

CLEANSING

“The priest is to take some of the blood of the guilt offering and put it on the lobe of the right ear of the one to be cleansed, on the thumb of his right hand and on the big toe of his right foot. The priest shall then take some of the log of oil, pour it in the palm of his own left hand, dip his right forefinger into the oil in his palm, and with his finger sprinkle some of it before the Lord seven times. The priest is to put some of the oil remaining in his palm on the lobe of the right ear of the one to be cleansed, on the thumb of his right hand and on the big toe of his right foot, on top of the blood of the guilt offering. The rest of the oil in his palm the priest shall put on the head of the one to be cleansed and make atonement for him before the Lord.” -- Lev. 14:14-18

The guilt offering that took place after an Israelite was cleaned of leprosy or other skin ailments symbolized the fact that even though the disease was believed to be gone, a cleansing needed to take place.

The same is true of me as a Christian. The forgiveness of my sins must involve a cleansing. As David says in Psalm 51, “Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleans me from my sin. ... Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.”

Solomon warns against “those who are pure in their own eyes and yet are not cleansed of their filth.” (Prov. 30:12) As long as I see myself as a good person who hardly needs God’s forgiveness, I am still covered in the filth of my sin. I have yet to experience His amazing cleansing blood.

The essence of God’s lesson on cleansing can be found in Luke 7 in the familiar story of the prostitute who knelt before Jesus and covered His feet with her tears. She then used her hair as a makeshift towel and wiped His feet with her hair. Once she was done, she kidded her Savior’s feet and poured perfume on them.

The host of this banquet, Simon, was outraged, thinking, “If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is - that she is a sinner.”

Jesus answered with a story of two men who owed money to a lender. One owed the modern day equivalent of \$50,000, the other \$5,000. Both have their debts done away with. “Now which of them will love him more?” Jesus asked.

“I suppose the one who had the bigger debt canceled,” Simon replied.

“You have judged correctly,” Jesus said. He turned to the woman. “Do you see this woman?” Jesus asked Simon. “I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. Therefore, I tell you her many sins have been forgiven—for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little.”

But Jesus wasn’t done. He turned to the woman and said, “Your sins are forgiven.”

Guests there murmured, “Who is this who even forgives sins?”

Jesus ignored their talk and told the woman, “Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.”

Have I bowed before Jesus? Loved Him with all my heart? Wept at His feet? Asked Him to cleanse me of the sins that keep me caked with filth?

Peter McKay

PRAYER LIST

- ♥ Betsy Canfield is in New Orleans at Tulane Medical Hospital with pneumonia and other related problems.
- ♥ Larry Mittlestat is back home.
- ♥ Ann Mobley is in room 308 at River Oaks Hospital.
- ♥ Rudy Staggs, Ashley Nowlen’s father, has lung cancer. He has begun hospice care.
- ♥ George Miller, Jr., George Miller’s father, is doing better. Pray that his body will not start rejecting his kidney.
- ♥ Karen Adams, Ryan Hamrick’s neighbor, has breast cancer.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER

Betsy Canfield, Howard Farrar, Mary Louise Gipson, Beverly Graham, Beverly Hufstetler, Charlotte Hunter, Larry Mittlestat, Joe Saia, Mart Salley and Joey Sanderford

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations Jose and Lilianna Alcazar. They are the proud parent of a little girl, Jennifer, was born July 20. Mother and daughter are doing well.

PANTRY

The pantry is getting VERY bare. Summer is a very busy time for everyone but please try to remember to pick up your groups items. If you are not in a group, pick up any item on the list. We can never have too much. If you would like to donate money just drop your donation into the contribution plate with a note or memo that it is for the pantry.

PICTURES

Many of you were not able to get your pictures taken for the new directory. If you would like to use the picture on the picture board, please let Jenny Farrar know by July 31. If you would rather use another picture, please have it to Jenny by July 31. If we do not hear from you and your picture is on the board, that picture will be used in the new directory.

GARAGE SALE

The church is trying to help offset expenses incurred by the Canfield family during their stay at Tulane. The money raised thus far has been phenomenal but if any of you have recently received a hospital bill, you know that even with insurance, a hospital stay of any length is very expensive. With that said, we are giving you an opportunity to raise even more money by simply looking around your house and garage for items that could be donated to a church-wide garage sale with all proceeds going to the Canfield Family. The sale will be on Saturday, August 4, from 7:00a.m. to noon. You may begin bringing items immediately to the gym. Tables will be set up by categories. Keep in mind that the best times to bring in your items will be Monday-Thursdays from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Wednesday nights, Sunday, or you may call Donna Mabus at 601-824-9844 or 601-573-4872 and she and Ken can meet you at the building any evening.

