

GROWING UP IN THE KINGDOM

It's hard to grow up isn't it? Remember those leg aches? Remember being too small to go with your older sibling(s) and how you just wanted to be grown up right now! I grew up around older guys. I was always looking up and catching elbows on top of my head on the makeshift basketball court my dad made us. Believe it or not he got walnut shells by the tote sack and made our court floor. After several months of pounding—it was really a good floor except when one of the big guys knocked me to the ground. Growing up is a stretch to say the least.

I suppose you are either gluttons for punishment or just too complimentary about Sunday's lesson on growing up in the Lord. It is difficult to mature. The apostle Luke told us in Acts that Paul and the disciples were on a missionary journey "strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith." In Antioch of Syria the disciples said, "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22-23).

Right after that they appointed elders for them in each church and with prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord, in whom they put their trust. Is it not apparent that "growing a church" is tough work? It takes a lot of effort to get people into the Kingdom (rule and reign of Christ) of God and keep them there. We are childish in so many ways and so affected by the world's influence. Growing up in Jesus is a tremendous task for us. We must be meat eaters and not milk drinkers.

So much of our lives in the Kingdom revolves around "my feelings" instead of the feelings of others. We should be constantly thinking about what is best for God's family. What matters in eternity is so much greater than the small things we often get so consumed by. You may remember in the Song of Solomon (chapter two) it was the little foxes that destroy the vineyard of love. So it is in life in the Kingdom of God. Satan knows he cannot destroy our faith in Christ, so he sets about to nibble away in small bites our love for one another. He wants us to exchange our love for Christ and His church with self love and focus on what "I" want instead of what God wants. This is the essence of childish behavior. A little child wants all the focus on himself/herself and will throw tantrums to get it.

Kingdom living is tough and yet it is the most rewarding life there is. When we truly empty ourselves in the service of God, we are blessed beyond measure. Paul would say to the Romans, ***Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in your brother's way. . . For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking (selfish living) but righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit*** (Rom. 13, 17).

Let's strive to be in the reign of God and reign in our need to be catered to. As children, we need milk, but growing up means that we are contributing citizens of the Kingdom. By this time... yc

PRAYER LIST

- ♥ George Miller, Jr., George Miller's father, was in the hospital over the weekend due to high cretin levels.
- ♥ Scottie Stanford is home. Pray for him and his family as they adjust to the new diet restrictions to keep his blood sugar levels down.
- ♥ 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

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to Martha Shackelford, Sharen Garner's mother. Martha's sister, Catherine Childs, passed away Sunday, June 24. Her funeral was Tuesday, June 26 in Ripley, MS.

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.

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.

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 you donation into the contribution plate with a note or memo that it is for the pantry.



**Remember
that it is more
than a reason
to barbeque.**

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.

7/8/07

Greeters Blevins Life Group
Song Leader Tim Farrar
Call to Worship Al Garner
Prayer Bobby 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 Kim McDaniel

7/15/07

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

Serving

Charlie McMasters	Doug Hester
Dusty Reynolds	Al Ellis
Tvrone Oliver	Brvan Farrar

Evening Worship Life Groups
Nursery Kay Sweeney
Children's Worship Jennie Miller

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

July 8- Job 38-39; Acts 15:22-41
July 9- Job 40-42; Acts 16:1-15
July 10 - Psalm 1-3; Acts 16:16-40
July 11- Psalm 4-6; Acts 17:1-15
July 12-Psalm 7-9; Acts 17:16-34
July 13-Psalm 10-12; Acts 18
July 14-Psalm 13-16; Acts 19:1-20
July 15- Psalm 17-18; Acts 19:21-41

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 13-14 - Ladies Retreat
July 15 - Crossgates Devotional
July 15-16 - Pictures for directory
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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 Sunday Bible Class.....9:00 am
 Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 am
 Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 pm
 Wednesday..... 7:00 pm

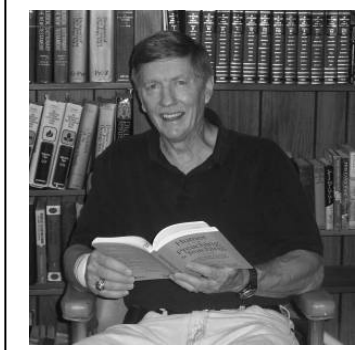
*“Since then,
 you have
 been raised
 with
 Christ,
 set your
 hearts
 on things
 above.”*
 Colossians 3:1

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July 8, 2007

YOUTH
 (6th - 12th grades)
Monday Night Live
Schedule

YAKS
 (K-5th grades)
GOD LOVES YOU
 and so do your Sunday
 School Teachers!
 Come and spend time
 with both this Sunday.



Heartbeat

Thank all of you who vocally responded to yesterday's lesson. My father-in-law once told me that as long as I stuck with the text, even I couldn't mess it up. Well, I have tried to honor that word of "encouragement." So just letting the Apostle teach us was enough to get us thinking about growing up in the Kingdom.

America is the best place on earth to live but one doesn't live in America and not develop a consumer mindset. I just hope that we will begin to feast off of the spiritual delights God has given us in the Kingdom of His love rather than what America has to offer.

Please remember to visit the sick, the elderly, and the poor. We probably never really know how much it means to these to receive a visit and a gift or just a smile. Don't wait for someone to begin a program or "ministry" to do these things—Just do it, "For he/she who knows to do good and does it not, to him/her it is sin" (James 4:17). Don't you just hate that Scripture?!

Our young professional class on Sunday Morning is outgrowing the rest of the adult studies. This is certainly one area in which this church is growing. Our YP's are pitching in and giving a lot of encouragement to us all. Thanks to this group for their zeal.

Wednesday evenings are still a great time to be here. We teach, praise, pray, and grow on Wednesdays. Glynn McMillen does a great job at organizing Wednesdays. He always has some interesting videos that teach us and our Tim Farrar and the praise team is doing a great job leading us in our worship. If you haven't been here in a while, please come and enjoy worshipping God in truth and in spirit.

So many of you have stepped up and are helping Betsy and I during this difficult time. Your prayers mean so much and you have been such an encouragement to us. It is just amazing how good she has felt to be so sick. We want you to know how much this means to all the Canfield family.

Deacons

David Blevins,
 Education

Tim Nelson,
 Calls/Visitor/
 Greeters

Jim Head,
 Life Groups

Allen Rogers,
 YAKS