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ASSEMBLIES OF THE CHURCH

Sunday Morning
Bible Study:
9:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning
Worship:
10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening
Worship:
6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evening
Bible Study:
7:00 p.m.

Bible Study at other
times by appointment

THE WORLD IS GETTING CROWDED

By: Ryan Cox

The common trend of the day, is to go with the crowd. Which ever way the flow of the crowd moves is the way most generally go. You can also call it, "Keeping up with the Jones'." It happens something like this; "Mom hears little Johnny crying and wailing from the backyard. When she arrives all his friends are standing around silent. Johnny is holding his ankle in pain and mom asks, 'What happened?' 'I hurt my ankle jumping off the house,' Johnny replies. 'Why were you jumping off the house?' mom replies. 'Because, everyone else was doing it.'" In some instances of life, strength, comfort, and motivation can come from going with a crowd. However, there are many times when going with the crowd has been devastating.

1982 - 340 died at European Cup Match between. The incident occurred when fans, leaving the stadium, tried to re-enter after last minute goal. Moscow, Russia.

1990 - 1,426 died in stampede in overcrowded pedestrian tunnel. Mina Valley - North East of the Jamarat Bridge, Saudi Arabia.

1996 - 83 died and 180 injured at a World Cup qualifying match. Guatemala City.

If we simply follow others without watching where we are going, we may land in trouble. "My son, walk not thou i n the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path: For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood." (Proverbs 1:15, 16) We can not always know the results of doing something just because, "Everyone is doing it." We cannot justify our actions based on this philosophy. However, we can know and do the will of God and be blessed by following Him. The Psalmist wrote:

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. (Psalm 1:1-4).



Welcome

To all our visitors and members, welcome!
May our worship be in spirit and in truth.
May your presence here today be uplifting.

Please take the time to fill out an attendance card and place it in the offering tray at the appropriate time and please remember to silence all pagers and cell phones during worship.

There is an attended nursery for ages 2 & under and Bible classes offered for ages 3-4th grade during the lesson.

To our members: Please take the time to fill out an Event Card and place it in the offering tray. We would like a record of how often we, as a congregation, have reached out to our brethren each week. Thank you.

-The Elders



Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

Greeting the Assembly: Dave Parson
Song Service led by: Jay Allison

134-*The Lord's My Shepherd*
490-*It Is Well with My Soul*

Prayer: Robert Allison, Sr.

68- *Give Thanks*

Contribution

334- *'Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow*

The Lord's Supper

1st Prayer– Gary Johnson
2nd Prayer– Bill Etchison

826- *Father, We Thank Thee*
(Children 3 years-4th grade dismissed to classes)

484- *You Are My All in All*

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 5:3-13
Josh Johnson

Congregation: Psalms 118:24
*"This is the day the Lord has made;
I will rejoice and be glad in it!"*

Lesson: Gary Meeker

683-*I Am Mine No More*

Announcements: Robert Allison, Sr.

238- *You Are the Song that I Sing*

Prayer: Dave Parson

Sunday Morning Sermon:

Sexual Immorality

Text: Proverbs 5:3-13 3) *For the lips of an adulteress drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil; 4) but in the end she is bitter as gall, sharp as a double-edged sword. 5) Her feet go down to death; her steps lead straight to the grave. 6) She gives no thought to the way of life; her paths are crooked, but she knows it not. 7) Now then, my sons, listen to me; do not turn aside from what I say. 8) Keep to a path far from her, do not go near the door of her house, 9) lest you give your best strength to others and your years to one who is cruel, 10) lest strangers feast on your wealth and your toil enrich another man's house. 11) At the end of your life you will groan, when your flesh and body are spent. 12) You will say, "How I hated discipline! How my heart spurned correction! 13) I would not obey my teachers or listen to my instructors."* NIV

I. Sexual Immorality Defined

A. The basic concept

B. The problem then and now

II. The Devastation Of Sexual Immorality

A. Destroys the body

B. Destroys homes

C. Destroys the soul

III. The Deterrence Of Sexual Immorality

A. Proper discernment

B. Flee opportunity

C. Find a suitable spouse

D. Move ahead with God's help

Sunday Evening Sermon: The Laying On Of Hands

I. In The Old Testament

A. Bestowing blessings

B. Offering sacrifices

C. Ordaining to service

D. Relation to judgment

II. In The New Testament

A. During Jesus' ministry

B. In the life of the early church

III. In The Church Today

A. In some respects, its purpose has ceased

B. In other respects, its symbolism can have meaning



In Our Prayers:

Rosemary Littrell fell recently and broke her right arm. She had surgery on it last Wednesday and is home now.

