
PRAYER LIST

- ♥ Allen McDaniel is still recovering.
- ♥ Billy Jack McDaniel and family as he recovers.
- ♥ Web and Polly Shivers, friend of the Kipatrick's, are in poor health.
- ♥ Rudy Staggs, Ashley Nowlen's father, diagnosed with lung cancer.
- ♥ Lynn Snellgrove, a friend of Barry Rhodes, has Sceroderma.
- ♥ David Lynn Taylor, Lena Price's brother, needs prayer to find peace.
- ♥ Joe Saia, Cindy Saia's husband, radiation treatments.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER

Betsy Canfield, Tony Dority, Howard Farrar, Beverly Huffstetler, Mary Louise Gipson, Beverly Graham, Charlotte Hunter, Larry Mittlestat, Mart Salley and Joey Sanderford

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to the Rast Family. Lee Rast, a long time member, passed away December 27. Sympathy is extended to Skyla Nelson in the death of her stepfather, Lew Patterson, on December 25, 2006. Sympathy is extended to Renee Achee in the death of her father, Mark Hardin, on January 1, 2007.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Ladies Night Out will resume January 26 at 6:30 pm in the Ladies Ministry Room. Bring finger foods. If you have any questions see Kim McDaniel, Ann Ellis, or Mary Ellen Hester.

FAMILY DAY

Skyway will host a Family Day of February 24-25. There will be pizza, singing, and worship on Saturday night starting at 5:30 pm. On Sunday morning we will have a breakfast followed by Sunday School and worship. Guest speaker will be Alan Robertson from the Whites Ferry Road congregation in Monroe, LA. Guest song leader will be Jason Jenkins.

CROSSGATES NURSING HOME DEVO

Take part in the devo. at Crossgates Nursing Home at 2:00 on January 21.

LIFE GROUPS

All Life Groups are to meet at the building on the February 11 for praise and fellowship. The Rogers Life Group will facilitate this evening. If you are not part of a Life Group you are still encouraged to come.

SUPPER CLUB

The Supper Club will resume meeting on January 19 at 7:00 pm at the Rogers' home. Bring heavy appetizer or your Super Bowl favorite.

VALENTINES BANQUET

The Valentines Banquet will be February 10. Watch for more information to come.

WINTERFEST

Winterfest is February 16-18 in Gatlinburg, TN. Are you planning on going? If not, Why not? Speakers will be Jeff Walling, Mitch Wilburn, and others. Other performers include Jars of Clay, 3 2 1, Need to Breath, Watershed, Unbound, and Spaceman. Interested yet? A \$25 deposit is need by January 15.

PRE SUPERBOWL FOOTBALL GAME

Reminder for Youth and Young at Heart: Start limbering up for our annual touch-football game on SuperBowl Sunday on the afternoon of February 4, 2007. More details to come.

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Jan. 7 – Genesis 18-19; Matthew 6
Jan. 8 – Genesis 20-22; Matthew 7
Jan. 9 – Genesis 23-24; Matthew 8
Jan. 10 – Genesis 25-26; Matt. 9:1-17
Jan. 11 – Genesis 27-28; Matt. 9:18-38
Jan. 12 – Genesis 29-30; Matt. 10:1-23
Jan. 13 – Genesis 31-32; Matt. 10:24-42
Jan. 14 – Genesis 33-35; Matthew 11
Jan. 15 – Genesis 36-37; Matt. 12:1-21
Jan. 16 – Genesis 38-40; Matt. 12:22-50
Jan. 17 – Genesis 41; Matt. 13:1-32
Jan. 18 – Genesis 42-43; Matt. 13:33-58
Jan. 19 – Genesis 44-45; Matt. 14:1-21
Jan. 20 – Genesis 46-48; Matt. 14:22-36
Jan. 21 – Genesis 49-50; Matt. 15:1-20

SUNDAY ASSIGNMENTS

Contact Tim Nelson if unable to serve at 601-853-3704.

1/14/07

Greeters Blevins Life Group
Song Leader Tim Farrar
Call to Worship ..Lonnie Livingston
Prayer Tim Farrar
Presiding Jim Head
Closing PrayerTony Dority

Serving

Rocky Barnette	Mike Babin
Jeremy Hilton	Doug Hester
Tim Nowlen	Al Garner

Evening Worship Life Groups
Nursery Earlene McMillen
Children's Worship..... Jennie Miller

1/21/07

Greeters Sweeney Life Group
Song Leader Tim Farrar
Call to Worship .. Paul McManaway
Prayer Brian Gates
Presiding Dusty Reynolds
Closing Prayer Alvin McMillen

Serving

Terry Claunch	Terry Hester
Todd Lott	Tony Dority
Timothy McMillen	Terry Rast

Evening Worship Life Groups
Nursery Betsy Canfield
Children's Worship .. Debbie McMillen

GRADUATES

Pictures for Grad Sunday are needed by March 4. If you are graduating college only one picture is needed. See Debbie or Jenny with questions.

PANTRY

The Pantry still needs help. Items listed as critical: corn. Items listed as low: oatmeal, instant mashed potatoes, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, jelly and green beans. Donations can be given to Debbie McMillen.

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 21 – Crossgates Nursing Home Devotional
February 10 – Valentine's Banquet
February 16-18 – Winterfest '07
March 4 – Graduate pictures due

ABIDING IN CHRIST--1

It is difficult to discuss our need to “Abide in Christ Jesus” since we have very little comprehension of just what that means. We know what it means to walk into our houses and stay there for a time, to walk into a movie theatre and “remain” there for the duration of the film’s length, and to “stay” under an umbrella in a downpour. But what does it mean to abide, live, or remain IN Christ?

