

A Broader View

Jesus came to open our eyes. Paul prayed that the eyes of our hearts would be open to God's storehouse of help. In Genesis 13 Lot lifted up his eyes to see what he could gain for himself. Later, the Lord told Abram to lift up his eyes and cast a broader view. In Psalm 121 we are reminded to lift up our eyes unto the hills to see the divine help we find in God's grace and power. All this is in order to catch a glimpse of a broader view than we had before.

Prophets of God called people to lift their eyes toward God, His will, and His commands. Preachers today call people to a broader view than we might have. This preacher has tried to call the church to a broader view—a view that calls us to be reminded of several things. Let me share what my vision here was some eight years ago. God still calls me and this church to this broad view of His Kingdom.

- **To call us to Jesus' view of discipleship.** (From 1998-2000) In any movement that begins and lasts more than a minute, there is a tendency to stagnate, to be self propagating, and to become near-sighted (myopia) which is a failure to focus on distant objects. What "IS" is powerfully controlling. From is to ought is a tough battle. Becoming what the church thinks is often myopic. An almost two-year study of the fast-paced gospel of Mark (sounds contradictory, doesn't it) was intended to lift our eyes to Jesus and see what he taught, practiced, and expected.
- **To call us from traditional roots back to Biblical roots.** (2000-2003). It is my belief that without continued prophetic preaching (in the common sense of authoritative preaching) pointing us to Scripture, movements become encased in human thought and men's ideas. This is a Biblical truth from Genesis to Revelation. Just read Jesus' sermons to the seven churches in Revelation by John. Traditions tend to become the only truth churches read. It is never popular to call God's people back. It hasn't been here. The *Old Paths* aren't the old paths *we* hold dear—they are the ones God sets for us. Our old paths come from human concepts instead of God concepts.
- **To call us to the precious grace of Christ Jesus through what Paul refers to as the "Gospel of Grace" (Acts 20:24).** (2003-2005) Paul provides me with my life's missional statement, "However I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace." This I have done and continue.
- **To call us to become a missional church.** (2005-present) Finally, toward and forward to the coming of Jesus, we must look up and out to the lost of society's masses. We must sacrifice our own comfort, agendas, and time to fulfill the great commission our Lord laid upon us—none other than the continuing "ministry of reconciliation." We are truly called to bring a gospel of peace to a society dying of thirst and hunger—in a land of plenty for *He has set eternity in the hearts of men* (Ecc. 3:11b).

And, so, our shepherds and I humbly continue to call the church to a broader view. Let's lift up our eyes. yc

PRAYER LIST

- ♥ Sean Covich, a friend of Becca Dear and Monte Young, lost everything in an apartment fire Sunday night.
- ♥ Allen McDaniel's father had bypass surgery last week.
- ♥ Allen McDaniel is still recovering.
- ♥ Billy Jack McDaniel and family as he recovers.
- ♥ Web and Polly Shivers, friends of the Kipatricks, 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

CRAFTERS CLUB

Joy would like to invite all those interested in crafting to her home on March 3 from 1:00 till ... Bring whatever you are currently working on, come with ideas to help those in our community, come to learn new things, and come to fellowship.

FAMILY WEEKEND

Skyway will host a Family Weekend 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. Song leader will be Jason Jenkins.

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 attend.

SUPPER CLUB

Date Correction

The Supper Club will meet on **Friday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Rogers' home. Bring your loved ones favorite food.

PANTRY

The Pantry still needs help. Critical items: fruit cocktail, Spam, chicken noodle soup, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, grape jelly, green beans and corn. Low items: instant mashed potatoes and peanut butter.

FOOD MINISTRY

From time to time occasions, such as family illness, death in family, or accidents, arise where families need our assistance with food. If you would like to commit to bringing a food item for such occasions, please see the sign-up sheet on the Ladies' Bulletin Board.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

The next Ladies Night Out will be March 29 at 7:00 pm in the Ladies Ministry Room. Bring finger foods. See Kim McDaniel, Ann Ellis, or Mary Ellen Hester if you have questions.

SILVER HATTERS FELLOWSHIP

A new ministry is being established to bring together our Senior Citizens. There will be a kick-off potluck lunch on March 17 at 11:30 a.m. in the Women's Ministry Room. See Kim McDaniel for more details.

LIFE GROUP UPDATE

The Blevins Life group is meeting at the building at 6:00 on Sunday Evenings.

LADIES CLASS

A Ladies Class will begin February 11 in the Women's Ministry Room.