Della Stalcup suffered a heart attack recently and had to have a stint inserted.

Charlotte Meeker had surgery last Monday. Surgery went well and she is home now. There is a questionable spot that will be treated with radiation.

Tiena Smith will have surgery tomorrow.

Edna Bookout is experiencing problems with balance and her ears. She will be homebound for awhile.

In the Hospital: **Rebecca Sanders** - IU Med Center, room 2748, 550 University Blvd., Indianapolis, IN 46202.

FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WITH ON-GOING HEALTH CONCERNS: Bill Beck, Ron Johnson, John & Jerry Johnston, Dennis Keener, Don & Debbie Archer, Debbie Bair, Wayne & Wilda Bryan, Della Stalcup, Harriet Hobbs, Jean & Jerry Weir, Jean Kendall, Luther Hodges, Lois Montgomery, Mary Anne Watters

OUR HOMEBOUND: Bessie Coppock, Mattye Gum, Laura Oliver, Laverne Toombs, Thelma Smith, Phyllis Fraser, Nina McIntyre, Robbie Dickerson, Garnet McKinney, Becky Adkins, Chalus Masters

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS:

Community Northview: Margie Tompkins

Primrose: Charlie Callendar

Manor Care: Selbert & Jewell Braden

Summitville Convalescent Center: Lola Conner

Rawlins House, Pendleton: Betty Wunder

Community Parkview, Elwood: Albert Burton

Meadowbrook Rehab Center: Hubert Oliver, Anna Norris, LaTheda Hathcoat

Miller's Merry Manor, Chesterfield: Mary Janes, Gladys Sanders, Wendell Parson

Miller's Merry Manor, Middletown: Gladys Boles, Bob & Betty Hathcoat

OUR MISSION WORKERS: Jody Apple (PA), Vito & Antonietta Ligorio (Italy), Ned Isonguyo (Nigeria)

The Watering Hole

Gospel Minutes
"Enemies of the Cross"



Upon The Rock
Questions in the
New Testament

Buy a Bible

Shults-Lewis has asked for our help in purchasing Bibles for children. If you would like to make a monetary donation towards this great cause, please see one of the Elders.



Dates to Remember...



Jan. 18 Birthday/
Anniversary Pitch-in

Jan. 20 Ladies Lunch

Happy Birthday to:

Katie Wade.....21st!.....Jan. 12
Sue Morris.....Jan. 14
Hubert Oliver.....95th!.....Jan. 16
Mark Gooding.....40th!.....Jan. 17
Dustin Hawkins.....Jan. 17



Anniversary/Birthday Pitch-in

Back by Popular Demand!



Make plans now to join us next Sunday, Jan. 18th immediately after our morning worship for our annual January Cook-out! Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Buns will be provided. Please bring side dishes, desserts, and toppings for the hamburgers and hot dogs.

Ladies Lunch



Ladies, sign up to meet at the Ponderosa Steakhouse on Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 11:30 a.m. This is a great way to get to know your Sisters in Christ better!

Sunshine Basket



A Sunshine Basket is being put together for Rebecca Sanders. If you would like to help, a list of items is posted on the Fellowship & Involvement Bulletin Board. Items may be placed in the box provided in the Family Room.

Teacher Needed



A teacher is needed to rotate with Karen Harrison every quarter. If you can help, please let her or Richard Shelton know.

Meals for the Meeker's



If you would like to help provide meals for the Meeker's during Charlotte's immediate recovery, please sign up on the Fellowship and Involvement Bulletin Board. There is one spot still available. If you have any questions, see Lorna Gooding.



Leadership Training for Christ (LTC)- 2009

Jesus is the Light, Life, Word.

The Gospel of John



Kids in grades 3-12 need to let Ryan know what events you will be participating in. Here are some important dates to remember:

January 19: All T-Shirt Design contest entries must be postmarked by this date.

