

James and John, Sons of Zebedee, cont.

In the first edition of our lessons on the life-focusing training of James and John, we saw how Jesus took their job skills of “repairing nets” and taught the young men to go into the streets and “repair the empty nets” of troubled people. Secondly, we saw how Jesus taught them to preach salvation in His name and to attack the gates of Hell with all the force of heaven. We witnessed Jesus taking a James and John into the room of a young girl who had died. He there demonstrated His power over death and gave the men a prelude exhibition of His resurrection power and taught us not to grieve as men without hope. Finally, we traveled to Mt. Hermon and stood with James, John and Peter as God transfigured Jesus right in front of their eyes—demonstrating to them that all the great Old Testament leaders were but servants of God to point toward this, the SON of God!

We pick up the training of the brothers in Mark 10. Perhaps the most difficult lesson that they would ever learn occurs in this part of Mark’s record. After witnessing Jesus’ hard teaching about the danger of the lordship of wealth and the relative difficulty of entering into heaven, they asked him, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus replied, “This is only possible with God—not the efforts of man. His lesson was, “Don’t be deluded into thinking that the glories of the world are necessarily the glories of God.”

Jesus then began to teach the hardest and most misunderstood of lessons to his disciples. He began to teach them that He was going to have to die at the hands of the Gentiles. At this James and John come to Jesus and request that they be appointed to the highest positions in Jesus’ Kingdom (see: John 10:32-35). Jesus asked them pointedly, “Can you drink the cup I am going to drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am going to endure?” (v. 38)

This is a question each one of us is asked by God to consider when we are confronted by our desire for reconciliation with Him. There are two questions here which to this writer’s mind become metaphors for yet two more symbols to which each of us must respond.

First, Jesus mentions the metaphor of the cup. You will recall in the garden of Gethsemane (Mark 14), Jesus pleads with His Father, “If it be your will, please take this *cup* from me” (v. 35-36). The “cup” which Jesus mentions, is no less than the mission He has received from the Father, which is the suffering of the Lamb of God for the sins of the world. I believe that the cup we bless each Lord’s Day is no less than a recalling of this cup of suffering of the Lord, but somewhat of a weekly testimony to the fact that we, ourselves, have died to the flesh (suffered) and are alive by God’s grace and power to fulfill this same mission. Communion is a sweet testimony to God of the understanding of our mission on earth.

Second, Jesus is overwhelmed by this suffering to the point He calls, it a “baptism” which is a metaphor here of the absolute immersion of Jesus in this mission of God to save the world. Baptism for us is no less an understanding that when we claim Jesus as our Lord and Savior, there is an overwhelming flood of response to His grace and we literally and symbolically are immersed in and into the mission of Jesus the Christ. Those who enter flippantly into baptism fail to see the reality of the symbol and the beauty of the extended purpose. More next week. 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

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to Lonnie Livingston. Lonnie’s mother, Gladys Livingston, passed away Thursday, June 14. Services were held in Cleveland, MS on Saturday, June 16.

AND THE LORD ADDED TO THEIR NUMBER...

At Sardis Lake Christian Camp last week, 7 souls were added to the body of Christ. Among these were Grayson Lavin and Bryan Farrar.

PEARL DAY

We will be selling water at Pearl Day on June 23. Please come and let the folks in our community know that we care for them and we are here for them.

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.

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. There is a sign-up sheet on the Ladies Bulletin Board. Please indicate your t-shirt size beside your name. 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.

4TH & 5TH GRADES

All 4th and 5th graders are invited to the home of Alvin & Debbie McMillen on Sunday, July 1 following morning services for a swim party. We will return to the building at 6pm for evening services. Kids need to bring a swimsuit, towel, sunscreen and a change of clothes (or wear their clothes from morning services). Water toys and friends are invited!

CROSSGATES NURSING HOME DEVO

Please remember those in the Crossgates Nursing home. They are so uplifted by the devotionals that are delivered to them. Our next visit will be July 15 at 2:00. Please come and let them know how much God loves them still.

MEADOWBROOK SUMMER CAMP

Meadowbrook will be hosting a summer camp at Tender Creek Camp in Morton July 15-19. Cost is \$175. Registration forms can be downloaded from their web site, www.meadowbrook.org. Simply click on the Ministries link then the Teen Ministry link. They also want you to know that they will be conducting a worship service at 10:30 on the 15th at the camp for all who wish to attend. Lunch will also be available following worship for \$7.00. Counselors are also needed. Contact Scott Kopf at 601-362-5374 if you are interested.

