

Déjà Vu

Betsy and I watched a movie recommended by one of our daughters titled, “Déjà vu.” It was a great movie with a perplexing plot, which left me with a real longing in my heart. It’s like one of those spots that itches you can’t scratch or a drip you can’t stop. Déjà vu is a feeling like “I’ve been here before!”

It really goes deeper than that. This movie was about a terrorist attack on a ferryboat loaded with sailors and families in which over 500 lost their lives because of one man who was insane. The entire story was a sci-fi plot in which the main character, an ATF agent, contacted some people working with possibilities of going into the past to “fix” things. The plot was to go back several days to the time just before the attack in order to prevent the awful deed.

What do we do with those days, deeds, and decisions that stand out in our past as symbols of the darkness in our souls—the times of destructive and hurtful decisions and deeds? Do you ever want to go back in time to change the course of a river or two in order to prevent the harm or hurt you inflicted upon others? Do you ever want to alter the course of events of the past?

How many times have people who were drunk or otherwise deprived of right thinking and behavior sat in a jail cell the next morning and wished they could just wind the clock back to about 5 p.m. the day before in order to prevent the horror they had just caused? How often have you wished you had not “said what you said in the way you said it” and wished you could go back and change it? Have you not fallen on your bed at evening and pounded your fist into the pillow and wished you could just go back in time and change the wrong you did?

How many people have crawled out of a slime pit of life to grasp hold of God’s offer to forgive and renew their lives only to fall again the next weekend? Where can we go? What can we do to change the past? WE CAN’T. No, as much as we want to change the past, every minute that ticks away is gone into the depository of all minutes. The movie was a representation of all of humankind’s most inward wishes at times—to bring back the past to a time when we could alter the consequences of the choices we made. Blessed beyond measure is the person who has never sought to experience a real déjà vu.

Certainly Judas and all his kind wish for that possibility. Surely the apostle Peter wished that he could go back and talk to the young servant girl or the men (Luke 22:54-62) who heard him deny Jesus. Surely Pilate would have chosen to go back in the past to free Jesus. And each of us—every time we have ever denied Jesus or hurt one of his little ones feels the same desire—just to go back and change things—but we can’t.

What we can do is bring Him our lives right now. We can repent and come to Christ in the full light of our failures and receive forgiveness for the past. God the Father will fix the past. We must live for the morrow. Live like we are changing the past—because we are. Jesus is coming to renew and to restore things as they once were. His coming again is the great DÉJÀ VU! We will see Him as He is and all things will be made new again. Why not come fully so you do not have to regret it ever again? yc

PRAYER LIST

- ♥Scottie Stanford is in Rankin Medical center. His blood sugar is extremely high and they are running additional tests on his heart.
- ♥Cassie Jennings, Crickett Stanford’s sister, had a hysterectomy 6/27.
- ♥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

AND THE LORD ADDED TO THEIR NUMBER...

Natalie McCoy was added to the Lord’s Church Sunday, June 24 during our morning worship hour. Natalie is the daughter of Robert and Lisa McCoy and the granddaughter of Lamar and Lanelle Kilpatrick. Please take time to meet our new sister.

DIAPER DROP

Jose and Lilianna Alcazar are expecting their third child, a girl, in a few weeks. We would like to honor them with a Diaper Drop. For your convenience there will be a table set up in the entryway across from the library July 15-22.

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.

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. Currently, people serve once every 7 weeks.

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!

LIFE GROUP GATHERING

All Life Groups are encouraged to come together in the Family Life Center Sunday, July 1 at 6:00 p.m. Devotionals, singing and fellowship will be shared.

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 help see Tim Nelson.

LADIES RETREAT

The Ladies Retreat will be **July 13-14** in Gulfport. Linda Salley will be the speaker. They plan to leave Friday around 2:00 and return sometime Saturday. Sign-up on the Ladies Bulletin Board and please indicate your t-shirt size beside your name. We will cancel if weather turns bad.

