

Sixth Avenue Church of Christ
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Glad Tidings

Schedule of Services

Sunday:

Bible Classes 9:00 A.M.
 Worship 10:00 A.M./5:00 P.M.

Wednesday:

Morning Bible class (Sep-Mar) . . 10:00 A.M.
 Evening Bible study 7:00 P.M.

Elders: Jimmie Alexander, Billy Davidson, Neil Evans, Dempsey Jones, Danny Latham, and Bo Myers

Deacons: Brad Brasfield, Wayne Brown, Danny Gurganus, Danny Hyde, Phillip Horton, Phillip Jones, Steve Jones, Bobby Nunnelley, Brack O’Rear, Conard Smith, Gary Taft, Buddy Tubbs, Steve Williams, Roger Wilson, Skoot Wilson.

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Secretary: Sarah Roberts (205-384-6446, office); sarahroberts@bellsouth.net

Works of Evangelism

- ▶ Gus Nichols’ School of Biblical Studies
- ▶ Myanmar Bible School
- ▶ “Fishers of Men” Program
- ▶ Cy Stafford, Tanzania
- ▶ “Seeking the Lost” International Radio
- ▶ Gospel Broadcasting Network
- ▶ Apologetics Press
- ▶ Jamaica Mission
- ▶ 24th Street C/C “Know The Truth” TV Broadcast
- ▶ Crossroads C/C (Deaf Ministry)
- ▶ Truth For The World
- ▶ John Hurt’s Correspondence Courses
- ▶ World Bible School (correspondence)

Works of Benevolence

- ▶ Childhaven Children’s Home
- ▶ Food Pantry; Outreach Center

Works of Edification

- ▶ Daily radio program on WJLX (1240 AM & 101.5 FM) at 8:00 A.M.
- ▶ *The Words of Truth*, a monthly teaching publication reaching over 4,000 families

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PSALM 1—GOD’S PATH TO HAPPINESS (Part 1)

A study of the Psalms is a wonderful, fulfilling endeavor. So many verities are revealed in this collection of writings. Numerous are the emotions detailed by these children of God as they pour out their hearts upon the pages of Holy Writ. It seems a daunting task to explore these one hundred and fifty writings which comprise the book we call Psalms. It seems even more difficult because of the number of different ideas that are explored within this book. Perhaps we find it to be an arduous undertaking because we attempt to study the Psalms in the same manner as we do other books of the Bible. With other books, we attempt to find the pervasive theme of the entire contents, and then study each passage in light of that theme. Each of the psalms, however, must be studied individually, in light of the circumstance of their writings, their authors, etc., while at the same time they should be studied as a collective whole. The first psalm provides us with a number of themes that are prevalent throughout the entirety of the Psalms, thereby giving us a good foundation upon which to build our study of the other psalms. Let us explore these themes as they help us lay the groundwork for further study in the Psalms.

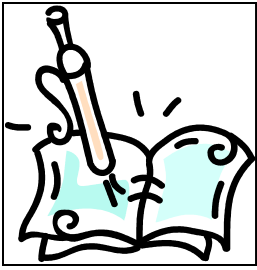
SIN IS PROGRESSIVE

The first verse of Psalm 1 makes clear that sin follows a dangerous progression. Few have ever decided to jump into sin headlong. Most are gradually drawn into its evil clutches, slowly giving in to the progression of sin. Sin entices the potential sinner initially to get within earshot (walking in the counsel of the ungodly). If Satan can get one to stop and listen to the call of sin long enough, his chances for success increase dramatically. Many are foolish enough to think they can get as close to sin as possible without falling prey. Those who would be truly happy will stay as far away from sin as possible. Should one give ear to the beckoning of sin (listening to ungodly advice, listening to filthy jokes, ungodly music, etc.), he will soon find himself “standing in the way of sinners.” He is now in the company of sinners, standing in their midst. Sin has enticed yet another to join its band of ungodly brothers. Should one then refuse to part ways with this company, he will soon find himself “sitting in the seat of the scornful.” He has heeded the call of sin for so long that he is now the ringleader of this ungodly host. He is seated in the captain’s chair, and is now enticing others to join in the sin parade. How many would fully expect or desire to find themselves in this position as they started down the path of sin? Sin is deceitful! All who desire true happiness will seek to avoid sin’s progression by refusing its initial advancements.

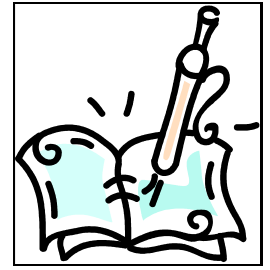
THE SCRIPTURES ARE PRICELESS

The blessed (or happy) man is one who delights in the law of the Lord (vs.2). The only way to avoid the onslaughts of Satan and the allurements of sin is to fill our hearts and minds with the precious word of God. Our world increasingly devalues the Sacred Page, and the shattered lives and sin-scarred world is proof of how little society values it. The child of God must treasure God’s revealed will above all else. The wise Solomon wrote, “Buy the truth and sell it not; also wisdom, instruction, and understanding” (Proverbs 23:23). Many of the psalms beautifully portray the preciousness of God’s Holy Word. None does so more completely than does the 119th Psalm. The longest of all of the psalms is devoted entirely (176 verses) to this thought. The Bible is the Christian’s sure defense, the whole armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-18). A heart full of Scripture is man’s only fortification against temptation (Psalm 119:11; see also Matthew 4:1-11). Those who would be truly happy in this life will be those who meditate on God’s word day and night. This can only be accomplished when one consistently, carefully, and prayerfully studies the Scriptures. Let each who truly values the word of God cry out as did the psalmist, “O how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day” (Psalm 119:97)!

