

# IN THE SERVICE OF THE LORD

**SUNDAY AM & PM**  
February 5, 2012

Announcements: Kenneth Broyles  
Songleader: Jim Oakes  
Scripture: Chris Young - Russell Dinkins  
Prayer: Sam Moore - Ray Shafer  
Speaker: Derrick Coble  
Dismiss: Bo Young - Don Pearson

**WEDNESDAY - 7:00**  
February 8, 2012

Songleader: Bobby Hutson  
Scripture: Quentin Tindle  
Prayer: Jeff Turner  
Speaker: Derrick Coble  
Dismiss: Bill Burns

**BUS DRIVER**  
Bo Young

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## NHC SERVICE

February 5, 2012

Group 1 - Kenneth Broyles

Songleader: Bobby Hutson  
Scripture: Kenneth Broyles  
Prayers: Jim Owen - Keith McCulley  
Speaker: Kenneth Broyles  
Communion: Samuel Wilson - Bill Burns

**Group Members:** Kenneth & Martha Sue Broyles, Jim Owen, Robert & Sherrie McCulley, Betty Broyles, Bill & Polly Burns, Porter Turner, Geneva Gilliam, Jessica Goodwin, Charlie & Ruby Myers, Sam & Alberta Gardner, Gary & Vivian Sparkman, Joy Cook, John & Maggie Morgan, Fannie Harris, Harvey Roberts, Marie Seibers, Keith & Karissa McCulley, D. Lowery, Bobby & Jonelda Hutson, Roy Sewell, Dee Harris, Sam Wilson, Geraldine Dunn & Drake Williamson.

## February Duty Roster

**Preside at Lord's Table** - Scott Griffith  
**Serve** - Jeff Turner - Cody Shockley  
Bobby Hutson - Quentin Tindle  
**Prepare Communion** - Martha Sue Broyles  
**Wash Baptismal** - Reba Barr  
**Serve in Nursery** - AM: Jeannie Shafer  
PM: Sherrie McCulley  
**Usher** - Tony Tindle - Drew Taggart  
**Secure Building** - Ray Shafer  
**Attendance Cards** - Haden Coble  
Drake Williamson  
**Sound System** - Gary Dodson  
**Clean up** - Group 2 Walt Holman

## MISSIONS

House to House Heart to Heart  
Upper Cumberland Christian Home  
Gospel Broadcasting Network  
White County Jail Outreach  
Jonathan Burns - MSOP

Stepping Stones Preschool  
Bob Prater - Germany  
Jim Waldron - India  
Johnny Robertson-Virginia  
Jonathan Hagar - MSOP

# THE WEST SPARTA MESSENGER

"As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger  
to them that send him: for he refresheth the soul of his masters" ~Proverbs 25:13

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You Are Always  
Welcome to  
Worship With Us!

### Sunday Assemblies

Bible Class - 9:00  
Morning Worship - 10:00  
Evening Worship - 6:00

### Wednesday Assemblies

Ladies' Bible Class - 9:00  
Evening Bible Study - 7:00

### Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday  
9:00 - 3:00

### Elders

Kenneth Broyles 738-5869  
Walt Holman 738-8798  
Don Pearson 738-5472  
Jeff Turner 738-8678

### Preacher

Derrick Coble 837-2298

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## INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE BIBLE

*Author Unknown*

About forty men were engaged in the writing of the Bible, during a period of about 1,600 years - that is, from 1500 B.C. to A.D. 100. These men wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. (2 Peter 1: 21). They wrote not in words of human wisdom, but in words divinely taught. (1Corinthians 2: 13).

The longest verse in the Bible is Ester 8:9; it contains ninety words. Did you know that this verse is more than twice as long as the shortest chapter in the Bible?

The nineteenth chapter of 2 Kings and the thirty-seventh chapter of Isaiah are nearly identical.

The Old Testament was translated into Greek in Alexandria, Egypt, about 270 B.C.

The Bible holds the distinction of being the first printed book; it was first reprinted in 1450.

The first Bible printed in this country was in the Indian language in 1663. This translation was made and published by John Eliot, the so-called "Apostle to the Indians." This is the earliest example of the whole Bible translated and printed in a new language for the purpose of evangelization.

The first English Bible printed in this county was in 1782.

The first translation of the Bible made in America was printed in 1808. It was the work of Charles Thomson.

The first translation of the New Testament published in America was printed in 1826 by Alexander Campbell. It first appeared under the title, "Sacred Writings"; later, "Living Oracles." It was largely a compilation of the works of Doddridge, Macknight, and George Campbell.

The Bible continues to be the best seller in the world.

# Preacher

## A Great Anniversary and More

We had one of the best Anniversary Sundays ever. It was a wonderful day, filled with love for the Lord and our brethren. The beautiful new kitchen was used for the first time and I think everyone loved it! We are very grateful to all who contributed in any way to the expanding of our kitchen. It has already been put to good use and will continue to be used regularly for many years.