COMMUNICATION BY E-MAIL

We would like to remind our members that we currently utilize an e-mail address that can be used to request prayers or pass on important information, times of functions, and other service projects. This can come in handy when information cannot wait to be put in bulletins or when immediate prayer or help is needed. This is not for negative remarks or criticisms or defamatory statements. If you question the content of your e-mail please refer to the elders. If you are not currently receiving these e-mails and would like to be put on the list, please contact the church by phone, 601-939-5447, or e-mail, skywayhillchurch@bellsouth.net.

SUNDAY ASSIGNMENTS

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

7/1/07

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

Serving

Timothy McMillen	Mike Babin
Wayne Bridges	Danny Dendy
Jerry Mitchell	Bryan Farrar

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

7/8/07

Greeters Blevins Life Group
Song Leader Tim Farrar
Call to Worship Al Garner
PrayerBobby Stewart
Presiding Jim Head
Closing Prayer Jeff Sweeney

Serving

Rocky Barnette	Justin McCoy
Jeremy Blevins	Terry Claunch
Alvin McMillen	Terry Hester

Evening Worship Life Groups
Nursery Lisa McCoy
Children’s Worship Jenny Farrar

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

July 1- Job 21-22; Acts 10:1-23
July 2- Job 23-25; Acts 11
July 3 - Job 26-28; Acts 12
July 4- Job 29-30; Acts 13:1-23
July 5-Job 31-32; Acts 13:24-52
July 6-Job 33-34; Acts 14
July 7-Job 35-37; Acts 15:1-21

NURSERY

It is time to update the nursery list. If want to serve or if you want to remove your name, see Lisa McCoy.

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 1 – 4th & 5th grade Swim Party
July 15 – Crossgates Devotional
July 15-22 - Diaper Drop for Alcazar’s
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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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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July 1, 2007

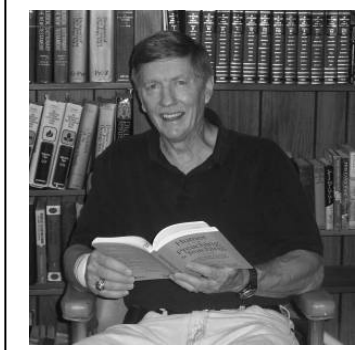
YOUTH
 (6th - 12th grades)

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

YAKS
 (K-5th grades)

GOD LOVES YOU
 and so do your Sunday
 School Teachers!

Come and spend time
with both this Sunday.



Heartbeat

As I observed people and the goings on about me at PEARL DAY Saturday, I saw some things that made me proud of our group.

First of all we did not just go and sell water. I can't imagine Jesus would have been content to sit all day in the midst of a stream of thirsty people and not try to connect with them verbally as well.

I saw two other church groups who were content to do that. One group had on their long hot dresses and clothing that is their identity, which to a crowd simply says, we are aloof. Our people were dressed in appropriate summer clothing so we didn't stand out like a sore thumb in a nail pounding contest!

The main thing however was that as far as I could tell they were almost apologetic for being there. I did not see them mingle or speak to anyone the four hours we were there.

The other thing I observed was that we did a relatively good job of enjoining the people. You have to love people. We must have given away at least 100-125 of our brochures. Then, we were taught and encouraged by a child. Adam Rogers sold more water than anyone on our team. He filled an ice chest on wheels and took off into the crowd yelling, "50 Cents Water, 50 Cents Water!" Back he would come with his ice chest wagon and refill it and off he'd go again. "50 Cents Water!"

Here is the lesson Adam taught us. He saw a need—thirsty, hot, and dusty people who needed water and they would get it somewhere. Why not from us. We must GO where the people are! Thank you Adam!!! We must communicate the fact that we have what people need. Create the need. I saw Adam sell water to people who didn't know they were thirsty until he showed up with his "50 Cent Water!" They realized how thirsty they were.

I wonder if we talked more about salvation to people if they would realize they needed it.

Our vision team is helping us get outside the building. Are you on that team? Get on board. It's never going to be the same—NEVER! We are committed to going public with the name of JESUS.

Deacons

David Blevins,
 Education

Tim Nelson,
 Calls/Visitor/
 Greeters

Jim Head,
 Life Groups

Allen Rogers,
 YAKS