

# IN THE SERVICE OF THE LORD

## SUNDAY AM & PM

November 6, 2011

Announcements: Don Pearson  
 Songleader: Sam Moore  
 Scripture: Walt Holman - Russell Dinkins  
 Prayer: Jim Owen - Jeff Turner  
 Speaker: Derrick Coble  
 Dismiss: Chris Young - Tony Tindle

## WEDNESDAY - 7:00

November 9, 2011

Songleader: Derrick Coble  
 Scripture: Michael Harris  
 Prayer: Bill Burns  
 Speaker: Ken Bray  
 Dismiss: Alton Lowery

### BUS DRIVER

Kenneth Broyles

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 Bill Burns at 738-9737



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## NHC SERVICE

November 6, 2011

Group 1 - Kenneth Broyles  
 Songleader: Kenneth Broyles  
 Scripture: Sam Gardner  
 Prayers: Jim Owen - Jimmy McCoy  
 Speaker: Bill Burns  
 Communion: Keith McCulley - Bobby Hutson

Group Members: : K & M. S. Broyles, J. Owen, R. & S. McCulley, Betty Broyles, B. & P. Burns, Porter Turner, Geneva Gilliam, Jessica Goodwin, C. & R. Myers, S. & A. Gardner, G. & V. Sparkman, Joy Cook, J. & M. Morgan, Fannie Harris, Harvey Roberts, Marie Seibers, K. & K. McCulley, D. Lowery, B. & J. Hutson, Roy Sewell, Dee Harris, J. McCoy, S. Wilson.

### November Duty Roster

Preside at Lord's Table - Rufus Clemons  
 Serve - Ray Shafer, Sam Wilson  
 Jimmy McCoy, Keith McCulley  
 Prepare Communion - Cydney Shockley  
 Wash Baptismal Garments - Tonya Tindle  
 Serve in Nursery - AM: Betty Conley  
 PM: Barbara Clemons  
 Usher - Dee Harris - Charles Dinkins  
 Secure Building - Bobby Hutson  
 Attendance Cards - Haden Coble  
 Dylan Goodwin  
 Sound System - Gary Dodson  
 Clean up - Group 3 Alton Lowery

## IN THE AREA

- ✓ Ladies Day @ Gordonsville (Nov. 5) speaker Debbie Bumbalough from Gospel Advocate
- ✓ Highland Heights church of Christ (Nov. 11-13) Open Bible Lectures with various speakers
- ✓ Ladies Day @ Findlay (Nov. 12) speakers Mindy Coble and Pama Fuqua

# 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

### Preachers

Derrick Coble 837-2298  
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## IS THE BIBLE STEEPED IN MYTHOLOGY?

Derrick Coble

In casting doubt on the Bible, skeptics search for anything they can find that will aid them in turning people away from the Truth of God. One such find is the claim that the Bible has references to mythological creatures such as the unicorn and the satyr. The unicorn was first mentioned by the ancient Greeks and is known to be a legendary animal from European folklore that resembles a white horse with a large, pointed, spiraling horn projecting from its forehead, and sometimes a goat's beard. It is even said to have power in its horn to make poisoned water drinkable and to heal sickness. Satyrs, are commonly depicted as having the upper half of a man and the lower half of a goat. They are ready for every physical pleasure, enjoy pipe music, dancing, and wine. Are these creatures really a part of the Holy Writ?

First, the KJV mentions the "unicorn" nine times and each time it is the same Hebrew term, *reem*, which (according to scholars) signifies, "a wild ox" (Num. 23:22; 24:8; Deu. 33:17; Job 39:9,10; Psa. 22:21; 29:6; 92:10; Isa. 34:7). In fact, this word is rightfully translated as such in all modern versions of the Bible. According to Deuteronomy 33:17 these "unicorns" had **two** horns giving evidence against the mythical Grecian unicorn. Peloubet's Bible Dictionary states, "It is probable that it was the gigantic *Bos primigenius*, or aurochs, now extinct . . . these are scarcely less than elephants in size, but in their nature, color and form are bulls." Second, the satyr is mentioned twice in the KJV from the Hebrew term, *sair* (hairy) (Isa. 13: 21; 34:14). It occurs 59 times in the Old Testament and is mostly translated as "kid" or "goat." Again modern versions have accurately updated this term simply to, "wild goat." Barnes indicates, "in Lev. 17:7, and 2 Chr. 11:15, it is rendered "the devils," meaning objects of worship, or idols. Bochart supposes that it refers to the idols that were worshiped among the Egyptians, who placed "goats among their gods." Thus, mythology and the Bible do not mix and they never will. The former is composed of fanciful stories, while the latter is God-breathed truth (2 Tim. 3:16,17).



# Elders

## What Is Our Attitude Toward The Truth

The word, "attitude" suggests a mental position, feeling or an emotion toward a person, place, fact, theory or thing, etc. Attitudes are very important because they determine our actions, and our actions determine our character, and our character determines our destiny. Therefore, we need to think about our attitude toward the Truth. What is Truth? The Word of God, the Gospel! In His prayer to the Father, Jesus said, "*Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth*" (John 17:17 cf. Psalms 119: 142,151). Truth is very valuable and it is essential that we have the proper attitude toward it!

