

FITTING GOD INTO MY CHURCH

2 Samuel 6

You know the story. Just before Saul was anointed King over Israel, the Philistines captured the Ark of the Covenant and brought it into their city in Ashdod. It was nothing but trouble to the Philistines and finally it was returned to Israel loaded with gold and treasure. The Ark was taken to Abinadab's house. It remained there for 20 years. (See I Samuel 5-7.) Fast forward to 2 Samuel 6. David has been anointed King over Israel and he has conquered Jerusalem. He decided that Jerusalem is the place for the Ark so he has a new cart built, places the Ark upon it and his select people begin the journey from Abinadab's house to Jerusalem.

2 Samuel 6 is an important chapter in the Bible. The Ark is coming to the King's city. It has been a long time coming. The mercy of God was there. The power of God was there. The testimony of God's work was there. It was a symbol of the sovereignty of Almighty God and it was coming to Jerusalem! All Israel was celebrating. ***David and the whole house of Israel were celebrating with all their might before the Lord, with songs and with harps, lyres, tambourines, sistrums and cymbals*** (2 Sam. 6:5).

That is all but one—the daughter of Saul. Her heart was set on another time and place—back when her father was in charge—back when the glory was in the house of Saul instead of the house of God. While the celebration rose with ever-increasing intensity, Michal looked with disgust from her window.

When the King came “into his household to bless it” Michal met him with cold criticism. With facetious intensity she exclaimed, ***How the King of Israel has distinguished himself today...*** (2 Sam. 6:20b). David responded with a statement that has deep meaning for us today. He replied to his impudent wife, ***It was before the Lord...I will celebrate before the Lord*** (v. 21).

Michal's criticism came from a jealous heart, a fettered heart, and a preconceived image of what was right. Her model of praise was influenced by a father whose heart was constricted by a prideful arrogance that never really was able to see the sovereign God of Israel in HIS true majesty. The reason was that Saul loved himself more than the God of all creation. His God was pride and self-glorification.

Could it be that those of us who are reluctant to give God the unfettered praise and glorification He deserves, have never seen the Ark come home? Never saw a sunrise break open in a heart-throbbing celebration of a new day? Never heard the trees clothed in glorious gifts of green shout Hallelujah! Never heard a thunder-clap in praise of God? Never were able to fling off our cold - self absorbed and ever - self-conscious covering and just praise the Lord with abandon before the Lord of Glory?

Could it be that, like Michal, we bring God to OUR precious-patterned church instead of bringing ourselves to HIM who calls us to GLORY and glorification of the Christ through the Spirit of the Eternal Creator? SING CHURCH. THIS LORD'S DAY, LET'S JUST PRAISE THE LORD.
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PRAYER LIST

- ♥ Kaitlyn White, Lonnie and sue Livingston's granddaughter, will have surgery May 15 to repair holes in her heart.
- ♥ Gladys Livingston is doing better. She will need physical and vocal therapy as a result from her stroke.
- ♥ Benjamin Randall has multiple injuries due to a car accident.
- ♥ Olivia DeWolfe, Helen Blevins' mother, will have one more surgery due to lung cancer.
- ♥ Geraldine Blevins, David Blevins' mother, needs surgery to rebuild stomach wall to support the bladder.
- ♥ Jill Sessums, David Blevins' friend, is having cancer removed from her neck.
- ♥ Beverly Huffstetler, Jennie Miller's mother, will have surgery to remove a bone spur that has broken off her rotator cuff.
- ♥ Rudy Staggs, Ashley Nowlen's father, diagnosed with lung cancer.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER

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

HEALTH FAIR

We will host a Health Fair **May 19** from 9am-4pm. If you have suggestions for exhibitors see Jennie Miller. Volunteers **are** needed to help in many areas. See Jennie and let her know where you can help. ASAP

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

On Saturday, **May 12** we will have a luncheon at 12:00 in the Ladies Ministry room. Bring you mother/daughter or in-laws. If you don't have one, you may adopt one from the church or outside. See Kim McDaniel for more details.

SUPPER CLUB

Here are the dates for the next few Supper Clubs. **April 21, and May 18.** All of these will be held at Allen and Genie Rogers' home. Watch each month for menu suggestion.

FACING THE GIANTS – FRIEND DAY

April 29 will be a special Friend Day for us. Jason McLeod from the movie *Facing the Giants* will be with us to share some experiences the movie has brought to his life and his church. We will share in a potluck fellowship following morning services. Also, we will be viewing the movie Saturday, **April 28** at 7:30. The Blevins Life Group will set up for the Potluck Lunch and the Canfield Life Group will clean up after the fellowship meal.

VBS

VBS will be **June 18-22**. The theme is SonForce Kids Special Agents. Help is needed with set-up, decorating, advertising, etc. See Genie to help.

LIFE GROUPS

The Life Group that meets at the building is studying Proverbs. If you are not involved with a group, come and join them.

GRAD SUNDAY

Grad Sunday will be **May 6**. Invite your friends and relatives for this day of celebration.

FREE INDEED

Free Indeed will perform in concert and lead worship **August 11-12**.