Patrick Morrison



FAMILY NOTES



LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES LUNCHEON/ 2011 KICKOFF

On **Sunday, May 16**, we will have a **Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes Potluck Luncheon** reviewing and honoring the accomplishments of **2010**, and preparing for **2011**. If you are interested in the **Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes Program** in any way, we hope you will plan to stay. You don't have to attend the convention to have a part in this program. There are lots of activities that are done before convention, and there is a great need for mentors! For more info, see **Clay**.

AREA-WIDE YOUTH SERIES

The **Youth Group** will go to the **Area-Wide Youth Series** at the **Decatur Highway Church of Christ** in **Gardendale** on **Sunday, May 16**, leaving the **church parking lot at 3:00 p.m.** For more info, see **Clay**.

KIDS' SING

We will have **Kids' Sing** on **Sunday, May 16**, at **5:00 p.m.** before the **evening service**. All young people please sit on the front two rows.

BRIDAL TEA

All ladies are invited to a **Bridal Tea** honoring **Kristi Ingle**, bride-elect of **Brian Alexander**, on **Sunday, May 23**, from **2:00-3:30** at the home of **Janet Wilson**. A **sign-up sheet** is in the foyer for those who would like to be hostesses. Kristi and Brian are registered at Young's, Belk, and Bed, Bath, and Beyond.

GRADUATION RECEPTION

We will have our **Graduation Reception** on **Sunday, May 23**, following the **evening service**. If you would like to **help with food**, please **Sign-up** in the foyer. We have one high school graduate this year: **Lori Beth Sanford**. For more info, see **Clay**.

ATTENTION GRADUATES!! HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE

If you are a graduate this year, please get your information to the church office—384-6446!!

RESPONSE

We rejoice as **Jackson Kiser** responded Sunday, requesting forgiveness and prayers of the congregation. His address is 51 George Subdivision Road, Jasper 35504. Let's be sure to encourage Jackson as he has encouraged all of us!

BABY CLOTHES NEEDED

The **Outreach Center** is in need of **Baby Clothes**. If you have any to donate, please bring them to the church building or office.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEEDS

Our **Vacation Bible School** is coming up soon: **July 19-22**. We are in need of **large pieces of cardboard** and a **wicker baby basket**. If you have any of these items, please bring to the church building or office.

DAILY RADIO PROGRAM

Remember our **radio program** every morning at **8:00 a.m.** on **WJLX, 1240 AM** and now on **101.5 FM**. You can also listen to the program **LIVE** at **8:00 a.m. CST** from anywhere in the world. Just go to **www.walkercountyradio.com**.

DO YOU HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS??

Do you have an email address? Are you on the Email list at the church office? Please email the office at sarahcroberts@bellsouth.net. This is a very effective way to send out lots of useful information.

WEBSITE

Have you checked out our website lately? There's all kinds of useful information on it. You can find this bulletin: Glad Tidings; our monthly paper: Words of Truth; sermons; and other links. Check it out: **www.sixthavenuechurch.org**.

PANTRY

Please remember our pantry each week. We need **NON-PERISHABLE, BASIC FOOD ITEMS**. **ITEMS OF THE WEEK: CANNED VEGETABLES, MEAT, FRUIT, OATMEAL; SOUP; PEANUT BUTTER**. You can bring them to the church building or by the office. If you would prefer to contribute money to this program, see any of the elders or Sarah.

THANK YOU!

To the church at Sixth Avenue:

It does not seem possible that my time at the Memphis School of Preaching is coming to an end. The final quarter of school is officially underway, and my fellow students and I are poised for another quarter of hard and honest work. I am currently seeking opportunities with varying works around the brotherhood. Please remember my family and me during this transitional time. If you are aware of an opportunity in your area, please consider recommending us to that work. We also solicit your prayers in this matter. Lord willing, we anticipate great things ahead in our work in the Lord.

In Him, Barry Gilreath, III

***We have supported Barry for two years at MSOP.*

UPCOMING AREA YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

- **May 16—Area-Wide Youth Series**, Decatur Highway Church of Christ, Gardendale, 5:00 p.m.
- **June 4-6—Vacation Bible School**, Doovertown Church of Christ. Friday & Saturday: 6:00-8:00 p.m. Sunday: Bible Class: 10:00 a.m.; Worship: 11:00 a.m.; Evening Service: 5:00-7:00 p.m. Adult Class speaker: James Willcutt.
- **June 6—Singing in the Park 2010**, Ivan K Hill Recreational Park, Winfield, 8:00 p.m. For more info: Nick Jones @ 205-487-2926.
- **July 19-22—Vacation Bible School**, Sixth Avenue Church of Christ.