The Fishers of Men Group is continuing to work very hard in their labor. At our last meeting it was recorded that 3 new appointments had been made, 9 people were approached, and 20 Bible studies had been conducted! This is great progress. If you are not involved in this work, decide now that you will personally try to help us win more souls for the Lord. You can do this by submitting names of those you would like to see become Christians or even those you know who have fallen away. You might even want to attend our next meeting on February 20 at 6:30. We would love to get as many people involved in saving souls as possible. Finally, it is time to start making plans for Short Mountain Bible Camp. We have a planning meeting coming up next Sunday (February 12) at 2:00. Remember, our week has changed to May 27-June 1<sup>st</sup>. If you know a child who would like to be a camper you may go ahead and register now at [www.shortmountaincamp.org](http://www.shortmountaincamp.org). If you want to help sponsor a child to go to camp, please let me know.

### Sunday's Sermons

AM: The Voyage of Marriage (Heb. 13: 1-4)

PM: Congregational Singing

# Study

## Two or Three Gathered Together

(Matthew 18:20)

*Derrick Coble*

When discussing the assembly of the saints, sometimes it is said that if one neglects the main assembly yet meets with one or two others that is O.K. because Jesus stated that He would be "in the midst of them." The verse above is the "proof passage" that is often used. While it is true that Jesus is present in our worship assemblies (Mat. 26:29), the verse under consideration cannot be used in this way given its context. The statement is found in the midst of Jesus' teaching on how to resolve conflicts with our brethren (Mat. 18:15-17). When a brother sins against another brother and they discuss the matter, forgiveness may take place. If this is the case, Jesus says the two brothers "agree" (literally, sound together or speak together) being able to pray to God without any hindrances (Mat. 18:19; James 4:3). Following this, He then states, "**For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them**" (Mat. 18:20). The term, "gathered" indicates "to go together." Thus, the idea is for those brethren to go together and keep going together because they have resolved their differences. So, this is not church assembly but two individuals who can walk together with Christ because they have talked with each other and forgiveness has been extended. Let's be sure to keep this in context.

1. What are the steps to be taken to resolve a conflict before a person should be withdrawn from? (Mat. 18:15-17)
2. How do we walk with Christ and with each other according to 1 John 1:6,7 and Amos 3:3?

# Prayer

## Our Sick

☞ No further information at this time.

## Nursing Home and Shut-in

**NHC:** Ernestine Holman (room 307), Dianne Gamble (room 101), Janice Owen (room 312), Ralph Barr (room 206), and Joyce Bond (room 311), Doris Daulton (room 111).

**LifeCare Center:** Virgie Lewis (room 310), Marie Seibers (room 305).

**Shut In:** Robert Eller, Dale Lowery, Mary Elizabeth Hutson, Ellen Payne.

## Continue to Remember

**Friends and Family:** Joyce Bond (Bruce's sister), Donnie Carter, Reba Gentry.

**Other: Military:** Joshua Dinkins, Zachary Dinkins  
**Preaching School:** Jonathan & Kelley Burns, Jonathan Hagar.

## Barnabas List

We currently have an extensive Barnabas list. Please take the time to review the new additions and send them a card of encouragement. \*Darryl Collins,\*Harvey Clouse, Ray Anderson, Gordon Stewart, Sid Smith, Robert and Brenda Selby, Eula Faye Young (address corrected), Billie Rogers, Jan Angell, Sandra Page, Steve Hutchings, Don Johnson, Charles Roberts. (Information sheets are available in the foyer - \*Indicates new name added).

## Food Drive

**TUNA/CANNED CHICKEN  
CHILI/PORK N BEANS**



# News

## Upcoming Events

► **February 5** - Bible Bowl at New Union.

Congregational PM Singing

► **February 12** - SMBC planning meeting. Anyone interested in helping is invited.

Fellowship Meal

► **February 19** - Youth Singing at Eastland.

► **February 20** - F.O.M. monthly meeting 6:30 pm.

## Other Information:

► **Response:** Wednesday January 25, 2012 Cydney Shockley responded to the invitation stating she has lost faith in people, and needed help being more patient. We are so grateful for Cydney. Please encourage and pray for her.

► **Sympathy:** We are saddened at the recent loss of many of those that we know. We would like to extend our sympathies to Harvey Roberts upon the loss of his sister **Wanda McGhee**, on January 28, 2012. Also take note of the passing of **Juanita Eller, Billie Jean Clouse, and Don Johnson**. Our sympathies go out to their families and all that knew them.

► **SMBC:** It is time to start preparing for SMBC. This year there has been a change in the date, and we need your help in spreading the word. There is a flyer posted on the bulletin board with the date change (May 27-June 1st). Don't forget about the planning meeting at 2 pm. next Sunday February 12th. We would like to invite all those who are willing to help, and those with any new ideas.