Before we speak of *abiding* in Christ, we need to understand what it means to be *in Christ*. I believe this is a phrase which is used commonly in the New Testament which is seldom mentioned by many churches/preachers/teachers. It is a study with which students of the Restoration Movement are—or should be—well acquainted.

In Christ suggests that there are those who are out of Christ. We are not born into Christ, i.e., the natural birthing process and yet God knows us even before we are born as Isaiah 44:2a says, ***I am your Creator. You were in my care even before you were born (CEV).*** Ezekiel then tells us, ***The soul that sins is the one who will die*** (Ezekiel 18:4b). In a real sense, we are in relationship with God as children and out of relationship with Him when we transgress His will for us because God can have no fellowship with sin: ***This is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all,*** and in John 3:19, ***This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.*** When we choose to sin, we are separated from God (Isa. 59:2). We are *out* of relationship with God but God has provided a way for us to return—through faith in Christ Jesus.

One of Paul’s favorite theological phrases is *in Christ* in order to distinguish the saved from the unsaved. We can assume that the phrase means “in relationship—again” with God through the redeeming grace of the blood of Christ—to everyone who truly believes the gospel. *In Christ* or a form of that understanding is used by Paul no less than thirty times in his epistle to the Ephesians alone! It is a synecdoche (part for the whole) for “the saved of God.” Greek language has a wonderful grammatical case called “locative case.” *In Christ* is a location. It’s where we are in relationship to our sins. Sinners *in Christ* are saved. Sinners *out of Christ* are eternally lost.

How does one get **into Christ**? From start to finish, it is by faith in the work of Jesus. Old Testament sinners (Israel and the Gentiles, i.e., Rahab) who put their faith in God’s provision and care and all who believed in Jesus after the cross are saved eternally through their continued faith and trust in the blood of Christ (the provision of God—Jehovah Jireh, Genesis 22:8).

In Romans 1-6, Paul is very careful to teach us about the atonement of the blood of the lamb provided by God and man’s response to it. After spending five chapters talking the horrors of sin, the glory of the grace of the atonement, he then speaks of the relationship to sin that those *in Christ* have. His topic is “dying to sinful lives.” He speaks of our faith in repentance and baptism as essentials of faith which gives us “new birth” (see John 3:5ff) or new relationship. In verse 11 he says, ***In the same way, (Jesus’ obedience at Calvary) count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.*** (Continued next week—What does it mean to “Count yourselves dead to sin but alive to Christ?”) yc

*“Since then,
you have
been raised
with
Christ,
set your
hearts
on things
above.”*

Colossians 3:1

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January 14, 2007



Heartbeat

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Education

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Building

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Greeters

Jim Head,
Life Groups

George
Miller

Ron Morgan,
Family
Development

Allen Rogers,
YAKS

For two months (January and February) we will be studying what it means to abide in Christ. I will use our bulletin space to reinforce some things we expect to teach in these two months, to instruct further concerning some of the finer points of the lessons, and to remind us of personal things we need to do in order to “Abide in Christ.”

We will follow this pattern for the remaining five essential themes throughout the year. The topics, **LIVING IN THE WORD, PRAYING IN FAITH, THE IMPORTANCE OF FELLOWSHIP, WITNESSING TO THE WORLD, and WITNESSING TO OTHERS** will complete our year’s study. If we come and participate in this, it will provide an integral part of our development as a viable force for Christ in our community. Let’s be open to God’s leading in this next year.

Ben Peterman, minister for the Community Christian Church on El Dorado Road has invited our men to have breakfast with them this Saturday. Please let me know if you can make it by Friday evening.

Please visit those who have lost loved ones recently. There will not be a more lonely time for them than immediately after such a loss. Remember Elsie Rast and Renee Achee. Allen McDaniels’ dad is seriously ill with heart problems as well.

I cannot thank our families and especially the ladies who have prepared so much food lately for funerals and special occasions. I am always amazed at the sacrifice of time and money that you folks provide for times of ministry. Thanks to all of you.

I want to thank Doug and Mary Ellen providing us with a beautiful coffee urn and cart that is going to be available by 8:30 each Sunday morning. Volunteers to provide or make some sweets for each Sunday as well are needed.

I thought the singing Sunday was superb. This church is blessed with great singing and praise to God. Don’t miss an opportunity to come and join us as we lift up our Lord in praise, in word, song, and prayer. See you Sunday.

Heart Matters

LIFE GROUPS

Area	Location	Leaders
South Brandon	Rotated	Paul McManaway
		Glynn McMillen
Crossgates	Claunch Home	David Blevins
		Lonnie Livingston
Florence/Star	Rotated	Yale Canfield
		Allen McDaniel
Brandon	Sweeney Home	Jeff Sweeney
		Tim Farrar
Reservoir	Rogers Home	Jim Head
		Allen Rogers
Teens	Varies	Ken Salley
Not meeting through winter		Ron Morgan

Mission Statement for Heart Matters

To enhance the mission of the Skyway Hills church of Christ and to build a sense of community among the members of the body of Christ through an accurate and quality communication of 1) ministries and activities of the church 2) the opportunities for each member to find fulfillment as disciples of Jesus and 3) the scriptural application of God's Word to life relevant issues today.

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Sunday Bible Class.....9:00 am
Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 am
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 pm
Wednesday..... 7:00 pm

YOUTH

Upcoming Events



2007

"The Prize"

Feb 16-18

Let Ken or Linda know if you want to go. Rooms have been reserved. Deadline to sign-up and pay your deposit is due January 15.

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