

# IN THE SERVICE OF THE LORD

## SUNDAY AM & PM

October 16, 2011

Announcements: Kenneth Broyles  
 Songleader: Jim Oakes  
 Scripture: DeWayne Gray - Sam Moore  
 Prayer: Don Pearson - Walt Holman  
 Speaker: Derrick Coble  
 Dismiss: Keith McCulley-Zachary Dinkins

## WEDNESDAY - 7:00

October 19, 2011

Songleader: Bobby Hutson  
 Scripture: Quentin Tindle  
 Prayer: Danny Phillips  
 Speaker: Derrick Coble  
 Dismiss: Brandon Conley

### BUS DRIVER

Kenneth Broyles

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 Bill Burns at 738-9737



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## NHC SERVICE

October 16, 2011

Group 3 - Alton Lowery  
 Songleader: Danny Phillips  
 Scripture: Gary Dodson  
 Prayers: Steve Smith - Mike Prater  
 Speaker: Don Pearson  
 Communion: Scott Griffith - Quentin Tindle

**Group Members:** Alton & Lou V. Lowery, Don & Rita Pearson, Danny & Teresa Phillips, Steve & Emily Smith, Floyd & Sara Reynolds, Cydney Shockley, Bruce Simpson, Betty Geer, Lenard Broyles, Daniel & Sarah Shockley, Tony & Tonya Tindle, Bettye Norris, Gary & Kathy Dodson, Ellen Payne, Frances Johns, Mike & Kay Prater, Scott & Farrah Griffith, Rhonda Girdley, Mary Hutson, Tony Turner.

### October Duty Roster

**Preside at Lord's Table** - Scott Griffith  
**Serve** - Jim Owen, Bobby Hutson  
 Sam Gardner, Quentin Tindle  
**Prepare Communion** - Jackie Dinkins  
**Wash Baptismal Garments** - Teresa Phillips  
**Serve in Nursery** - AM: Virginia Moore  
 PM: Jeannie Shafer  
**Usher** - Ray Shafer, Jimmy McCoy  
**Secure Building** - Chris Young  
**Attendance Cards** - Macon Girdley  
 Drake Williamson  
**Sound System** - Michael Harris  
**Clean up** - Group 2 Walt Holman

## IN THE AREA

- ✓ East End church of Christ (Oct. 21- 23) with various speakers (7:00 pm nightly)
- ✓ Jericho church of Christ (Oct. 23-26) with Garland Robinson (Mon.-Wed. 7:00 pm)
- ✓ Friends and Family Day at Findlay October 30 at 12:30
- ✓ 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  
 Ken Bray 657-5314

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## THE SIN OF OMMISION

It isn't the thing you do;  
 It's the thing you leave undone,  
 Which gives you a bit of heartache  
 At the setting of the sun.  
 The tender word forgotten,  
 The letter you did not write,  
 The flower you might have sent,  
 Are your haunting ghosts tonight.  
 The stone you might have lifted  
 Out of your brother's way,  
 The bit of heartsome counsel  
 You were hurried too much to say.  
 The loving touch of the hand,  
 The gentle and winsome tone,  
 That you had no time or thought for  
 With troubles enough of your own.

The little acts of kindness,  
 So easily out of mind;  
 Those chances to be helpful  
 Which everyone may find...  
 No, it's not the thing you do,  
 It's the thing you leave undone,  
 Which gives you the bit of heartache  
 At the setting of the sun.



# Elders

## Escaping Temptation

Known for his wisdom, power, and prestige, Solomon would be envied by many a modern man whose heart would say: "Were I in his position, then I would be happy." Solomon himself, however, remarked as follows: "**And I applied my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly: I perceived that this also was a striving after the wind.**" (Ecc. 1:17)

It is interesting to note that Solomon possessed the very things most people of our day are striving to obtain. They seem to feel that if they can secure more material gain, more learning, prestige and power, that happiness will be the inevitable result. The message of Solomon to us is that he had these things, and they did not bring happiness. That is why they are called "vanity" (emptiness) and "a striving after the wind" (fruitless search). Solomon, after all of his experiences came to "the end of the matter" when he said, "**Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole of man.**" (Ecc. 12:13) The word "duty" (left out on purpose) was added by translators.

