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Sunday Morning Worshib

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Announcements	(668-8936) Allen Hughes
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Willie Newby
Reading	David McColloch
Scripture	2 Kings 7:9
Lord's Table (N)	*Jeff McVey
(S)	*Charles Gillies
	Rodney Maynard
(N)	Harold McGinness
(N)	Caleb Hughes
(S)	Ethan Duncan
(S)	Chris Neale
(S)	Steve Wilcher
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Gordon Mayfield

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Sunday Evening Worship	[RETL
Young Men Conduct Services	[RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED]
Wednesday Bible Study Announcements(668-2494) Shannon Griffin Lead SingingTim Fisher First PrayerRodney Reynolds ReadingW.C. Chilton InvitationKurt Maynard DismissStanley Graves	
Welcome Committee A.MKurt Maynard Family P.MKelly & Gaye Hillis Bus Driver:Ronnie Prince (934-4088)	Permit # 261

	April	22, 2012
Ushers: Attend Nursery:		Judy Sullivan.
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Assist with Baptisn Collins Pantry Item:		
Pantry item:		snampoo
Elder Closing Remo	arks:	Steve Boyd
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Sick

At Home:

Gerry Waddell Eva Simons Jacob Graves

In The Hospital:

None known

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family of Jim Brasher, uncle of Mary Flatt. His services were Sunday afternoon in Vivian, LA. Brother Brasher was a Gospel Preacher of more than 60 years.

Ladies Day

The **East End church of Christ** will host their 12th Annual Ladies Day on Saturday, April 21, beginning at 9 am. Guest speaker will be Janis Dearman with the theme, The Ties That Bind.

Gospel Meetings

Bybee Branch church of Christ — April 15-18,7 pm with Larry Acuff

Dibrell church of Christ — April 20-22, 7 pm with Stan Stevenson

Smith Grove church of Christ — April 22-25, 7 pm with Gary Hampton

Gospel Singing

The **Morrison church of Christ** will host a Gospel Singing on Friday, April 27, beginning at 7 pm.

Young Men Conduct Services

Due to the date of the Prom Alternative Trip, the Young Men will conduct the services this coming Sunday evening instead of the fifth Sunday. Please be sure to be here and encourage the young men.

Youth News

The girls of the BBYG are invited to a devo to be hosted by Susan Pryor on Saturday, April $21\,^{st}$. For times and specifics please see Susan.

Our monthly **BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY** will take place next Wednesday, April 25th, after services. Stick around and help us celebrate those of our youth group who have April birthdays.

The plans are set and all is ready for the 18th Annual **PROM ALTERNATIVE TRIP**. I must have your money and both forms by this Sunday, April 22nd.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Isaac Watts, who lived from 1674 to 1749 continues to influence Christians worship over 250 years after his death. During his lifetime he wrote approximately 600 hymns, many of which are still used in worship today.

In 1707, he wrote "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross." The words to the second verse are: "Forbid it Lord that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my Lord. All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood." This thought is surely based on the apostle Paul's affirmation in Galatians 6:14, "But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world."

When we reflect on (survey) the cross, we should truly be amazed and humbled. When we survey the cross we see the reality of sin, for if it were not for mankind's sin, the death of Jesus would not have been necessary. We also see the high cost of redemption. To redeem us required the death of the Son of God! The cost of redemption reminds us of how serious sin truly is.

When we survey the cross we are reminded that the price for our redemption has been paid. Because of the cross we have been spared from condemnation.

When we survey the cross we are told in no uncertain terms that God loves us. As unbelievable as it may seem, He really loves us.

May we, like Paul, determine to glory only in the cross of Jesus.

~Patrick Hogan~

Where Visitors Go to Die

Having been raised in the church from infancy, and having been a located gospel preacher for 15 years, I have learned that there is a place where visitors and sometimes even members go to die.I was less than 10 years old the first time I ever went doorknocking, and about that same age the first time I participated in a weekly visitation program. I was afraid. I was weak. I was imperfect - I am still all of these things. The point is that there is really no excuse for not reaching out to people who need the Lord and His church.

There is a place where visitors go to die right in our church buildings. If you wanted to do a study on it in your local congregation, you would locate the spot. Visitors sit there, and nobody speaks to them. They got unlucky. They just happened to sit in that part of the building where some of the members only talk to their friends after services. They just happened to sit in that part of the building where members beat them out the door as soon as amen is said. They just happened to sit in that part of the building where there are members who have never decided to obey the great commission. Forget going into all the world...these members won't even go across the pew.

As a preacher, I am going to let you members out there know that I am looking for visitors on Sundays. Jesus died for our visitors, too. I may not talk to you every week because I am looking for lost sheep. If you would join me then we could make sure that there are no places in our building where visitors go to die. It may not be what you want to hear, but I know exactly where some of the "dead spots" are in our current building. And unless things change I hope that visitors don't sit in those particular places.

Move off "your pew" and make a place for a visitor. Invite a visitor to eat lunch with you after services. Introduce yourself and tell each visitor you are glad to see them. Invite every visitor to come to Bible class and show them how to get there.

There is a place where visitors go to die. Make sure that it is not next to you. You are accountable. "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all..." ~ Galatians 6:10 ~Jeremiah Tatum~

Are You rich?

According to a Gallup Poll, about 98% of Americans reply NO when asked! There are several reasons why this negative response is given:

- Most assume the question relates to finances.
- Most think of someone "much richer" than they are.
- Most have not attained the wealth they desire—they are not as "rich" as they want.

Richard Sterns provides some sobering statistics (The Hole in Our Gospel, pp 1212-122, Thomas Nelson, 2009).

•The average income in America is 38,611 a year, or 105 a day.

- Compare that to the world in which we live:
- 2.6 billion people (40% of the world's population) live on less than \$2 a day.
- I billion people (15% of the world's population) live on less than \$1 a day.
- 0.3 billion people (4.5% of the world's population) live on \$105 a day (that is us).

By going to the website <u>www.globalrichlist.com</u> and typing in your income, in a matter of seconds you can see where you fit on the "global rich list."

Whether we admit it or not, or are satisfied with where we are or not, from a global perspective most of us are rich. Very rich! So what difference does this make? Paul gave Timothy some very pointed instructions:

"Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life (I Timothy 6:17-19).

So many want to tell us how to get rich. Very few provide advice once one is rich. The Holy Spirit has provided that counsel in I Timothy 6. It is practical, pertinent, and inspired! May we all read and learn! May we all be ready to give and willing to share.