

# 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)*

## 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

Mark Brewer  
Michael Hughes  
Arnold Kelley  
Rajesh Rapaka  
Will Sadler  
Johnny Robertson

## 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

At some points along the way of preparing for a gospel meeting you begin to wonder if it will ever get here. Then the time finally comes and you wonder how it came up so quickly and before you got everything done you intended to do. Today is a day we have been working and praying for for several months. Frank Foust is a friend and brother; not to mention he is the father of one of our deacons, Kevin. We are blessed to have him come and be with us. This will be a week in which everyone can receive from it whatever we choose to get from our time together. At times one comes with his eyes closed and his ears stopped. His hardened heart will not be touched as he is not seeking anything good from the week. Some will come to each service determined to get all they can from every sermon and they will leave every service longing for the next meeting. Some will come not expecting to receive anything, and yet, with a good and honest heart, they will be revived and strengthened in their faith. Sadly, for some the week will come and go without effecting them in any way. They will not come, have not prayed, and will feel that having been here Sunday morning is all they needed.

Recently our Sister Glodean Huffman was moved to the hospital. While there she asked to be forgiven and restored. Prayers were offered in her behalf and she rejoiced to be reconciled to God. We mourn and rejoice as she left this world. We mourn as she leaves our presence and we rejoice for the hope she had in Jesus as she departed this life. A far better place is reserved for God's children, those reconciled to Him through the blood of His Son.

Sister Carol Willcockson is rarely able to be present to worship with the saints. The fears and dread of failing health and the weakness of the physical body keep her from being with us. While present last Sunday night she asked us to remember her in our prayers as she struggles with the frailties of life. Her brother is suffering with cancer and she asked us to pray for her to have the strength she needs to deal with his suffering and impending departure. We rejoice that he was recently baptized into Christ.

Remember every service of our meeting this week and do not miss one service. This can be a great week of gatherings. Let us all do what we can to make it so. May God bless us all this week as we seek to serve Him.

**Elder's Corner****Decaffeinated Religion**

By Dan Nichols

I have been told that most people who drink coffee, wake up in the morning looking forward to that first cup. And without doubt, they all say it is the best one of the day. The smell of coffee brewing has also been compared to an aroma set to music. Occasionally, there are those who encounter some problems with their daily brew. It might make them anxious or nervous. Perhaps, if drank late in the day, it keeps them awake at night. As no one wants to go without this beverage to which they have become accustomed, modern technology has found a solution to the difficulty. It appears that the offender is the caffeine. Research has discovered a way to remove it, leaving the original flavor intact. Therefore, everyone can continue to enjoy that cup of coffee without all the unpleasant side effects.

It occurs to me that religion is a lot like this good cup of coffee. For Christians, it is the first thing we should think about as we awaken. Who could start the day without talking to God and asking His oversight as we go through our daily routine. And yes, like a coffee break occasionally, we should refresh our relationship with our Father often. It is something like peace of mind reflected in a hymn. We should all strive to serve Him and please Him according to His commandments and not our impression of His will. This will ensure that we will get the full benefits of the requested blessings.

There are those who struggle with the Divine ordinances. They find it difficult to follow every "Thou shalt" and "Thou shalt not." Their conscience makes them uneasy and they find it difficult to sleep at night. So the search is on for a way that will allow them to side step the things they don't like and keep the things they enjoy. They pick and choose through the Holy Word of God like a Biblical smorgasbord. Yes, we see them removing the "caffeine" out of religion; leaving the part that pleases them, indulging and still have the feeling they have the 'real' thing. In this way, they have trained their conscience to believe all is well.

Decaffeinated religion! It might look okay. It might smell okay. It might taste okay but I'm afraid one might be left with only the dregs in the bottom of the cup of faith.

A lot is said in the Bible about pure religion and the very last warning we have in the New Testament is for those who would attempt to remove even one thing from it's content.

"And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life and out of the holy city and from the things which are written in this book." (Rev 22:19)

Just a thought!

# I Corinthians 13

(All answers come from this chapter. Be sure to read and study the chapter thoroughly)

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

Paul said that though he should speak with the tongues of whom and of whom? Doing this makes Paul as what kind of brass and what kind of cymbal? Paul said that if he had the gift of prophecy and could understand all what and all knowledge and had not charity he was nothing? He also said if he had all faith so that he could remove what and had not charity he was nothing? If Paul bestowed all his goods to feed the who and gave his body to be what and did not have charity if would profit him how much? "Charity suffereth \_\_\_\_\_, and is \_\_\_\_\_; charity \_\_\_\_\_ not; charity \_\_\_\_\_ not itself, is not \_\_\_\_\_ up, Doth not behave itself \_\_\_\_\_, seeketh not her \_\_\_\_\_, is not easily \_\_\_\_\_, thinketh no \_\_\_\_\_; Rejoiceth not in \_\_\_\_\_, but rejoiceth in the \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ all things, \_\_\_\_\_ all things, \_\_\_\_\_ all things, \_\_\_\_\_ all things. Charity never \_\_\_\_\_" (I Corinthians 13:4-8). What did Paul say would fail, cease and vanish away? We know and prophecy in what? When that which is what is come, then what is in part shall be done what? When a child Paul said he did what, what and what as a child? Paul said we now look through a glass what? Finally he said that what three things abide?

## BIBLE READING FOR THE WEEK:

### November:

7. ◇◇◇ Jer. 51-52 Ps. 127 2 Cor. 8  
 8. ◇◇◇ Lam. 1-2 Ps. 128 2 Cor. 9-10  
 9. ◇◇◇ Lam. 3 Ps. 129 2 Cor. 11

10. ◇◇◇ Lam. 4-5 Ps. 130 2 Cor. 12  
 11. ◇◇◇ Ezek. 1-2 Ps. 131 2 Cor. 13  
 12. ◇◇◇ Ezek. 3-4 Ps. 132 Gal. 1-2  
 13. ◇◇◇ Ezek. 5-6 Ps. 133 Gal. 3-4

## NEWS AND NOTES

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:**

**Inez Hayes** had knee replacement surgery on Monday at St. Bernard's. She went home on Thursday. **Jerry Lynn** is in St. Bernard's, room 4016. He is having tests run.

**Doris Beeler** was admitted to St. Bernard's, room 3213 to have tests run.

**Robert Rickman** has been released from Health-south and is now at home.

**Please also remember in your prayers** Larry Don Gillihand (Joan Richey's cousin), Thelma Chapman, Linda Baker, Tom Rie (Bill Baker's brother-in-law) and Tara Pierce and baby **and those listed on the bulletin boards.**

**Our Gospel Meeting** with Brother Frank Foust begins today. We welcome all our visitors and we will have a pot-luck meal after morning services. Everyone is invited to attend. This will also be our Birthday & Anniversary Celebration for the month of November. The list to provide a meal for Brother Frank Monday thru Wednesday is on the table in the foyer.

Today is **Mission Sunday.**

**Visitation Team # 1 (Randy Oden & Bill Willard)** will meet after services in the foyer to pick up assignments.

**Our Newcomer's Dinner** is scheduled for Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the basement. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer listing items needed for the meal.

**Scripture of the Week: I Cor. 13:6** charity "... Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth"

**Wednesday Evening Devotional  
November 9, 2011  
Jody Pickens**

***Our Record for October 30, 2011***

<i>Sunday A. M. Worship</i>	171
<i>Sunday P.M. Worship</i>	140
<i>Wednesday Bible Study</i>	110
<i>Contribution</i>	\$4743
<i>Mission Fund</i>	\$25.86

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