True happiness, therefore, is not to be found in riches, pleasure, power or whatever the world might have to offer. Sadly, too many people (even some in the church) are seeking to find happiness in "all the wrong places." Peace, perfect peace, is found only in living for Christ, only in doing God's will, only by placing the kingdom of God first in our hearts.

For the elders ~ Walt Holman



# Preacher

## Liberty Square Success!

We had an outstanding booth at Liberty Square last Saturday. There were kids lined up at our booth most of the day who received an "Explorer Series Magazine" on various Bible topics for their age along with other goodies. We also had the opportunity to talk with many of their parents about Bible Study and coming to worship. We had about 21 people to sign up for our Bible Correspondence Course and distributed numerous Bibles, tracts, bookmarks, and DVD's. There were even times when our booth had several folks standing around and in line while others had very few. God certainly blessed us with a tremendous opportunity to make His church known in our community. I am so proud of the way that you supported this great effort. We had a good number of enthusiastic workers from our congregation present who did a fine job spreading the Gospel. The excitement was so contagious it was truly hard to leave! Several comments were made by members of sister congregations as to how much they appreciated what we were doing and some of our own members said, "This is the best thing we have done in a long time." You are commended for your fervent prayers and the giving of your time, money, and talent in making this day a HUGE success. Please continue to pray that God will give us the increase in the days to come from all the souls that we contacted for Him. ~Derrick~

### Sunday's Sermons

AM: When Jesus Is In Your House  
(Mark 1:29-34)

PM: An Eternal Sin (Matthew 12:22-28)



# 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, Bo Rollins (Barbara Clemons' brother).

**Shut In** Robert Eller, Doris Daulton, Dale Lowery, Mary Elizabeth Hutson

**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), Cleo Wilson (room 305).

### Our Sick

☞ **Cleo Wilson** has been taken to LifeCare for rehabilitation. She is in room 305.

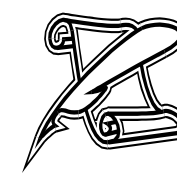
☞ **Dianne Gamble** has returned to NHC. She is doing better.

☞ **Jim Oakes** was admitted to CRMC for testing. It was determined he had a mini-stroke. He is feeling better.

### Barnabas List

Kevin Honaker, Kim Roberts, Caleb Kidd, John Rollins, Tom Alsup.

(Information sheets are available in the foyer -  
\* Indicates new name added)



# News

## Upcoming Events

▶ **October 13-15** - Youth Retreat.

▶ **October 16** - Youth Singing at Findlay.

▶ **October 28** - Fall Family Night.

▶ **October 20** - Ladies Night Out @ Anna Lou Holman's. All Ladies are invited. Sign-up sheet in foyer.

▶ **October 30** - Young Men's Standing Stone service. The bus will leave be leaving at 5:15.

## Other Information:

▶ **Attendance Cards:** We would appreciate it if everyone would please fill out a card on Sunday morning and evening, so we may have an accurate record of your attendance.

▶ **Sympathy:** We would like to extend our sympathies to Ruth Baker upon the loss of her sister Madelyn Bennett, and John Snodgrass upon the loss of his wife Phyllis.

▶ **Bible Bowl Practice:** We are having Bible Bowl practice on 1 Samuel every Wednesday night at 5:30. The study schedule is as follows: October 12 (ch. 9), October 19 (ch. 10), October 26 (ch.11).

▶ **Tract of the Month** is "Shall We Gather At The River." by Allen Webster. A sermon will accompany the tract on October 23rd.



## Food Drive

**CRACKERS/PEANUT BUTTER  
HOMESTYLE BAKE MEALS**