VBS CLEAN-UP

Please remember to return any items (scissors, tape, glue, pencils, crayons, markers, flannel boards, etc.) you may have borrowed from any of the classrooms. Teachers will be needing them on Sunday morning and may not have the opportunity to leave the classroom to look for more.

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP

If you are interested in teaching in Children’s Worship, please see Jenny. Your name can be added to the rotation very easily.

SUNDAY ASSIGNMENTS

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

6/24/07

Greeters McManaway Life Group
 Song Leader Tim Farrar
 Call to Worship Ryan Hamrick
 Prayer Allen Rogers
 Presiding Jerry Mitchell
 Closing Prayer Allen McDaniel

Serving

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| Ken Salley | Justin McCoy |
| Jeremy Blevins | David Blevins |
| Al Ellis | Al Garner |

Evening Worship Life Groups
 Nursery Earlene McMillen
 Children’s Worship Laura Stanley

7/1/07

Greeters Canfield Life Group
 Song Leader Tim Farrar
 Call to Worship
 Prayer Allen McDaniel
 Presiding Lonnie Livingston
 Closing Prayer LaRan Kilpatrick

Serving

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| Timothy McMillen | Mike Babin |
| Wayne Bridges | Danny Dendy |
| Jerrv Mitchell | Brvan Farrar |

Evening Worship Life Groups
 Nursery Michelle Hester
 Children’s Worship..... Kim McDaniel

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

June 24- Job 1-3; Acts 7:1-19
 June 25- Job 4-6; Acts 7:20-43
 June 26 - Job 7-9; Acts 7:44-60
 June 27- Job 10-12; Acts 8:1-25
 June 28-Job 13-15; Acts 8:26-40
 June 29-Job 16-18; Acts 9:1-22
 June 30-Job 19-20; Acts 9:23-43

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 23 – Pearl Day
 July 15 – Crossgates Devotional
 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 |
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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

Monday Night Live
 is back in full swing.
 See Linda to find out
 what the schedule is
 and when the bus will
 be leaving!

Heart Matters

Skyway Hills Church of Christ
 Highway 80 East
 P.O. Box 5600
 Pearl, MS 39288

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

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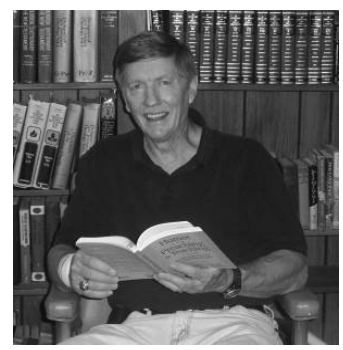
VBS

Was a great success!!!
 Thank you to
 everyone who
 helped make
 this year one of our
BEST ever!

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

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June 24, 2007



Heartbeat

By the time you read this VBS will be over. I want to thank all of you who took so much time to construct one of the neatest environments for kids I have seen. We have so much talent. There is no way to measure the amount of love for God that goes into preparation for VBS. Thanks to Genie Rogers for her hard work at planning, ordering, and helping us all understand what is to be taught and giving us the material to do so. Sue from *Western Sizzlin'* on Highway 80 brought some cookies Monday. Stop by and tell them “Thanks!”

The combination of summer camp and VBS provides our kids and others with some great teaching and fun for the summer. I’m thinking we ought to have a VBS for adults—say in the Bahamas—that probably won’t be funded though.

Pearl Day is coming soon. Plan now to be there and advertise the Lord. Dress appropriately and contact people. Please grab a couple of brochures to give to people and help us provide some ice cold water in the name of Jesus. I think Jesus talked about that somewhere.... Here are a few things to say:

- “We have to sell the water but eternal life in Christ is free.”
- “Hi there. The water is really cold but Jesus love is very warm.”
- “You will need more of this water, but the water of life Jesus gives just keeps bubbling up!”
- “This water comes from a well, the water of life comes from Heaven.”
- “Water, water, everywhere, but not a drop can save you—except the water Jesus gives.”
- “Hey, this water is an example of how God has used water as a bridge from death to life for people throughout the Bible.” (Acts 8:36-37)

I hope you are excited about using Pearl Day as a day to meet friends for eternity.

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