Here are some reasons why Truth is so valuable:

1. "For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ" (John 1:17).
2. A lost person must be begotten (spiritually by the Word which is the Gospel of Christ (James 1:18; 1 Cor. 4:15). Without this, there can be no new birth!
3. It will make us free from sin (John 8:32; Rom. 6:17-18).
4. It will sanctify us and give us and eternal inheritance (John 17:17; Acts 20:32).
5. It saves! (James 1:21; Romans 1:16; Acts 11:14)
6. It will judge us in that last day (John 12:48; Romans 2:16).

Here are some things we should do:

1. We should desire to know the truth!
2. We should have a love of the Truth (2 The. 2:6-12)
3. We should obey the Truth (1 Peter 1:22-23; Romans 2:8; 6:17-18).
4. We should earnestly contend for the faith (the Truth) which was once delivered unto the saints (Jude 3).
5. We should never be ashamed of Christ or His Gospel (Romans 1: 16-17).

For the elders~ Kenneth Broyles



# Preacher

## Don't Fall Back

This Saturday (November 5) Daylight Savings Time ends, which means we will "fall back" one hour as far as the time goes. The days get shorter and the nights get longer. The weather grows colder and people are generally less active. But, we can't let our work for the Lord fall back. "*Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul*" (Heb. 10:38,39). If we fall back with less work for the Lord and allow our faith to grow cold, there is no hope for us but eternal destruction. When sin is present, love grows cold (Mat. 24:12). There is a danger of becoming lukewarm in the faith as the Laodiceans (Rev. 3:15) which Jesus urged to be zealous (literally, "to have warmth") and repent (Rev. 3:19). That "warmth" comes with activity. Thus, we must "abound to every good work" (2 Cor. 9:8), be "fruitful in every good work" (Col. 1:10), "and let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Gal. 6:9). Falling back into sin and inactivity will eventually destroy the soul. It will be worse for the Christian who falls back than for the sinner who never obeyed (2 Pet. 2:20-22).

~Derrick

### Sunday's Sermons

AM: Sweeter Than Honey (Psa. 119:97-104)

PM: Congregational Singing



# Prayer

**Health Problems** Clifton Boyd (Vivian's father), Joyce Bond (Bruce's sister), Charles Roberts (Harvey's brother), Steve Hutchings, Ray Thompson (Mindy's stepfather), and Judy Null, Becky Young, Lesa Elkins, Donnie Carter.

**Shut In** Robert Eller, Doris Daulton, Dale Lowery, Mary Elizabeth Hutson and Ellen Payne.

**Military** Joshua Dinkins, Cody Shockley.

**Preaching School** Jonathan & Kelley Burns, Jonathan Hagar.

### Those In The Nursing Home

**NHC:** Ernestine Holman (room 307), Dianne Gamble (room 101), Janice Owen (room 312), Ralph Barr (room 206), Ethel Young (room 305), and Joyce Bond (room 114).

**LifeCare Center:** Virgie Lewis (room 310)

### Our Sick

☛ **Vivian Sparkman** has not been feeling well.

☛ **Ellen Payne** is feeling somewhat better, but is still experiencing some leg pain.

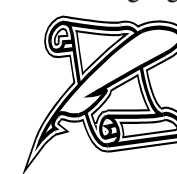
### Barnabas List

Caleb Kidd (updated) and \*Ronnie Wallace  
(Information sheets are available in the foyer -  
\* Indicates new name added)



### Food Drive

**INSTANT OATMEAL  
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# News

### Upcoming Events

▶ **November 5** - Daylight Savings Time ends. Don't forget to turn your clocks back!

▶ **November 6** - Bible Bowl at Bybee Branch.

The bus will leave the building at 1:15 pm.

▶ **November 6** - Congregational Singing

▶ **November 12** - Men's Breakfast. 7:00 am.

Please sign up in the foyer.

▶ **November 13** - Fellowship Meal.

### Other Information:

▶ **Sympathy:** We extend our sympathy to the Mary Jones family upon the loss of Sam Cash. His funeral was at Oaklawn November 1, 2011.

▶ **Breakfast:** The Men's Breakfast will be November 12 at 7:00 am. The cost will be \$4.00 per person. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer.

▶ **New Information:** If you have recently had a change in your address or telephone number, please notify the office so we can have a current record of information. You can call 836-3790, or email the office at: westspartaoffice@blomand.net.

▶ **Bible Bowl Practice:** We are having Bible Bowl practice on 1 Samuel every Wednesday night at 5:30. The study schedule is as follows: November 2 (practice test over chapters 7-11), November 9 (ch. 12-13).

▶ **Tract of the Month** is "The Devil Loves To Fish In Troubled Waters." by Allen Webster. A sermon will accompany the tract on Nov. 27th.

▶ **Leaving for Military:** Zachary Dinkins will be leaving for Navy boot camp on November 15. We will miss you Zachary.