February 9: Pre-Convention Events and Scholarships are due.

March 30: Challenge Events due.

We also need coaches and judges for the events our youth will be participating in. If you can help, let Ryan know.



Relationships: Why Bother

THE other morning I was studying the section of Proverbs that says:

*A fool show his annoyance at once, but a prudent man overlooks an insult. (12:16)
I said to the Lord, "You know, that's great, that's tremendous! That's where I want to be, Lord. That's for me today." Within two hours after arriving at my office, I did not ignore what I saw as an insult. I showed my annoyance immediately!*

All of the good spiritual input that we receive and enjoy is put to the test as we relate to other people. My real growth that morning did not take place as I was reading the Bible verse and thinking, "Isn't this marvelous?!" The real growth came from blowing it and realizing I had blown it. "Lord, forgive me. Wrong way. No good. Bring me another test and help me respond properly." That is growth.

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TODAY'S SERVANTS

DOOR GREETERS:

SOUTH: Ufanell Jones

MIDDLE: Barry King

NORTH: Miles Gooding

ALTERNATE SCRIPTURE READER: Robert Allison, Sr.

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Becky King

EVENING WORSHIP LEADERS

SONG LEADER: Jim Harrison

OPENING PRAYER: Gary Meeker

LESSON: Gary Meeker

CLOSING PRAYER: Ray Smith

SERVING NEXT LORD'S DAY-- JANUARY 18, 2009

DOOR GREETERS:

SOUTH: Justin Mattox

MIDDLE: Gary Meeker

NORTH: Bob Stalnaker

GREETING THE ASSEMBLY: Jim Watters

SONG LEADERS:

A.M. Jim Harrison **P.M.** Ryan Cox

THE LORD'S TABLE:

1ST PRAYER: Ryan Cox

2ND PRAYER: Bob Moorman

SCRIPTURE READING:

PRIMARY: Norman Alexander

ALTERNATE: Jay Allison

LEADING IN PRAYER:

A.M. OPENING: Gary Johnson

A.M. CLOSING: Bill Etchison

P.M. OPENING: Jim Harrison

P.M. CLOSING: Ryan Cox

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Kathi Yeryar

WEDNESDAY EVENING-- JANUARY 14, 2008

SONG LEADER: Miles Gooding

DEVOTIONAL: Bob Moorman

CLOSING PRAYER: Bill Etchison

Goals & Achievements

Attendance **Last Week**

Sunday Bible Class 103

Sunday A.M. Worship 179

Sunday P.M. Worship 118

Wednesday Bible Class 86

Gifts & Offerings

Budget **Actual** **Difference**

\$3, 889.31 \$3,034.49 (-\$854.82)

JANUARY ASSIGNMENTS

ASSISTING ON THE LORD'S TABLE:

Bob Fraser John Hollingsworth Austin Hawkins

Larry Brown Bobby Milliner Donovan Archer

BAPTISMAL CLOTHING: Ray & Patsy Smith

COMMUNION: Ray & Patsy Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Robert Allison, Sr.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR TEACHER

Ages 3-5: Lorna Gooding & Carla Wable

Grades K-4: Richard Shelton

SHEPHERDS OF THE FLOCK

Norman Alexander 378-6420

Robert Allison, Sr. 534-3569

Barry King 778-4624

Gary Meeker 778-2868

PREACHING MINISTER

Gary Meeker 778-2868

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTER

Ryan Cox (765) 717-1858

SERVANTS OF THE CHURCH

BENEVOLENCE, Dale Wiles 644-5387

COMMUNICATIONS, James Hughes (317) 747-9158

EDUCATION/YOUTH, Richard Shelton 378-3945

FACILITIES, Ray Smith 649-7279

FELLOWSHIP, Gary Johnson 378-7179

FINANCES/BUDGET, Dan Smith 642-4819

HEAT/AIR SYSTEMS, Jim Hodges 649-5143

INVOLVEMENT, Jim Harrison 642-8668

MISSIONS, Jay Allison 649-5607

SAFETY SYSTEMS, Charles Buckner 642-6991

SUPPORT/SPECIAL SERVICES, Mark Gooding 724-9428

WORSHIP, Jim Morris 534-4448