

## Managing Change

***Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many*** (Heb. 12:14-15).

I am amazed at the following story that came to me just yesterday as I was sharing some Kingdom struggles with a dear friend and elder of a great church in WV. He told me of a small rural congregation that recently had a meeting to decide on two matters—If it was alright for the preacher to utilize power point in his sermon delivery and, secondly, if it was alright to use a laser pointer. The power point was alright although there was disagreement. The laser pointer was disallowed on the basis that it was too much like entertainment.

Now you may read this in unbelief or you may write it off as an isolated incident. I do not poke fun here. I see here the root of problems that all churches share and that is the point of the article today. The writer of Hebrews knows what we are talking about as well. Peace is the number one result of finding the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus is called the “Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6). He said, “My peace I give to you...” (John 14:27).

Where Jesus rules, peace lives.

When Yale rules, peace leaves.

In a perfect world, God rules and peace prevails. We live in an imperfect world in the midst of sinful people. Conversations between and among disciples can disrupt the peace in any congregation even in times of stability. We live in a great time of change. For years we have seen America change. All we have to do is think about the last 60 years (my lifetime so far).

I was born during WW II. I can't believe I began school in 1948. I can still hear mom's sigh of relief and Mrs. Phillips' cry of woe. Radio was king. “The Shadow Knows.” Rocky Marciano was (my spell check doesn't even go back that far!) champ from '52-'56. We have come through the television change, the computer change, the lap top change, the IPOD change, and the X-Box. We have rockets, satellites, and space stations only seen in the comics in my early days. I am taking another Master's Degree—only now it's not in a real classroom. I go to a “virtual classroom” every day. Change is a part of our lives. Change at the speed of an electronic mouse. A “gig” is no longer a job. It is a pile of space compacted so minutely, our brains cannot even compute it. I go to class in a classroom smaller than a germ—microspace, I call it.

We make decisions based on information we have available. Let me quote from a text I recently read called, ***DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS: HOW TO DISCUSS WHAT MATTERS MOST:***

There are two reasons we all have different information about the world. First, as each of us proceeds through life – and through any difficult situation – the information available to us is overwhelming. We simply can't take in all of the sights, sounds, facts, and feelings involved in even a single encounter. And what we each choose to notice and ignore will be different. Second, we each have access to different information. (p. 31).

In such a world, we need to be sure that we understand what matters most and not get bothered too much by other stuff that can rob us of our peace. yc

### PRAYER LIST

- ♥ Karen Adams, Ryan Hamrick's neighbor, has breast cancer.
- ♥ George Miller, Jr, George Miller's dad, had toe amputated due to diabetes.
- ♥ Nancy Miller, George Miller's step-mom, has numerable injuries due to a fall.
- ♥ Kaitlyn White, Lonnie and Sue Livingston's granddaughter, will have surgery May 15 to repair holes in her heart.
- ♥ 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, needs surgery to remove a bone spur in shoulder.
- ♥ 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

### WEDDING

An invitation goes out to each of you to attend the wedding of Carla Clemons to George Taylor on May 26. Services will be held in the auditorium at 11:00.

### 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

### SUPPER CLUB

The next Supper Clubs will be **May 18**. It will be held at Allen and Genie Rogers' home.

### MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

On Saturday, **May 12** we will have a luncheon at 12:00 in the Multi-Purpose Building. Bring you mother/daughter or in-laws. If you don't have one, you may adopt one from the church or outside. Please sign-up on the Ladies Bulletin Board. An accurate count is needed to prepare.

### FREE INDEED

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

### 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.

### GRAD SUNDAY

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

### 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 invite a friend and bring a salad.

### PANTRY

Don't forget about our Pantry needs. When people come in asking for our assistance, it is vital that we can display our love and compassion to them in every way possible. Please support this vital ministry.

### SUNDAY ASSIGNMENTS

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

**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

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

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

**5/6/07**

Greeters ..... Sweeney Life Group  
 Song Leader ..... Tim Farrar  
 Call to Worship ..... Dusty Reynolds  
 Prayer ..... Jerry Mitchell  
 Presiding ..... David Blevins  
 Closing Prayer ..... Alvin McMillen

#### Serving

Lamar Kilpatrick	Danny Dendy
Allen McDaniel	Jeff Sweeney
Timothy McMillen	Bobby Stewart

Evening Worship ..... Life Groups  
 Nursery ..... Sue Livingston  
 Children's Worship ..... Laura Stanley

### 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 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  
 May 26 – Clemons/Taylor Wedding  
 June 2 – Rast/Beardain Wedding  
 June 18-22 – VBS  
 August 11-12 – Free Indeed

LIFE GROUPS		
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

**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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 Youth Minister – Ken Salley

April 29, 2007

**YOUTH**

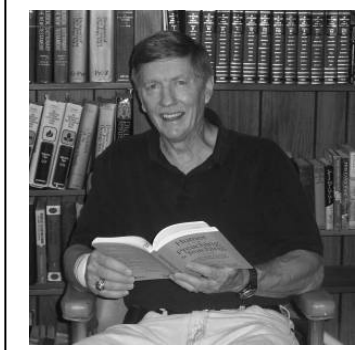
See Linda if you can help with VBS.

Watch for more upcoming events.

**YAKS**

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

Plan now to attend.



# Heartbeat

**A WEEKEND MOVIE EVENT – THIS SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.** You won't want to miss our second showing of **FACING THE GIANTS**. The movie will begin at 7:30 pm on this Saturday evening. This is an outreach event for the congregation so bring a guest and come—even if you have seen it. It offers us a great way to reach out to friends and neighbors.

The second phase of this event occurs Sunday Morning when university student and actor, Jason McCleod, football star in the movie who carries the boy on his back and the one who motivates his team to victory in the movie, will be here to share with us the making of the movie and to meet us. Please come and bring a friend Sunday. Please bring food for a pot luck meal afterwards and be in prayer about this great opportunity.

It was good to many of you out Sunday night to distribute flyers for this weekend. Thanks to all who came and gave their time in preparation of a great two-day effort for the Lord.

We are preparing flyers for our May 19 Health Fair here at our building. We will have many speakers, presentations, skits, and opportunities for the community to help them know more about health problems, health facts, and availability of services. We need plenty of volunteers for this tremendous opportunity to meet people in our community who will surely come to this event. Plan now to come and assist in this first annual event.

This can be the best thing that we do each year. Please sign up soon to get on board to assist in this.

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