

James and John, Sons of Zebedee

We have some insight into the lives of two of the first disciples of Jesus. As Jesus was walking along the beach in Galilee, he was obviously looking for people. What he saw in the two brothers we cannot be sure, but one thing is—He needed their skills. Matthew records this in our 4th division of the text and lets us in on what they were doing at the time. They were preparing the nets. Having worked all night, they were meticulously repairing them for the evening catch. Maybe it was the understanding that nets needed mending He liked about them for it is in Mark that we see most of their training.

In Mark 1:29-35, Jesus takes his new recruits immediately into the abnormality of society's sick and lame. First he repairs Peter's mother-in-law and then, having heard of this healing, many people began bringing their sick and broken to the door of the house where Jesus healed them. Surely the sons of Zebedee witnessed the love of Jesus and His power to "repair" the broken lives of humans. They saw His determination to demonstrate His purpose on earth which was to restore the initial intention of the Father which was to create a perfect environment for the creation of loving relationships. Perhaps it was the first time the brothers realized the extent to which broken lives were more important than broken nets.

Next Jesus takes James and John up on a mountainside along with the other disciples He had chosen. Here the Savior reveals to them the specific purpose for which He called them to be His disciples. The message to them was two-fold: To preach salvation through Christ and to shatter the gates of hell (cast out the demons—3:14). This is the same commission Jesus gives each of us by the way. We are to continue to preach that same message of saving grace to the lost of the world and to invade the territory of Satan in order to destroy his work (Mt. 16:18). We are commanded to make disciples and train them to preach the good news and plant churches in the territory of the devil.

In Mark 5:37-43 Jesus took Peter, James and John into the home of the ruler of the synagogue (probably Capernaum) where his young daughter had just died. There was the typical Jewish hopeless wailing and mourning coming from the house and Jesus inquired as to the reason. When they told him, Jesus said, "Your daughter is not dead but sleeping." We can only imagine the intensity with which the three disciples observed Jesus as He moved into the house. The people around them only made a mocking of Jesus' words as if He were out of His mind. The power of God is yet mocked today and faith is found wanting in much of society. Jesus reached for the hand of the girl and said *Talitha Koum*, which meant, "Get up little girl!"

Jesus manifested here his inherent power over the grave. This is perhaps the first and maybe the most lasting lesson to these three disciples that the grave doesn't belong to Satan, but to God the Father of life itself. How mystified must these three been by the love and power of their Discipler. What a contrast to the hopeless understanding of the Jewish people at that time. Dr. William Barclay, the great Greek scholar and producer of perhaps the best known Bible commentaries wrote, "Jewish mourning customs were vivid and detailed, and practically all of them were designed to stress the desolation and the final separation of death. The triumphant victorious hope of the Christian faith was totally absent" (Commentary on Mark, p. 134).

In the ninth chapter of Mark's gospel we read that Jesus ascended the "mount of transfiguration" which was possibly Mt. Hermon (9200 feet elevation). What happened there stays there except for the fact that the disciples learned that Jesus was the ONLY savior God wanted honored. There was to be no other. We must learn the lesson the brothers learned that day. Listen to Jesus. At a time when Jesus has become a professional centerpiece gleaning millions of dollars a year by would-be gurus of the "Christian Industry," we should simply remain disciples of the Savior. (To be continued) yc

PRAYER LIST

- ♥ Beverly Huffstetler, Jennie Miller's mother, recovering from shoulder surgery.
- ♥ Karen Adams, Ryan Hamrick's neighbor, has breast cancer.
- ♥ Rudy Staggs, Ashley Nowlen's father, lung cancer.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER

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

VBS

VBS will be June 18-22 from 6:00-8:30. The theme is SonForce Kids Special Agents. Genie has made flyers that can be hung in your office, your child's daycare, or on a community bulletin board. Please pick up a few to help reach as many children as possible.

PEARL DAY

We will be selling water at Pearl Day on June 30. Watch for information and contact people as the event nears.

FREE INDEED

FreeIndeed will be with us the weekend of August 12. We will need to raise \$1500 for this event. If you would like to give please see Tim Nelson

CAMP BROCHURES

If you did not receive a camp brochure in the mail, you can take on from the Teen Bulletin Board. If you wait till June 10 to register at the camp, there will be an additional \$10 fee.

COMBINED WORSHIP

Sunday June 10 Meadowbrook will join us for a combined evening worship at 6:00 p.m. Come and worship together with joy.

Nursery

It is time to update the nursery list. If your name is not on it and you want to serve or if you want to remove your name, see Lisa McCoy.

SLCC

We will be taking the bus to SLCC next week, June 10-16. If you are going to camp and need a ride make sure Linda has your name on her list!!!