LADIES MINISTRY

The next gathering will be a ladies Lunch-In celebrating Spring. Come and invite your friends. We will meet Saturday, **April 28** from 11:00-1:00 in the Women's Ministry room. Please bring a salad.

SILVER HATTER'S

The Silver Hatter's will meet April 21. For more details, see Wayne Bridges.

BRIDAL SHOWER

There will be a Bridal Shower for Tiffany Rast on **April 22 at 2:00** in the Women's Ministry Room. Tiffany and Jeremy Beardin are registered at Target, Belk, Linens n Thing, and Wal-Mart. The location and time is still to be determined. Watch for updates.

SUNDAY ASSIGNMENTS

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

4/22/07

Greeters Canfield Life Group
Song Leader Tim Nelson
Call to Worship Allen McDaniel
Prayer Dan Ellis
Presiding Bobby Stewart
Closing Prayer Paul McManaway

Serving

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| Charlie McMasters | Terry Hester |
| Rocky Barnette | Wayne Bridges |
| Terry Claunch | Justin McCov |

Evening Worship Life Groups
Nursery Michelle Hester
Children's Worship Jennie Miller
Lauren Miller

4/29/07

Greeters Blevins Life Group
Song Leader Jason Jenkins
Call to Worship Jerry Mitchell
Prayer Al Garner
Presiding David Blevins
Closing Prayer Jim Head

Serving

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| Ken Salley | George Miller |
| LaRan Kilpatrick | Justin McCoy |
| Allen Rogers | Dan Ellis |

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

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Apr. 29–2 Sam. 21-22; Luke 22:1-30
Apr. 30–2 Sam. 23-24; Luke 22:31-53
May 1– 1 Kings 1-2; Luke 22:54-71
May 2– 1 Kings 3-5; Luke 23:1-26
May 3– 1 Kings 6-7; Luke 23:27-38
May 4– 1 Kings 8-9; Luke 23:39-56
May 5–1 Kings 10-11; Luke 24:1-35

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 21 – Supper Club
April 21 – Silver Hatter's meeting
April 28 – Spring Ladies Luncheon
April 28 – Facing the Giants Movie
April 29 – Guest Speaker
May 6 – Grad Sunday
May 12 – Mother's Day Luncheon
May 18 – Supper Club
May 19 – Health Fair
June 18-22 – VBS

| LIFE GROUPS | | |
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| Area | Location | Leaders |
| South Brandon | Rotated | Paul McManaway |
| | | Glynn McMillen |
| Pearl | Building | 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 |
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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.

Heart Matters

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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

*"Since then,
 you have
 been raised
 with
 Christ,
 set your
 hearts
 on things
 above."
 Colossians 3:1*

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April 22, 2007

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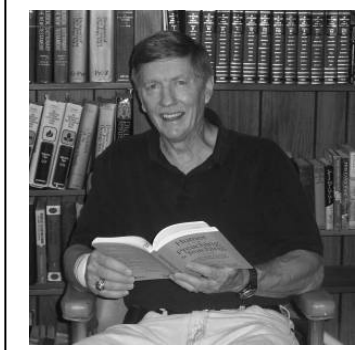
**See Linda if you
 can help with
 VBS.**

**Watch for more
 upcoming events.**

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**VBS
 June 18-22
 SonForce Kids
 Special Agents**

**Plan now
 to
 attend.**



Heartbeat

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board where you can sign-up for a time Saturday, May 19 to give blood. The Blood-Mobile from Mississippi Blood Services will be parked on our campus at 10:00-1:00. If we reach our quota of 25 the church will be covered for blood services.

We will be developing a flyer for our health fair soon for you to hand out at work and in your neighborhood.

A Study of Genesis – Deuteronomy is being taught in the auditorium. This is perhaps one of the most important studies in which you can be involved. A complete handout on each book is available. Please take time to come early and study the full implications of the foundational introduction to our bible. How important is it? Read Acts 7 and see what the servant of the Lord, Stephen taught the Jews. The implications of Genesis—Deuteronomy are manifold. If you know these books, you will comprehend the full impact of the grace of God, the sovereignty of God, the will of God, the importance of the law and its fulfillment in Christ, and the foreshadowing of the sacrificial system and the implications for the sacrifice of Jesus—Son of God/Lamb of God.

There is no shortcut to knowing God's will: You must study the word of God.

We are so proud of Helga Mittlestat for her success in completing her GED degree.

Remember that on Sunday evening, June 10 Skyway Hills will join Meadowbrook church for an evening of fellowship and praise at their building beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Please remember to look at the prayer list in the bulletin and accept the important responsibility of praying for each one listed. The Apostle Paul, as busy as he was with world evangelism, wrote: "We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." Wow! Now that is concern! Pray like Paul. Care like Paul.

Did you know you can't criticize and complain at the same time? See you Sunday as we complete our studv. "THE COMMON-WEALTH IN CHRIST."

- Deacons**
- David Blevins, Education
 - Tony Dority, Building
 - Tim Nelson, Calls/Visitor/Greeters
 - Jim Head, Life Groups
 - George Miller
 - Allen Rogers, YAKS