

## WHAT'S IN YOUR...VISION

The vision Jesus gave his disciples—and us before He ascended was His vision for the church. It was about people. It wasn't about methods. It wasn't about form. It wasn't about a "how to manual." It was about a vision for creative thinking about assisting people to become new creations in Jesus (2 Cor. 5:17). What's in your vision?

Is it about comfort? Is it about you? Is it about us? I want us to have a vision for people. One writer said, "It means approaching one's life as a creative work, living life from a creative as opposed to reactive viewpoint" (Robert Senge, *Fifth Discipline*, p. 131). Although Senge speaks about the business world, he is really concerned with a philosophy for people.

Senge tells the story about a lady with whom he was conversing one day and she was sharing her vision about the planet. As she spoke about lofty ideas of peace and harmony, she broke down after a pause and said, "I want to live on a green planet."

Senge tells us that most adults really don't have a real sense of vision—goals and objectives maybe but not a real vision. He says that if we are asked about vision, we speak in negatives—things we want to get rid of like bad neighborhoods, tax relief, mother-in-laws, etc. He says, "Such litanies of *negative visions* are sadly commonplace (Ibid., p. 137). Senge pointed out that a teen once told him *grown ups are given ups!*"

What's in your vision for the church? Do you have one? Is it a Biblical model or is it a model patterned after "given ups?" Jesus breathed on his disciples and said, *Receive the Holy Spirit* (John 20:22). The Spirit of God is nothing less than the creative power of our Holy God. The Spirit of God hovered over the chaos of the world and brought order, meaning, and life to it.

God recreates each one of His born-again disciples, fills them with positive directions to go rescue others whose negative visions of happiness, peace, and prosperity has deceived them, damaged them, and damned them. God's vision for the church is full of affirmation to us.

George Bernard Shaw wrote,

This is the true joy in life, the being used for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one...the being a force of nature instead of a feverish, selfish little clod of ailments and grievances complaining that the world will not devote itself to making you happy.

The church of the Lord is, or should be a collection of people saved from their biographical failures and set apart for the grand creative purposes of a sovereign Creator. It is just here that we understand the saying of Jesus to his disciples, ***And upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell will not be able to stand against the positive force of my people (my interpretation, yc)*** (Mt. 16:18).

What's in your vision? The creative force of the universe and eternity is given to the individuals who comprise the body of Jesus. The body of Jesus in His day on earth was compelling—not compromising; compelling—not complaining; compelling—not condemning; and compelling—not contentious. So, what's in your vision? 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 stepmom, has 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

### SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to Rocky Barnette. Rocky's 3-month-old cousin, Ava Yount, passed away Sunday, April 29. Services were in Senatobia.

Sympathy is also extended to Scottie Stanford. Scottie's grandfather, Calvin Quinby, passed away Monday, May 1. Services were Thursday, May 3 at 11:00 a.m. at the Chancellor Funeral Home in Richland

### FREE INDEED

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

### WEDDING

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

### SUPPER CLUB

The next Supper Club meeting will be May 18 at the home of Mike and Sarajeau Babin. They invite you to bring the picnic basket and the kids.

### 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. Also, Mississippi Blood Services will set up their Blood Mobile in out parking lot from 10a.m.- 2p.m.

### 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.

### 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

This Sunday is Grad Sunday!!! We will take this day to celebrate our college and high school graduates. We invite you come and share this day with them as we honor them with gifts and a potluck luncheon. Please bring food for the potluck lunch.

### PANTRY

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

### SUNDAY ASSIGNMENTS

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

#### 5/6/07

Greeters ..... Sweeney Life Group  
 Song Leader ..... Tim Farrar  
 Call to Worship ..... Allen McDaniel  
 Prayer ..... Jerry Mitchell  
 Presiding ..... Yale Canfield  
 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

#### 5/13/07

Greeters ..... Rogers Life Group  
 Song Leader ..... Tim Farrar  
 Call to Worship ..... Dusty Reynolds  
 Prayer ..... LaRan Kilpatrick  
 Presiding ..... Alvin McMillen  
 Closing Prayer ..... Rocky Barnette

#### Serving

Paul McManaway	Al Ellis
Charlie McMasters	Doug Hester
Terry Claunch	Terry Hester

Evening Worship ..... Life Groups  
 Nursery ..... Genie Rogers  
 Children's Worship..... Kim McDaniel

### THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

May 6-1 Kings 12-13; Luke 24:36-53  
 May 7-1 Kings 14-15; John 1:1-28  
 May 8-1 Kings 16-18; John 1:229-51  
 May 9-1 Kings 19-20; John 2  
 May 10-1 Kings 21-22; John 3:1-21  
 May 11-2 Kings 1-3; John 3:22-36  
 May 12-2 Kings 4-5; John 4:1-30

### DATES TO REMEMBER

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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**Schedule of Service**  
 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

May 6, 2007

**YOUTH**

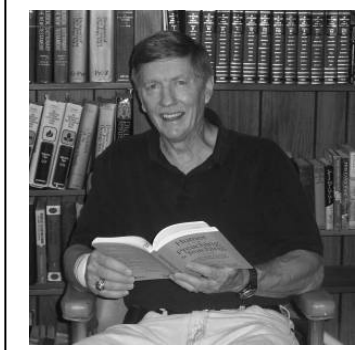
See Linda if you can help with VBS.

Watch for more upcoming events.

**YAKS**

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

Plan now to attend.



# Heartbeat

Packed house! We were afraid that we would not have enough food. You brought enough to feed 300! The attendance was beyond our expectation—evidence the delay in preparing more communion cups! I usually overshoot it. I can't believe I undershot it this time.

Shouldn't we have chill bumps when we gather in HIS name? Your singing and praising HIM was just hopefully a sweet incense to our great God.

We had opportunity to visit with the two young men from the movie, *Facing The Giants*. Their presence was really neat. To hear of a church of modest attendance (For Baptists) to have a vision to produce a world-class movie that would reach around the globe is just amazing to hear. I'm thinking that we will see some more movies and hopefully from the churches of Christ.

The neat thing about hearing these young men talk was that they did not do this movie because their talent was up to it—it was just the opposite. The movie, *Facing the Giants*, was about God providing what we can't provide ourselves, of positioning ourselves where our Heavenly Father can bless us.

One of the problems with parenting is we bless our children (enable) in spite of their erratic behavior. Kids often demand rewards so we end up rewarding them for bad behavior. God simply doesn't fall for that. We must position the church so God can bless us. We must come personally to the blessings of God in our relationship to HIM.

I am convinced now that Skyway Hills is positioned to receive God's blessings and to be a great "growing place" for his family.

The singing yesterday was beautiful. Jim Head's communion devotion was on target. Aren't we glad for the cross Mike Babin created? Someone mentioned that the last three communion talks have utilized the cross in some way. Thanks for your creation Mike. See you Sunday.

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