CROSSGATES NURSING HOME DEVO

Please remember those in the Crossgates Nursing home. They are so uplifted by the devotionals that we bring to them on the third Sunday of each month at 2:00. Please come and let them know how much God loves them still.

LADIES RETREAT

A Ladies retreat has been planned for **July 13-14**. We are now looking at going to Gulfport and spend the night at a hotel. We will have a sign-up sheet on Sunday morning. The speaker will be Linda Salley. We will of course cancel if there is a storm brewing. Watch for more information. If you have any questions, see Linda.

COMMUNITY COOKIES

It is time again to thank our police and fire departments for all they do for us. This year we will also provide for the Brandon as well as Pearl departments. The youth are in charge of this. I asked when they wanted to deliver and their response was June 9. For those of you who do not know this is the Saturday before we leave for a wonderful week at SLCC. This is always a busy Saturday with packing and getting ready to leave after services on Sunday. Think about this on one of the busiest days of their summer- your youth want to take time out to say thank you. Please help by having homemade cookies and/or brownies at the multi-purpose building by 10:00 a.m. June 9. The youth thank you for your help.

COLLECTABLES

Some of you have bought collectables from Cricket. She tells me that you can now go online to see some of the items that she has available. Please contact her to get the address.

SUNDAY ASSIGNMENTS

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

6/10/07

Greeters Sweeney Life Group
 Song Leader Tim Nelson
 Call to Worship Jerry Mitchell
 PrayerDusty Reynolds
 Presiding Bobby Stewart
 Closing Prayer LaRan Kilpatrick

Serving

Scottie Stanford	Ryan Hamrick
Alvin McMillen	Mike Babin
Keaton Sweeney	Al Ellis

Evening Worship Life Groups
 Nursery Nancy Head
 Children's Worship ..Timothy McMillen

6/17/07

Greeters Rogers Life Group
 Song Leader Tim Farrar
 Call to Worship Ken Salley
 Prayer Dan Ellis
 Presiding Jim Head
 Closing Prayer Alvin McMillen

Serving

Lamar Kilpatrick	Todd Lott
LaRan Kilpatrick	Jeff Sweeney
Allen McDaniel	Jerry Mitchell

Evening Worship Life Groups
 Nursery Becky Turner
 Children's Worship..... Beth Farrar
 Lauren Miller

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

June 10-2 Chron. 32-33;
 John 16:16-33
 June 11-2 Chron. 34-36; John 19:1-22
 June 12 -Ezra 1-2; John 19:23-42
 June 13- Ezra 3-5; John 20
 June 14-Ezra 6-8; John 21
 June 15-Ezra 9-10; Acts 1
 June 16-Nehemiah 1-3; Acts 2: 1-13

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 9 – Cookie Delivery
 June 10 – Combined Worship
 June 17 – Crossgates Nursing Home
 Devotional
 June 18-22 – VBS
 June 30 – Pearl Day
 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

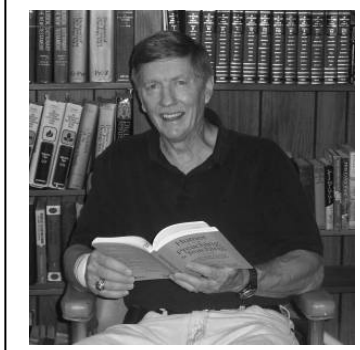
*"Since then,
 you have
 been raised
 with
 Christ,
 set your
 hearts
 on things
 above."
 Colossians 3:1*

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June 10, 2007

**YOUTH
 CAMP**
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Heartbeat

Make a Visit

A new couple visits our services. A few people speak to them. We send a letter expressing our appreciation, but will they return? **MAKE A VISIT!!**

A lonely person is in a nursing home. The long days grew into weeks, and the weeks into months. Occasionally someone stops to visit, by often they feel that they have been forgotten. **MAKE A VISIT!!**

An elderly member is at home. Because of health and advanced age, she or he cannot attend worship services. In past years they have never missed a service, but now no one remembers to visit them. **MAKE A VISIT!!**

A new family places membership. Perhaps one or two will visit them, but it would mean so much if several members of the church would stop and get acquainted. **MAKE A VISIT!!**

A member of the church begins to miss services. The occasional miss becomes a pattern, and he is seldom seen anymore. What might have happened if concerned Christians had made visits into the home? **MAKE A VISIT!!**

A new convert is baptized and added to the family. We tell them how happy we are to have them as a new brother or sister, but do we continue to encourage them, teach that this is a new beginning not the end, help them teach other members of their family about Christ, and help them to remain faithful in living the life of a Christian? **MAKE A VISIT!!**

**IS THERE A VISIT YOU NEED TO MAKE TODAY?
 DON'T PUT IT OFF!! DO IT NOW!!**

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Deacons

David Blevins,
 Education

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 Calls/Visitor/
 Greeters

Jim Head,
 Life Groups

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