

IN THE SERVICE OF THE LORD

SUNDAY AM & PM
October 30, 2011

Announcements: Kenneth Broyles
Songleader: Jim Oakes
Scripture: Clarence Wolaver-Danny Phillips
Prayer: Bo Young - Bill Burns
Speaker: Derrick Coble
Dismiss: Harvey Roberts - Gary Sparkman

WEDNESDAY - 7:00
November 2, 2011

Songleader: Ken Bray
Scripture: Casey Vickers
Prayer: Sam Wilson
Speaker: Derrick Coble
Dismiss: Quentin Tindle

BUS DRIVER
Chris Young

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NHC SERVICE

October 30, 2011

Group 5 - Danny Phillips
Songleader: Derrick Coble
Scripture: Brandon Conley
Prayers: Zachary Dinkins - Michael Harris
Speaker: Jarrett Young
Communion: Quentin Tindle - Danny Phillips

Group Members: Danny & Teresa Phillips, Derrick & Mindy Coble, Brandon Conley, Zachary Dinkins, John Warren Kirby, Ashley Phillips, Lindsey Phillips, Jesse Phillips, Quentin Tindle, Tony & Tony Tindle, Jarrett Young, Casey Vickers, Michael Harris.

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

- ✓ Arlington church of Christ (Oct. 28-30) 7:00 pm. with Dave Miller
- ✓ Friends and Family Day at Findlay October 30 at 12:30
- ✓ Ladies Day @ Gordonsville (Nov. 5) speaker Debbie Bumbalough from Gospel Advocate
- ✓ 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
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Preachers

Derrick Coble 837-2298
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AS FAT AS GREASE

Derrick Coble

In our country (especially in the south) we love food. The more fried food, the better. The more butter, the better. But, we know that there must be a limit of greasy foods because they are so unhealthy. In addition to contributing to heart disease and the waistline, studies have shown that eating too much grease, butter, and margarine can increase your risk of cancer because too much grease weakens your body's defense system. So, it is always best to choose the lean over the fat. Interestingly, the same is true spiritually speaking too.

Most likely it was David who wrote, "*The proud have forged a lie against me: but I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart. Their heart is as fat as grease; but I delight in thy law*" (Psa. 119:69,70). The inspired writer makes a contrast for us between the one who obediently keeps God's law with his whole heart and the one forsakes God with a fat heart. Robert Taylor Jr. said, "Their heart is not **lean** with truth and integrity; it is **fat** with worldliness, prosperity, earthly comforts, etc." This is the same condition of those in Jesus' day who would hear Him and not understand: "*For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them*" (Mat. 13:15). According to Thayer, the term "waxed gross" means, "to make fat." Thus, the hearts of those who shunned Jesus then (just as many do today) are as fat as grease. The mindset is one of selfishness and worldliness (Luke 12:19,20). It falls in line with the hearts that are hardened (John 12:40), foolish (Rom. 1:21), impenitent (Rom. 2:5), blind (Eph. 4:18), and evil (Heb. 3:12). Any of these "heart conditions" are dangerous to the soul of man. How is your heart?

from the



Elders

Finish the Race


Near the close of his life, Paul said to young Timothy, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness." (2 Timothy 4: 7-8). Because of his steadfastness in the faith, he was confident of his reward in heaven. But even one as fruitful and dedicated as Paul had to continually guard his soul, so that he could "finish the race." Every day Christians must make the decision to continue being faithful to God.

All those who are saved are such only by the grace of God. It is through Jesus that "we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." (Romans 5:2) But does this gift give a person the freedom to sin? Paul said, "Certainly not!" How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?" (Romans 6:2) When one is "baptized into Christ," he is symbolically "buried with Him," and when he comes up out of the water he is to "walk in newness of life." (Romans 6: 3-4) Eternal salvation depends on much more than simply entering into the body of Christ. (Col. 1:24) Being a Christian is a lifelong endeavor, the rewards of which can only be obtained through faithfulness unto death. (Revelation 2:10)

Anyone can start a race, but only those who stay the course can hope to obtain the prize. (I Cor. 9:24) In this race, there are no "superior athletes," none that are any more worthy of the prize. All can reach the goal whether young or old; rich or poor; black or white. Will you run? Will you endure?

for the elders~ Kenneth Broyles

from the



November Birthdays and Anniversaries

Martha Sue Broyles	4
Sam Moore	4
Terri Vinson	7
Macon Girdley	14
Michael Harris	15
Evelyn Nelson	16
Mary Jo Walker	18
Barbara Clemons	19
Geraldine Dunn	19
Warren Kirby	21
Reanna Young	25
Gene Baker	28
Mallie Copeland	30
Buford Holman	30
M/M Chuck Dinkins	11
M/M Daniel Buckheister	11
M/M Steve Girdley	22

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Sunday's Sermons

AM: Seeking Jesus (John 4: 46-50)
PM: An Eternal Sin (Mark 3: 27-29)

time in



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

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

☞ We are glad to announce that there are presently no new additions to our sick list. If you have any information to be listed, please call the office or email westspartaoffice@blomand.net.

Barnabas List

Tom Alsup, Steve Girdley, Beverly Ramsey, *Caleb Kidd (updated).

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



Food Drive
PORK N BEANS
RICE/MAC N CHEESE

congregational



News

Upcoming Events

- ▶ **October 28** - Fall Family Night.
- ▶ **October 30** - Young Men's Standing Stone service. The bus will leave be leaving at 5:15.
- ▶ **November 5** - Don't forget to turn your clocks back!
- ▶ **November 6** - Bible Bowl at Bybee Branch, Youth devotional, PM congregational singing.

Other Information:

▶ **Sympathy:** We would like to extend our sympathies to Harvey Roberts upon the loss of his brother Vaughn Roberts.

▶ **Letters:** We have received new letters from our MSOP students. They are posted on the bulletin board for all to read.

▶ **Congratulations:** To Jim and Janice Owen upon the birth of their new great-grandson Riley Dawson Reese. Born October 24 @ 9:57am. He was 7lbs. 2 oz., 19 1/2" long.

▶ **New Address:** DeWayne Gray will be moving on November 15 to the Upper Cumberland Christian Home in Cookeville. His new address will be: 790 State Street Cookeville, TN 38501 Apt J2

▶ **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 26 (ch.11), November 2 (practice test over chapters 7-11).

▶ **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.