

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
Ratna Raju 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

It is a good day, every day we gather together to worship God. Our Father has done so much for us and it is a privilege to praise and glorify Him by offering our worship up before His throne. Let us all continue to pray that we will continue to enjoy this privilege (I Timothy 2:1,2). Many of our members have been traveling over the recent days. I hope everyone has enjoyed being with family during the holiday and is refreshed and ready to begin the last month of the year with a renewed zeal. Let the last five weeks of this year be our most impactful and fruitful of the year for each of us.

Our hearts were lifted and we rejoiced together with our brother DeJean Brown who came asking for us to go before the throne of God in his behalf. DeJean confessed sins in his life. Saying he had not been a good example for his family; had not been the father his children needed and deserved and neither had he been the husband his wife, Tonya needed, he called out for forgiveness from God. Keep this good family in your prayers each day as they work to be all that God would have them to be.

We will be working together in the

vineyard as we move forward. Into what part of the vineyard do you feel that you will best fit. All of us have abilities to help in the work before us. But for us to be the most profitable in our labors, all of us need to work. What can you do and how can you help?

Tomorrow night the Bible Bowl will be meeting at Viva Drive. I hope all of our young ones can go and be a part of this work. This month we have been studying Acts chapters 16 and 17. Study and get the most you can from these two chapters as we work to increase our knowledge of God's Word. The added benefit of being around young people from area churches to enjoy the fellowship we have, just adds to the evening. Let us all do what we can.

Remember all our sick folks daily. Some have been in the local hospitals for days and weeks now. Others are at home. We have those who have gone through several weeks of medications trying to get over their troubles. Please keep them in your prayers and do not forget to give a call or stop by to visit with those who are hurting. Let us not grow weary in well-doing.

Elder's Corner

Where has Everyone Gone?

By Jody Pickens

One of the more common questions I'm asked lately is "Where has everyone gone?" I know they are talking about how many we have on Sunday Morning and Evening, as well as Wednesday Evening.

I also know that this is a valid question, because it's obvious that our numbers are down almost every week from what we had one or two years ago. I remembering seeing our Record Board say 210. Sunday night was 190 and Wednesday night wasn't a lot different. Today, Sunday morning might be 160 or even 150. So yes, our numbers are down from where they have been in the past.

To start with, we want our numbers to be huge every single time the doors are open. Something we need to remember is this; we always want those huge numbers to be huge numbers of faithful Christian brothers and sisters. Also, these should all be new Christians. It's OK if some have moved to town and the congregation they left was faithful, and now they have come to us so they could continue to be a part of a faithful congregation. The new Christians should come from all of us going out and meeting new people, and planting the seed just like God commands us to do.

Anytime people find themselves faced with a situation we don't necessarily want, it's a good idea to ask ourselves some hard questions.

First, are we losing members because we're not a faithful congregation? Speaking for the Elders, I know that everything we do and everything we say, we try very hard to find a "thus sayeth the Lord". Also we focus on never binding where the Bible hasn't, and never loosening anything the Bible hasn't. As long as we are striving to learn more every day about what God wants us to do, and we live by the rules God set forth for us, then we can say we are a faithful congregation.

Second, are our brothers and sisters leaving because we aren't friendly? I've heard it said over and over again how friendly and caring all of our members are to each other. We have to admit though, we are not perfect. There have been times when our members had surgery and went home and not one person in the congregation knew about it. That's horrible to think that one of our brothers or sisters needed us and we weren't there. God forbid it ever should happen again.

Third, is our preaching and teaching unscriptural? Even given the fact that our preachers aren't perfect, they preach the Word, and that is all they preach. There is simply not any question about it.

We could go on and on like this for as long as we like. Being asked where all of our members have gone indicates to me, we are not satisfied with the amount of evangelical work we are doing. We have to remember how God set this up to work. In I Corinthians 3:6 Paul says "*I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.*" Our role in winning souls is to plant the seed. That's it, simply plant the seed. If we do any more or any less, we're telling God we have a better plan than He does. We know better than that. If you are not satisfied with the growth, or lack of growth, at Greensboro Road then the only thing for you to do is plant more seeds. It takes all of us, because none of us can do it alone.

I Corinthians 14: 1 - 6

(All these answers can be found in this chapter. I Hope this increases your knowledge.)

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

We should follow what? We should desire what kind of gifts? One who speaks in an *unknown* what speaks not to men? In the spirit he speaks what? One who prophesies speaks to men to what three things? One who prophesies edified the what? What is the value of speaking in a tongue except I speak to you by what four things?

BIBLE READING FOR THE WEEK:

November:

28. ◇◇◇ Ezek. 35-36 Ps. 148 1 Tim. 5-6

29. ◇◇◇ Ezek. 37-38 Ps. 149 2 Tim. 1-2

30. ◇◇◇ Ezek. 39-40 Ps. 150 2 Tim. 3-4

December:

1.◇◇◇ Ezek. 41-42 Prov. 1 Titus 1-3

2.◇◇◇ Ezek. 43-44 Prov. 2 Philem.

3.◇◇◇ Ezek. 45-46 Prov. 3 Heb. 1-2

4.◇◇◇ Ezek. 47-48 Prov. 4 Heb. 3-4

NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Jerry Lynn remains in St. Bernard's, room 2116. He is in isolation at this time.

Doris Beeler is in St. Bernard's, room 2114 after having gall bladder surgery and is having trouble with her kidneys.

Thelma Chapman is not doing well at this time. She remains in a great deal of pain with her leg.

Kenneth Harp has been diagnosed with a Baker's Cyst in his knee. He is in pain with this condition.

Brenda Williams had a liver biopsy on Tuesday morning. She is now waiting for the results. Remember Brenda in your prayers.

Phyllis Whistle's surgery was rescheduled for next Tuesday.

Please also remember in your prayers Inez Hayes, Jim Lewis, Nita Nichols (Joan Richey's friend), Carl Preston (Paula Presley's grandfather) and Robert Rickman **and those listed on the bulletin board.**

Healthsouth Singing is scheduled for today at 2 pm.

Tomorrow night at Viva Drive is the **Bible Bowl** at 7 pm.

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

Scripture of the Week: I Cor. 14:3 *"...he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort."*

**Wednesday Evening Devotional
November 30, 2011
Terry Joe Kee**

Our Record for November 20, 2011

<i>Sunday A. M. Worship</i>	<i>146</i>
<i>Sunday P.M. Worship</i>	<i>128</i>
<i>Wednesday Bible Study</i>	<i>—</i>
<i>Contribution</i>	<i>\$4702</i>
<i>Mission Fund</i>	<i>\$26.31</i>

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