GRAD SUNDAY

Grad Sunday will be May 6. Start inviting your friends and relatives for this day of celebration. Graduates need to have their pictures to Debbie or Jenny by March 4.

SUNDAY ASSIGNMENTS

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

2/11/07

Greeters Canfield Life Group
 Song Leader Tim Farrar
 Call to Worship Jerry Mitchell
 Prayer Lonnie Livingston
 Presiding Glynn McMillen
 Closing Prayer Tony Dority

Serving

Dusty Reynolds	Mike Babin
Bobby Stewart	Todd Lott
David Blevins	Dan Ellis

Evening Worship Life Groups
 Nursery Genie Rogers
 Children's Worship..... Laura Stanley

2/18/07

Greeters Blevins Life Group
 Song Leader Tim Farrar
 Call to Worship Dusty Reynolds
 Prayer Rocky Barnette
 Presiding Wayne Bridges
 Closing Prayer Bobby Stewart

Serving

Lamar Kilpatrick	Tim Nowlen
Keaton Sweeney	Allen Rogers
Paul McManaway	Allen McDaniel

Evening Worship Life Groups
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THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Feb. 11 – Leviticus 13; Matt. 26:20-54
 Feb. 12 – Leviticus 14; Matt. 26:55-75
 Feb. 13 – Lev. 15-17; Matt. 27:1-31
 Feb. 14 – Lev. 18-19; Matt. 27:32-66
 Feb. 15 – Lev. 20-21; Matt. 28
 Feb. 16 – Lev. 22-23; Mark 1:1-22
 Feb. 17 – Lev. 24-25; Mark 1:23-45

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 9 – Supper Club
 February 10 – Valentine's Banquet
 February 11 – Combined Life Group Worship
 February 16-18 – Winterfest '07
 February 24-25 – Family Weekend
 March 4 – Graduate pictures due
 March 17 – Silver Hatters Lunch
 March 29 – Ladies Night Out
 May 6 – Grad Sunday

LIFE GROUPS		
Area	Location	Leaders
South Brandon	Rotated	Paul McManaway
		Glynn McMillen
Crossgates	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
Pearl	Building	Steve Perry Ron Morgan

Not Meeting Through Winter

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.

YOUTH

Upcoming Events

Renewal 2007
 Baton Rouge, LA
 March 2-4

Featuring Watershed Worship,
 Earl Lavender, and Revival Drama.

Cost is \$15.

Sign up on Teen Bulletin Board.

Heart Matters

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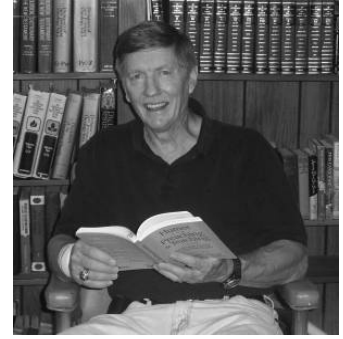
Schedule of Service
 Sunday Bible Class.....9:00 am
 Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 am
 Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 pm
 Wednesday..... 7:00 pm

YAKS

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

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Heartbeat

Again, thanks to LaRan Kilpatrick for designing and building our “People Helping People” box which sits in the back of the auditorium. Our first Sunday saw \$34.00 given. What a great start. Please remember to help with this ministry.

The Pre-SuperBowl was played at the Reservoir last Sunday. Many will tell you that the preacher deliberately tried to knock down Adam and steal a ball thrown to him. Only half of that is true—and I am sure the church knows which half. At any rate, it was a great time for all and no injuries outside of soreness today, I’m sure. The “younger team” prevailed (and smaller).

The Sweeney and the Rogers families went to San Antonio this past weekend to a seminar called “The Truth Project.” This seminar and the people behind it are Christian people who are trying to keep us from becoming callous to the continual erosion of truth in our government, schools, and churches in America. The seminar talks about a Christian World View. This is not a “John Birch” society thing—it is Biblical truth about evil Philosophies of humanism which continue to be accepted.

Just this morning I was listening to a news broadcast where a Christian Chapel in a University was going to have to remove the cross from the chapel because the administration of the school was receiving too many complaints that the cross was restrictive to people who wanted to use the chapel that were not Christians.

I hope you are eagerly planning to be here on Feb. 24-25 for our **FAMILY WEEKEND- SEMINAR WITH ALAN ROBERTSON** from West Monroe. Saturday evening we will have pizza, singing and worship beginning at 5:30. You must invite a friend. On Sunday morning at 8:00 we will have a breakfast together. This is going to be a wonder weekend. Please do all you can to support this effort.

This Sunday I will be talking about commitment. See you there.

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