UPCOMING AREA ACTIVITIES:

- **May 16—Preaching the Gospel**, with James Watkins, 6:00 a.m. Dish Network, channel 259; Direct TV, channel 364.
- **May 16—Homecoming, Singing, and Gospel Meeting**, Goodsprings Church of Christ. Guest speaker: Kerry Richardson. Morning Worship: 10:00 a.m.; Fellowship Meal; Singing @ 2:00 p.m.; Evening Worship @ 3:15 p.m.; Monday & Tuesday: 7:00 p.m.
- **May 16—Homecoming**, Cleveland Church of Christ. Guest speaker: Levi Sides. Bible School: 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.; Fellowship Meal; Evening Worship: 2:00 p.m. For more info: 205-689-4319.
- **May 18—Video Bible Classes**, Mt. Harmony Church of Christ, 6:00 p.m. For more info: noahsbears@netzero.net.

THANK YOU!

Dear Brethren,

We are ever mindful of the great generosity that you have shown to us while we have been working here at school. We thank God for you often and we thank you for being so willing to aide us in this effort. We have been so blessed to have your support in meeting our financial need, en encouragement, and in prayer. A special quarter is now underway. It is special because it is the final leg of this two-year journey. We pray God's continued blessings on you all as you continue to work to glorify Him. We are very appreciative of all that has been done for us and we can only hope that you know just how thankful we truly are.

In Him, Scott Baggett

***We have supported Scott for two years at MSOP.*

- **May 23-26—Gospel Meeting**, Davis Chapel Church of Christ in Fayette, 7:00 p.m. nightly. Guest speaker: Ron Hurst.
- **May 30-June 2—Gospel Meeting**, Westside Church of Christ, Tuscaloosa. Guest speaker: Eric Thornton. Sunday: 9:00 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.; Lunch @ 12:30 p.m.; Evening worship: 2:00 p.m.; Monday -Thursday: 7:00 p.m. For more info: 205-752-3651.
- **June 4—A cappella Singing**, Alder Springs Church of Christ, Albertville, 7:00 p.m. Refreshments following. For more info: 256-225-7030.
- **June 6-9—Gospel Meeting**, Midway Church of Christ. Guest speaker: Vance Hutton.
- **June 6-9—Gospel Meeting**, Adamsville Church of Christ. Guest speaker: Garland Elkins. Sunday: 9:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.; 7:30 a.m.; Monday-Wednesday: 10:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. For more info: 205-674-5659.
- **June 6-10—Gospel Meeting**, Alder Springs Church of Christ, Albertville. Guest speaker: Kelby Smith. Services nightly at 7:00 p.m. For more info: 256-225-7030.
- **August 27-September 2—Polishing the Pulpit**, Sevierville, TN. For more info: www.PolishingThePulpit.com.
- **August 28—Ladies' Day**, Zion Church of Christ, & also hosted by the Clover Hill Church of Christ, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Breakfast & lunch will be served.
- **September 26-29—Gospel Meeting**, Sixth Avenue Church of Christ. Guest speaker: B.J. Clarke.

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THOSE TO SERVE

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WORSHIP A.M.—MAY 16

Lead Singing Neil Evans

Opening Prayer Bobby Nunnelley

Scripture Reading Taylor Sasser

Sermon Patrick Morrison

Closing Prayer Jack Norris

WORSHIP P.M.—MAY 16

Lead Singing David Sortino

Opening Prayer Gary Taft

Sermon Patrick Morrison

Closing Prayer Mark DeFoor

WEDNESDAY EVENING—MAY 19

Announcements Patrick Morrison

Lead Singing Phillip Horton

Prayer David Sortino

Invitation Levi Sides

(If unable to serve, please call:
Neil Evans: 221-9229
Conard Smith: 387-0148)

VIDEO MANAGERS

MAY, 2010

Danny Hyde and Mike Tubbs

VAN DRIVERS

MAY 16, 2010

Levi Sides

MAY 23, 2010

Conard Smith

GREETERS

MAY 16, 2010

Billy & Penny Davidson
Bobby & Dale Nunnelley
Curt & Heather Thomasson

MAY 23, 2010

Philip & Diane Hogue
Rick & Vida Kelley
John & Wilma Welch

(If unable to serve, please call: Phillip Jones: 384-5268)

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

MAY 16, 2010

WORSHIP A.M.

Pat Sawyer
Kim Wilson

WORSHIP P.M.

Tammy Williams
Maggie Williams

MAY 23, 2010

WORSHIP A.M.

Gail Sortino
Heather Thomasson

WORSHIP P.M.

Peggy Brown
Sandi Evans

(If unable to serve please call Sarah Roberts: 384-6446 or 522-3794)