

GETTING TO WHERE WE OUGHT TO BE IN CHRIST

Doing and Teaching: Acts 1:1

O.K. church. Here's the deal. I have re-read the book of Acts. There are 28 divisions in Acts—given by the translators—not the Lord—given for the benefit of our retention. There are approximately 20,000 words in Acts. There are nine references to “worship” in these 20,000 words—just nine words from six or seven Greek words that can be loosely translated “worship”—proskuneo being the one that we usually associate with worship—yet not solely and this word is directly related to what we think or how we esteem the Lord of Life. Literally, I believe it is some type of body English that parallels “kissing the hand toward” someone we esteem highly.

Nine short references to worship. One may refer directly to what we do on Sunday. There are a couple more that talk about breaking bread—one specifically says “on the Lord's day.”

What's the point? The point is this. If Luke wrote about “All that Jesus began to do and teach” and then about the Christian church from the time of Jesus ascension to the Father, and only had such brief mention of anything near what we do on Sundays—what would that tell you about the emphasis we place on Sunday worship as compared to... say, justice, mercy, teaching the word on the street, missionaries, conversions, and taking care of the poor?

If we have anything like a “pattern” for doing anything—its doing what Jesus did and that was not sitting in a pew, rather it was traveling down dusty highways, meeting from house to house, and preaching to people who never heard of Jesus Christ! Did I hear an Amen?

For two hundred years we have continued to fuss and fume about what or how we do things inside the church buildings and even though we have done very little obeying the Great Commission, I have yet to be criticized for a lack of evangelism. Almost all of my personal criticism has been vented toward times of trying to get people to see that most of what we do on Sunday is a matter of choice among the various churches.

We have people leave our fellowship over sinful attitudes toward the elders' decisions that are nothing but preferences based on demographic trends. Sunday is not about me! Think of the transitions the Jewish Christians had to face when the Temple was destroyed and they were forced into slavery in Babylon. Think of the transitions the early Christians faced when the Gentiles invaded their gatherings and yet the focus was on evangelism and worship on the Lord's Day was praising HIM! I wonder what “pattern” they were following then. The pattern was love for one another and love for the Lord Jesus. When will evangelism become the core “doctrine” of the church? When you have worn out a pair of shoes on the pavement carrying the name of Jesus to your neighbor instead of sharing how tired you are of “how things are changing down at the church,” I expect someone will listen a little more attentively.

This I know for sure my brothers and sisters. The Lord's Supper is to remember Jesus' body and blood. What else we say and do—if we follow the gist of Luke's History of the church, is about praise to a God who has given us new Christians. Read carefully Luke's record in Acts 14:26-28. When Skyway resembles this church, we won't worry about “how” we praise God—we will just do it and hit the road on Monday—in His name. yc

PRAYER LIST

- ♥ James Adams, Ryan Hamrick's neighbor, is having severe pain due to an old hip injury.
- ♥ Velma Tadlock, Skylia Nelson's aunt, having complications following surgery to remove a benign mass.
- ♥ Raymond Gardner, a friend of Joey Sanderford, had brain surgery.
- ♥ Genie Rogers father, Gene, had triple by-pass surgery March 12.
- ♥ 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

GRAD SUNDAY

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

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

Remember that the People Helping People box is in the back of the auditorium. Drop in what you can when you can.

PANTRY

Thank you for your participation in the Pantry ministry. It is important that our community knows that we care about their physical needs. When they discover that they have spiritual needs our prayer is that they will remember our compassion and visit us. Critical items: corn. Low items: dry milk, instant mashed potatoes, and grape jelly.

SHARE A RIDE

We have made contact with a lady in Pearl whose mother lives in Amory. Family members are willing to meet her in nearby towns. If any women are going that way and would like a ride along, contact the office for a number.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

The next Ladies Night Out will be Thursday, 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 24 at 11:30 a.m. in the Women's Ministry Room. See Kim McDaniel for more details.

VBS

VBS will be the June 18-22. If you are interested in helping, please contact Genie Rogers. Help is needed with set-up, decorating, advertising, teaching, etc.

SUPPER CLUB

Here are the dates for the next few Supper Clubs. March 23, April 20, and May 18. All of these will be held at Allen and Genie Rogers' home. Watch each month for menu suggestion.

