

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements.....(668-8936) Allen Hughes  
 Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer.....Stanley Clendenon  
 Reading.....Jared Mullican  
 Scripture.....Acts 13:38-39  
 Lord's Table (N).....\*Paul Hurst  
 (S).....\*Cory Prince  
 (N).....Clent Kesey  
 (N).....Joe Maynard  
 (N).....Caleb Graves  
 (S).....Harold McGinness  
 (S).....Derrick Pennington  
 (S).....Noel Pepper  
 Sermon..... "Through This Man" Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....W.C. Chilton

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....(668-8936) Allen Hughes  
 Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer.....Jeff Flatt  
 Reading.....Chris Neale  
 Scripture.....Philippians 4:4  
 Lord's Table.....\*Norman Sain  
 .....\*Matthew Woodside  
 Sermon.....*Rejoice In The Lord* Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....David Keele

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....Tim Fisher  
 Lead Singing.....Michael Andrews  
 First Prayer.....Stanley Graves  
 Reading.....Justin Randolph  
 Invitation.....Aaron Ownbey  
 Dismiss.....Mike Mullins

**Welcome Committee**

A.M.....Stanley & Sherry Graves  
 P.M.....Randy & Vickie Griffith

Transportation:.....Randall Gann (580-6252)

*If you cannot serve, please contact David Keele (273-5566)*

Ushers: .....Norman Sain, Rodney Maynard, Bruce Pryor  
 Attend Nursery: .....Sharon Boles  
 Un/Lock Building:....Gordon Mayfield/Shannon Griffin  
 Prepare Communion: .....Keele & Sullivan  
 Assist Baptisms: ..... Cindy Fisher & Sherry Graves

Pantry Item: .....Pinto Beans

Elder Closing Remarks: .....Leonard Clemons

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship ..... 325  
 Bible Study.....225  
 P.M. Worship..... 195  
 Wednesday Bible Study .....172  
 Contribution .....\$7,596

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**Services**

<i>Sunday</i>		<i>Wednesday</i>	
A.M. Worship	9:00 AM	Bible Study	7:00 PM
Bible Study	10:15 AM		
P.M. Worship	6:00 PM	<i>Monday (2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> of each month)</i>	
		Monday Morning Bible Class	9:00 AM

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## Sick

### At Home:

Jean Ware  
Stefanie McColloch  
Leah Jones  
Osburn Huntley (husband of Ruby)  
Louis Morgan (Helen's son)  
Gary Campbell (Maggie Hurst's brother)  
Lynder Holmes

### In The Hospital:

Lynne Wilson (Lee White's mother) - St. Thomas  
Rutherford in grave condition

## Singing Songs in Worship

Song leaders are responsible for setting the tone for much of a congregation's worship. They select the songs that they believe will help a congregation to worship the Lord most fully, effectively and meaningfully. A song leader's primary responsibility is to help worshipers to enter into the presence of God, and to acceptably and heartily praise God.

As with all men who lead the church in its worship, a song leader must remember that it is not about him, but about God! The songs that he selects should be appropriate to the congregation and to the worship assembly. The song leader is merely the conduit by which a congregation is led to worship the Lord in song, which means if the singing portion of worship is misdirected and focuses on him (for whatever reason) instead of on heaven, the worship is no longer flowing through him but is being impeded by him. That's the last thing any sincere worship leader desires.

So, what about the singers? What about the worshiper? Too often some singers/worshipers spend more time criticizing and questioning the song leader (ex: his selection of songs, his style, his directing, his ability, etc.) than they do actually worshipping God. But the song selection and the song leading are not the worshipers' job. Their job is to worship! Their job is to sing "with grace in [their] hearts to the Lord" (Col. 3:16) and to "offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips" (Heb. 13:15). So, as a singer, as a worshiper, how

can I do my job of singing to the Lord and worshipping Him "in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24) better? Try this:

1. Accept that the song which the leader is singing has been already selected...and move on. What does rolling your eyes or even stewing about it accomplish?
2. Set your heart on worshipping God in that song! That's the whole purpose!
3. Capture quickly in your mind the overall theme of the song. What is this song about? Is it about praise, about Jesus' love, about the cross, about the Christian life, etc.? Know what you're singing.
4. Focus your heart on every word and phrase of the song, and truly contemplate and mean them when they come from your lips.
5. Try to sing parts. Try to follow along with whatever part fits you the best—i.e., soprano, alto, tenor or bass.
6. Listen to others as they sing around you and earnestly try to worship together and to sing to one another.
7. Remember that God is looking at and listening to your heart in every song. That's truly what matters the most!