FREE INDEED

FreeIndeed will be with us the August 11-12. They will perform in concert Saturday, August 11 around 7:00. During the concert, we will take up a love offering for the Canfield family. We still need to raise money to bring FreeIndeed here. We also need folks who are willing to house the 20 people related to the FreeIndeed ministry. If you can help see Tim Nelson.

WORSHIP BAGS

There are “Worship Bags” available in the back of the auditorium for those with young children. These bags are there to help you, the parent, to worship more fully. Please return the bags to the basket weekly so they can be available each week.

TEACHER APPRECIATION BANQUET

The Teacher Appreciation Banquet that was scheduled for August 11 has been postponed. A date will be announced as soon as a new date is decided.

SUNDAY ASSIGNMENTS

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

7/29/07

Greeters McManaway Life Group
Song Leader Tim Farrar
Call to Worship Ryan Hamrick
Prayer Jerry Mitchell
Presiding Glynn McMillen
Closing Prayer LaRan Kilpatrick

Serving

Charlie McMasters	Todd Lott
Rocky Barnette	Justin McCoy
Jeremy Blevins	Allen Rogers

Evening Worship Life Groups
Nursery Genie Rogers
Children’s Worship . Timothy McMillen

8/05/07

Greeters Canfield Life Group
Song Leader Tim Farrar
Call to Worship Jim Head
Prayer Dan Ellis
Presiding Dusty Reynolds
Closing Prayer Rocky Barnett

Serving

Bobby Stewart	Mike Babin
Allen McDaniel	Bryan Farrar
Tyrone Oliver	Wayne Bridges

Evening Worship Life Groups
Nursery Sue Livingston
Children’s Worship Beth Farrar
Lauren Miller

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

July 29- Psalm 56-58; Acts 28:1-15
July 30- Psalm 59-61; Acts 28:16-31
July 31 – Psalm 61-64; Romans 1
Aug. 1- Psalm 65-67; Romans 2
Aug. 2-Psalm 68-69; Romans 3
Aug. 3-Psalm 70-72; Romans 4
Aug. 4-Psalm 73-74; Romans 5

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 31 – Deadline to submit photos for directory
August 4 – Church wide Garage Sale
August 11- FreeIndeed Concert
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.

YOUTH
(6th - 12th grades)

Monday Night Live Schedule

Date	Location	Leaving
July 30	Maben	5:00

Heart matters

Skyway Hills Church of Christ
 Highway 80 East
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 Pearl, MS 39288

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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
(K-5th grades)

GOD LOVES YOU
and so do your Sunday School Teachers!

Come and spend time with both this Sunday.

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

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July 29, 2007



Heartbeat

Ten Marks Of A Growing Church

Growing Churches have elders who are spiritual men of wisdom and vision who are deeply interested in the souls they shepherd. (1 Thes. 5:12-13; 1 Tim. 3:1-7)

Growing Churches have deacons who believe they must be servants in order to become deacons, and as deacons they rejoice at the privilege to serve. (1 Tim. 3:8-13)

Growing Churches have preaching that exalts Christ and His word, that proclaims the “whole counsel of God,” and challenges members and non-members in a bold yet loving way to draw nearer to God. (2 Tim. 4:2-4, Acts 20:27, Eph. 4:15)

Growing Churches have an educational program that stimulates members to know more of God’s word and to better apply its truth to everyday life. (2 Pet. 3:18, Eph. 4:2)

Growing Churches regard worship as a privilege rather than a chore. The singing is enthusiastic, the Lord’s Supper is thoughtfully observed, prayers are humbly offered, and the brethren give generously as they have prospered. People bring their Bibles and study because they want to know God. (John 4:24, Ps. 116:12, Eph. 5:19, Jam. 5:16, 1 Cor. 16:1-2)

Growing Churches make visitors feel at home. Others can see the unity, warmth and love that exists among the people of God. (John 13:34-35)

Growing Churches make a diligent effort to teach the lost and restore the fallen. (Acts 5:42, Gal. 6:1-2)

Growing Churches have young people who are cared for by the whole church and who act as examples of the faith. (1 Tim. 4:12)

Growing Churches respond to goals and challenges because every member is focused on glorifying Christ. (Phil. 2:5-11)

Growing Churches exhibit the mind of Christ by being humble, serving and obedient to the Father. (Phil. 2:5-11)

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