

IN THE SERVICE OF THE LORD

SUNDAY AM & PM

October 9, 2011

Announcements: Kenneth Broyles
 Songleader: Sam Moore
 Scripture: Rufus Clemons - Sam Wilson
 Prayer: Jim Oakes - Danny Phillips
 Speaker: Derrick Coble
 Dismiss: Floyd Reynolds- Ken Bray

WEDNESDAY - 7:00

October 12, 2011

Songleader: Bo Young
 Scripture: DeWayne Gray
 Prayer: Zachary Dinkins
 Speaker: Ken Bray
 Dismiss: Derrick Coble

BUS DRIVER

Chris Young

If you cannot serve, please contact
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NHC SERVICE

October 9, 2011

Group 2 - Walt Holman

Songleader: Ken Bray
 Scripture: Jarrett Young
 Prayers: Walt Holman - Ray Shafer
 Speaker: Chris Young
 Communion: Rufus Clemons - John Kirby

Group Members: Walt & Anna Lou Holman, Chris & Jessica Young, Gene & Carol Baker, Kim Stoglin, Ray & Jeannie Shafer, Beth & John Kirby, Ken & Judy Bray, Rufus & Barbara Clemons, Reba Barr, Ronnie & Reddie Brock, Russell & Marie Terry, Edward & Ruth Baker, Judy Null, Barry & Rita Baker, Cleo Wilson, Virgil & Carla Conley, Brandon Conley, Patty Jones, Randy Bumbalough.

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

AREA GOSPEL MEETINGS

- ✓ Taft church of Christ (Oct. 9-13) with Robert Burton (Mon. - Thurs. 7:00 pm)
- ✓ Jericho church of Christ (Oct. 23-26) with Garland Robinson (Mon.-Wed. 7:00 pm)
- ✓ East End church of Christ (Oct. 21- 23) with various speakers (7:00 pm nightly)

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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IF YOU COULD LIVE LIFE OVER

Derrick Coble

Erma Bombeck was asked if she would change anything if she could live life over again. She first answered, "No," but then began to think about it more. Among the things she said, some of us might be able to relate:

"I would have talked less and listened more. I would have invited friends over to dinner even if the carpet was stained and the sofa faded. I would have eaten popcorn in the 'good' living room and worried much less about the dirt when someone wanted to light a fire in the fireplace. I would have taken the time to listen to my grandfather ramble about his youth. I would never have insited the car windows be rolled up on a summer day because my hair had just been teased and sprayed. I would have burned the pink candle sculpted like a rose before it melted in storage. I would have sat on the lawn with my children and not worried about grass stains. I would have cried and laughed less while watching television—and more while watching life. I would have shared more of the responsibility carried by my husband. I would have gone to bed when I was sick instead of pretending the earth would go into a holding pattern if I weren't there for the day. Instead of wishing away nine months of pregnancy, I'd have cherished every moment. When my child kissed me impetuously, I would never have said, 'Later. Now go get washed up for dinner.' There would have been more I love yous . . . more I'm sorrys . . . but mostly, given another shot at life, I would seize every minute . . . look at it and really see it . . . live it . . . and never give it back."

The fact is that we cannot live our lives over again. Therefore, we must make the most of every minute we have, make the changes we would have made now and live better into the future. ***"Now my days are swifter than a post: they flee away, they see no good. They are passed away as the swift ships: as the eagle that hasteth to the prey"*** (Job 9:25,26).



Elders

Escaping Temptation

After Joseph had been sold into slavery by his brothers, he found himself working in the house of an Egyptian named Potiphar. While there, the wife of Potiphar made sexual advances toward him (Gen 39:7). Joseph was a righteous man and he refused to give in to the temptation. He asked, ***“How can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?”*** (Genesis 39:9).

Paul stated that there would always be a way to escape the temptations of this life. He wrote: ***“No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond that you are able, but with the temptation will also make a way of escape, that you may be able to bear it”*** (1 Cor 10:13).

Joseph ran from his temptation. Jesus faced His by quoting from the Scriptures (Mat. 4:4,7,10). Solomon advised us not to look at or go near the things that tempt us (Pro. 5:8). Jesus reminded us to pray for God to help us avoid temptations (Mat. 6:13).

All of us will face temptations of one sort or another. For this reason, we must prepare ourselves to overcome them so that we can be found faithful in the eyes of God. Remember, every temptation has a way of escape. We must find it. Are you looking?

For the elders ~ Walt Holman

Preacher

Working in the Kingdom

We are certainly becoming fishers of men and getting better every week! This is our fourth week and we have contacted 149 precious souls already. That is an outstanding number of people to whom we can teach the Gospel. Please pray that this soil will be good and God’s Kingdom will increase. Also, our youth program is going strong. We have 8 young people on our Bible Bowl team and they have really been working hard on 1 Samuel. Sunday was the first Bible Bowl and they only missed 6 questions. The Prater’s hosted our youth devotional Sunday night and we packed about 25 folks into their home. We appreciate their hospitality and the good fellowship we had. Our youth retreat is also coming up soon and the theme is: “The Best is Yet to Come.” We are excited about taking them on their 8th retreat to Pigeon Forge filling their minds with the Word of God! Don’t forget the opportunity this weekend at Liberty Square. Our booth will be right in front of Sparta Office Supplies. We have tracts, bookmarks, Bibles, DVD’s, etc. to get people interested in the Lord’s church. The work is great and going strong. You are commended!

~Derrick

Sunday’s Sermons

AM: What You Miss On Sunday Night
(Hebrews 10:23-27)

PM: God Is Closer Than You Think
(Philippians 4:4-9)



Prayer

Health Problems Madelyn Bennett (Ruth Baker’s sister), Clifton Boyd (Vivian’s father), Joyce Bond (Bruce’s sister), Charles Roberts (Harvey’s brother), Steve Hutchings, Ray Thompson (Mindy’s stepfather), Albert Bussell (Ruth Baker’s brother), 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

Other Military: Josh 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

☞ **Roy Sewell** fell twice and hurt his leg.

☞ **Dianne Gamble** was taken to Centennial hospital in Nashville on Tuesday, October 4 to the wound center.

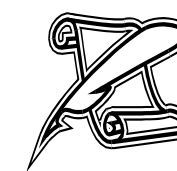
☞ **Bo Rollins** (Barbara Clemons’ brother) has an aneurysm in his heart that is inoperable.

☞ **Villis Hillis** is in Vanderbilt with an infection.

Barnabas List

Kevin Honaker, Kim Roberts, *Caleb Kidd, *John “Bo” Rollins, *Tom Alsup.

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



News

Upcoming Events

► **October 8** - Liberty Square Celebration. We are still in need of volunteers to attend our booth. We have several open time slots. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer.

► **October 9** - Fellowship meal.

► **October 11** - Men’s Business Meeting.

► **October 13-15** - Youth Retreat

Other Information:

► **New Email Address:** The church office has a new email address. If you would like to send Barnabas listings, info, etc. Please email it to: westspartaoffice@blomand.net.

► **Attendance Cards:** We would appreciate it if everyone would please fill out a card and turn it in, 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 brother, and Tom Alsup (Porter’s son-in-law), upon the loss of his mother.

► **Bible Bowl Practice:** We are having Bible Bowl practice on 1 Samuel every Wednesday night at 5:30. The study schedule is as follows: Oct. 5 (ch. 7,8), October 12 (ch. 9).

► **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

**PANCAKE MIX/SYRUP
CHILI/CORNBREAD MIX**