~ David Sproule ~  
~ from Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ ~

## Some Hymns With a Great Message

Take some time to look up the lyrics of these:

"Jesus Loves Me"  
"Lead Me To Some Soul Today"  
"There is Power In The Blood"  
"Ancient Words"  
"Holy, Holy, Holy"  
"How Great Thou Art"  
"Alas, And Did My Savior Bleed"  
"Be With Me Lord"  
"Our God, He Is Alive"  
"Rock of Ages"

## Youth News

- January 6 - Bible Bowl @ Bybee Branch
- January 12 - Youth Service Project
- January 13 - Pew Packers
- January 27 - Home Devo @ Paul & Kara Hurst
- January 30 - Birthday Wednesday

### Bible Bowl:

Bible bowl will be hosted by the Earleyville congregation here at Bybee Branch. They will be using our building as well as providing all the refreshments. Please make plans to attend January 6 and please continue to study Acts 15-19.

### Service Project:

This quarter we are going to serve a different group of people. I do not want to release a lot of information as I want to keep it somewhat of a surprise. My thoughts are to have the kids serve the meal, and parents help cook and decorate. If you would like to help please let me know.

## One Simple Life Changing Decision

Eve looked at that beautiful, forbidden fruit and made a decision. There was no way she could begin to visualize how that one decision would change the history of the world. The choice made that day has impacted the lives of every one of the billions and billions of people who have lived on this earth. It impacts the lives of each of us.

There are other examples in the Bible of innocent choices which changed the course of the rest of the lives of those who made them. When Jacob decided to send Joseph, wearing his coat of many colors, to check on his brothers it seemed like such a minor matter. Yet, it was the last time the patriarch would see his son for almost four decades. One simple decision which changed the lives of Jacob and his descendants for thousands of years.

In the last few months, two of the members at the Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ have made simple decisions which have changed their lives. Drastically changed their lives. Eternally changed their lives.

Months ago, every member was challenged to commit themselves to being present every time the doors of the church were opened this year. One couple made that choice. At that time, the husband was not a member of the church. It is remarkable what happened. The teaching and preaching of the word of God penetrates the hearts of those who listen to God speaking to them. Faith comes from hearing the word of God (Rom. 10:17), and the word of God implanted in this man's heart began to grow and grow. Two weeks ago, he obeyed the gospel. His life was changed. His wife's life was changed. The life of their newly born child was changed. These lives were changed drastically. From one innocent decision -- to attend worship three times each week.

Three weeks ago, I was talking with another member at Palm Beach Lakes. I had baptized him into Christ at least thirty years ago. His work interfered with his ability to come regularly. His spiritual growth stagnated. He was a member here, but not an active one. His work situation has changed, and he recently made a decision to start attending more. Last week, we talked again, and he said that this decision had changed him. He was so much happier and was now closer to God than he had ever been. He said, "It has changed me. My heart is so different."

Think about these two men who have been changed. Is your faith as strong as you want it to be? Are you where you really want to be? Faith comes from hearing God's word, and stronger faith comes from hearing God's word more. Is there an innocent decision you should make? Think about it!

~ Dan Jenkins ~

## Annual Holiday Fellowship

This Sunday evening December 16, following services we will have our annual holiday fellowship.

If your last name begins with the following letters:  
**A-K** = Ham/rolls, pigs in blanket, sandwiches (please bring at least 1 dozen)  
**L-S** = Dessert & Drink  
**T-Z** = Chips/Dip & Drink