

**JESUS HAS NO COUSINS**  
**Hebrews 2:5-13**

I don't know about you but my cousins on the maternal and the paternal sides were distant. We seldom saw them and when we did it was like meeting people from another planet. I have several cousins in different parts of the states today that I haven't seen in years. It would take a genealogist specialist to find them, I'm sure.

When we would get together with them at infrequent reunions, I remember they ate weird stuff, spoke funny, and looked at my brother and I like we were Martians. We were just worlds apart. One cousin cornered my brother and me one time when I was about ten and she brought the knife and utensil drawer from mom's kitchen into our bedroom and began throwing spatulas, knives, large ladles, can openers, funnels, meat forks, and a large assortment of cleavers, meat tenderizers and other culinary aids at us. I managed finally to crawl under the bed, between her legs, and out of the bedroom to run for my life down the street. I really thought I would never see my brother again. I know what they say about family trees in West Virginia and even in light of this revelation, I still deny it.

My point is that there is normally (even in WV) a marked difference in siblings and cousins. Siblings are "normally" very close. The family of God has no cousins—only brothers and sisters.

The seed line of Jesus is distinct. The Hebrew writer contrasts the spiritual seed line of Jesus to the purely physical one based on a fleshly genealogy. While both of them go back to Abraham, the spiritual one is based on a promise, and is by faith. The other is by sight and is by works. All religions except Christianity are like the latter.

We are not cousins if we are Christians. The New Testament Scriptures talk about our relationship to God through Christ in several intimate terms. We are born again of incorruptible seed. Listen to the Apostle Peter as he writes, *Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart. For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God* (1 Peter 1:22-23).

It is here that the Hebrew writer's words jump out at us. He writes in 2:10-11:

*In bringing many sons (children) to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author (progenitor) of their salvation perfect through suffering. Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers.*

Jesus has no cousins. He is our brother since he was the "first-born" of many sons and daughters. The Father raised him even as we are raised by the Father in our reenactment of the death, burial, and resurrection through faith. How do you treat the church? Are we brothers and sisters or cousins. Jesus has no cousins—and neither does the Church of the Firstborn. It's a bloodline lineage that will not admit cousins. "In Jesus" is our divine calling. yc

**PRAYER LIST**

- ♥ Gil Rhodes, Barry Rhodes brother, is having tests run. Pray for good test results.
- ♥ James Adams, Ryan Hamrick's neighbor, is in severe hip pain.
- ♥ Velma Tadlock, Skyla 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, is recovering from by-pass surgery.
- ♥ Allen McDaniel is still recovering.
- ♥ Web and Polly Shivers, friends of the Kipatrick's, 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

**FREE INDEED**

Free Indeed will be with us **August 11-12**. They will perform in concert Saturday evening and will lead us in Worship Sunday morning.

**GRAD SUNDAY**

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

**PANTRY**

The pantry is getting low again. Please take a minute to peek in and see what is needed.

**LADIES NIGHT OUT**

Ladies Night Out is March 29 at 7:00 p.m. Guest speaker, Rebecca Long from Meadowbrook, will speak on "Becoming a Woman of Courage and Encouragement in Christ." Bring your friends.

**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. Help is needed with set-up, decorating, advertising, teaching, etc. See Genie if you want to help.

**CAMP OUT FOR 4<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADES**

The Jr. High will be hosting a campout for the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades at Roosevelt State Park March 23-25. If you have any questions, see Tim Farrar or Debbie McMillen.

**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.

**HEALTH FAIR**

We will host a Health Fair May 19 from 1-4 pm. If you have suggestions for exhibitors see Jennie Miller. Volunteers **are** needed.

**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.

**MOVIE NIGHT**

We will be having a Movie Night on **Friday, March 16** at 7:00 p.m. We will show the movie *Facing the Giants*. Refreshments will be served.

**THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR**

Mar. 18—Deut. 31-32; Luke 1:1-23  
 Mar. 19—Deut. 33-34; Luke 1:24-56  
 Mar. 20— Josh. 1-3; Luke 1:57-80  
 Mar. 21— Josh. 4-6; Luke 2:1-24  
 Mar. 22— Josh. 7-8; Luke 2:25-52  
 Mar. 23— Josh. 9-10; Luke 3  
 Mar. 24—Josh. 11-13; Luke 4:1-32

**SUNDAY ASSIGNMENTS**

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

**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

**3/25/07**

Greeters ..... Blevins Life Group  
 Song Leader ..... Tim Farrar  
 Call to Worship ..... Allen McDaniel  
 Prayer ..... LaRan Kilpatrick  
 Presiding ..... Dusty Reynolds  
 Closing Prayer .....Bobby Stewart

*Serving*

Lamar Kilpatrick Todd Lott  
 Keaton Sweeney Tony Dority  
 Doug Hester Dan Ellis

Evening Worship ..... Life Groups  
 Nursery ..... Becky Turner  
 Children's Worship..... Kim McDaniel

**PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE**

Remember the People Helping People box. Drop in what you can when you can.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

March 18 – Crossgates Nursing Home  
 Devotional  
 March 23 – Supper Club  
 March 24 – Silver Hatters Lunch  
 March 29 – Ladies Night Out  
 April 8 – Easter Sunrise Service  
 April 15 – Crossgates Nursing Home  
 Devotional  
 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
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

March 18, 2007

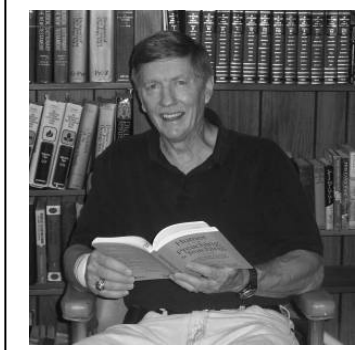
YOUTH

Watch  
 for  
 upcoming  
 events

YAKS

VBS  
 June 18-22

Plan now  
 to  
 attend.



# Heartbeat

Projects just keep rolling off the assembly line. Our vision team is growing and so is the list of projects that are designed to serve and impact our community around us. Some of the things that have been envisioned for our participation are **SONRISE**, an early (7:00 a.m.) worship in the Pearl Park on Easter Sunday; **PEARL DAY**, a day where the church will turn out en masse to hand out water bottles with our name and something about the water which flows out of our hearts on it; **FACING THE GIANTS** will be a project that brings us a lot of visitors we hope as we bring in a special speaker who played one of the football players in the movie; **AN ONGOING RADIO PROJECT** which will increase our presence in the area; **THE FIRST ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR** which may be the project which brings us more people than all the other things, and finally, for now, we hope to bring in the **DUCK COMMANDER** for a project that is going to really touch lives of a lot of men in a three county area. Whew! ARE YOU READY FOR SOME OUTREACH???

AND HOW ABOUT SOME UPREACH AND INREACH? Please come and join us on Wednesday evenings when we just praise the Lord in prayer, singing, videos, devotionals, and more. If you haven't been here for a Wednesday praise and prayer service lately, make it a point and plug in.

Jason Jenkins and Tim Farrar and the praise team will co-lead our worship this Sunday.

By the way another project I forgot is A FREE INDEED CONCERT for August and VBS is another!

Remember, March and April are the months for **LIVING IN THE WORD**. We will emphasize the need for studying and meditating in the word of God in our lessons and worship. So ramp up your study, memorization, and application of God's word in your life as we Abide in Christ. See you Sunday.

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