CONGRATULATIONS

Scottie and Crickett Stanford are moving into their own home. Many of their things in storage have been broken. They are in need of general household items such as dishes, towels, linens, etc. Their new address is 5036 Country Meadows Drive, Brandon, MS 39042

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

We will be hosting Easter Sunrise Service in the Pearl Park on April 8. We will need help with set-up and “breakfast.” See Yale if you can help.

SUNDAY ASSIGNMENTS

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

3/11/07

Greeters McManaway Life Group
Song Leader Tim Farrar
Call to Worship Alvin McMillen
Prayer Al Garner
Presiding Ken Salley
Closing Prayer Bobby Stewart

Serving

Dusty Reynolds	Jim Head
Allen McDaniel	Allen Rogers
Terrv Claunch	Justin McCov

Evening Worship Life Groups
Nursery Belinda Kilpatrick
Children's Worship..... Beth Farrar
Lauren Miller

3/18/07

Greeters Canfield Life Group
Song Leader Tim Farrar
Call to Worship Ryan Hamrick
Prayer Dan Ellis
Presiding David Blevins
Closing Prayer Jeff Sweeney

Serving

Allen McDaniel	Mike Babin
Charlie McMasters	Ken Salley
LaRan Kilpatrick	Rocky Barnette

Evening Worship Life Groups
Nursery Helga Mittlestat
Children's Worship..... Laura Stanley

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Mar. 11–Deut. 14-16; Mar. 13:14-37
Mar. 12–Deut. 17-19; Mark 14:1-25
Mar. 13– Deut. 20-22; Mark 14:26-50
Mar. 14– Deut. 23-25; Mark 14:51-72
Mar. 15– Deut. 26-27; Mark 15:1-26
Mar. 16– Deut. 28; Mark 15:27-47
Mar. 17–Deut. 29-30; Mark 16

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 23 – Supper Club
March 24 – Silver Hatters Lunch
March 29 – Ladies Night Out
April 8 – Easter Sunrise Service
April 20 – Supper Club
May 6 – Grad Sunday
May 18 – Supper Club
May 19 – Health Fair
June 18-22 - VBS

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 James Mobley

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.

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

YOUTH

Watch for upcoming events

YAKS

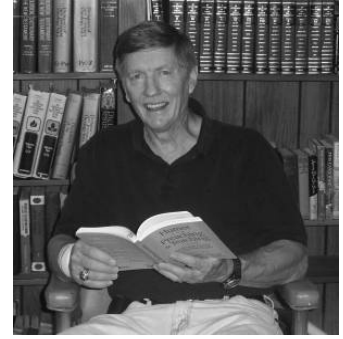
VBS
June 18-22

Plan now to attend.

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

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March 11, 2007



Heartbeat

Monday evening, I had the privilege of meeting with some of our visionaries. About 15 of our men and women met to discuss things we can do to affect the lives of our neighbors and impact our cities.

We finally had to say, in the words of Al Garner, "Let's stop at some level we can really do!" So many great ideas to reach the lost were brought up, my head was spinning. We did select several you will be hearing about soon. I think we have a bunch of marketing majors here with us church.

Maybe we need to expand these "brainstorming" evenings. No telling how many ideas that will work are floating out there in the minds of our brethren.

One thing we are planning (Jenny Miller's brainchild) is a Health Fair here on May 19th. If you have personal contact with anyone in the health industry, i.e., cholesterol screening, heart, skin, eyes, dental, physical therapy, etc., please let us know. We will be advertising this soon so if you have ideas about how best to advertise, please e-mail it in.

We are going to have an Easter Sun Rise Service in the Pearl Park again this year. Stay tuned. We need a lot of help at about 6:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday! Yep. You heard right. 6:00 a.m. Chairs to be set up, speakers, people to meet and greet, coffee and doughnuts, etc., will be all moved down to the park— AND BACK in time for worship here at the building.

What a great Sunday this past! I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. What about Sunday evening. It was a special time for us. You reached out to a visitor from Sunday morning in a way which Jesus spoke of in Matthew 25. Your heart was showing. We are learning about the things Jesus emphasized! I want to unplug from what is to what ought to be, don't you?

Thanks to Tim Farrar for teaching us two new and beautiful songs Sunday evening. Let's go back now to our Life Groups with renewed enthusiasm for what Jesus called us to be and do. Let's continue to minister to one another in our groups with the idea of reaching one more person for the Lord as we do so. See you Sunday!

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