.”* (**Deuteronomy 6:5; Mark 12:30**). Even Adam, when he was the one and only human in the world, had the company of the Creator (**Genesis 3:8**). Imagine that, having God all to yourself! Would you be able to help your self from loving your Creator above everything else? Adam did not have to imagine his reality.

Loving God first is imperative, but loving self is absolutely necessary in order to love others. The command cannot be obeyed without self - *“You shall love your neighbor as yourself”* (**Leviticus 19:18**). How much you love your “neighbor” is directly related to how much you love yourself. There are many commands in the Scriptures that require one to put others first, but without a solid love of self it is possible to end up hating everybody and God (**I Corinthians 13:1-3**).

In His wisdom, God decided that *“it is not good for man to be alone”* (**Genesis 2:18**), so *“out of the ground the Lord God formed every kind of beast of the field and every bird of the sky”* but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him” (**Genesis 2:21-23**); woman is man’s first neighbor. *“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother, and be joined to his wife; and she conceived and gave birth.”* (**Genesis 1:28; 4:1**). The love of the immediate family is a common theme throughout the Bible. Man’s closest neighbors live in his household.

In conclusion, consider the lawyer’s question to Jesus and the response to that question in **Luke 10:29-37** *“And who is my neighbor? Jesus told a parable about a traveling man who fell into the hand of robbers, who stripped him and beat him and went away leaving him half dead. In the parable, a priest and a Levite passed by on the other side of the road when they saw the unfortunate traveler, but a Samaritan felt compassion for the man and came to him and bandaged up his wounds. Jesus said, “Go and do the same.”* When we learn to love God first, it is easy to love your neighbor as yourself.

Taken from the
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BIBLE READING FOR THE WEEK:

September:							
24. ◇ ◇ ◇	Isaiah 29-30	Ps. 85	Acts 7	27. ◇ ◇ ◇	Isaiah 35-36	Ps. 88	Acts 10
25. ◇ ◇ ◇	Isaiah 31-32	Ps. 86	Acts 8	28. ◇ ◇ ◇	Isaiah 37-38	Ps. 89	Acts 11-12
26. ◇ ◇ ◇	Isaiah 33-34	Ps. 87	Acts 9	29. ◇ ◇ ◇	Isaiah 39-40	Ps. 90	Acts 13
				30. ◇ ◇ ◇	Isaiah 41-42	Ps. 91	Acts 14

NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Darrell McClung (Christy Lamb's father) was taken to NEA Baptist hospital, room 220 with breathing problems.

Robert Rickman (former member) is in Healthsouth, room 215 by the door, after surgery in Kennett, MO.

Please remember in your prayers: Susan Kelly, Jae Renck, and Misty Honeycutt (Stan Honeycutt's daughter) **and those listed on the bulletin boards.**

Visitation Team #4 (Jody Pickens & Marshall Lands) will meet in the foyer after evening services to pick up their assignments.

Seek The Old Paths are on the tables in the foyer.

The **Bible Bowl** will be Monday, September 26th at Washington Ave. at 7pm.

The **Berry's Fish Fry** is scheduled for September 30th. The sign-up sheet for food is on the table in the foyer.

Sunday, October 2nd will be our **Friend Day**. Please ask friends, co-workers, and family to join us for services.

Remember our **Coat Drive** has been scheduled for October 8th from 9 am – 12 noon.

Satan laughs at our toiling, mocks at our wisdom but trembles when we *pray*.

“Pray without *ceasing*.” II Thessalonians 5:17

Wednesday Evening Devotional
September 28, 2011
J. L. May

Our Record for September 18, 2011

<i>Sunday A. M. Worship</i>	<i>185</i>
<i>Sunday P.M. Worship</i>	<i>148</i>
<i>Wednesday Bible Study</i>	<i>136</i>
<i>Contribution</i>	<i>\$4666</i>
<i>Mission Fund</i>	<i>\$26.02</i>

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