

The church of Christ at Luverne

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Assembly Assignments for June, 2009

The Lord's Supper

Larry Wyrosdick / Dale Sanders / Joe Noble / J. W. Furr

Announcements

Steve Sanders

Building Duties

Larry Hoffman

Greeters

Jim Johnson
Joe Noble

Nursing Home Duties

Jace Sanders
John Frost

Lord's Supper Preparation

Freda Wilson

Scripture Reading

Reed Kilcrease

Privileged to Serve on June 14th

Morning Prayer

John Frost (opening)
Russ Kilcrease (closing)

Evening Prayer

Danny Rolling (opening)
Junior Kolb (closing)

Song Leader

Josh McCartha

A/V Equipment

Robb Sanders

If you are unable to serve, please contact Danny Rolling – 429-0055/335-3030
All announcements need to be written and turned in before each assembly!

The Messenger



Services

Every Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Evening Worship 5:00 PM

Every Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 PM

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“Removing Distinctives”

For over 20 years, before I began teaching in Christian colleges, I was a located preacher, building and planting churches in Mississippi.

My task would have been easier if I had been preaching for Baptist or Methodist churches. As a Mississippi Delta sharecropper once said, “Everybody in the Delta is Baptist ‘cept those who’ve been messed with.”

Throughout those years I was friends with Baptist and Methodist preachers. We drank coffee together at the local drugstore, fought side by side against liquor and pornography and had friendly arguments about Scripture.

They did not like it when one of their members was converted, but sometimes being reminded of their own theology (“It doesn’t matter what church you belong to”) kept them from getting too incensed.

Our insistence on the necessity of baptism and our rejection of instrumental music were obstacles to fast growth. Many did learn the truth, and congregations did grow, but converts would have come easier and faster without those ideas.

A number of my preaching brethren are now taking the easier route. They preach the importance of baptism, but they ignore its “embarrassing” implication that an unbaptized person is not a Christian. The honor *a cappella* singing as a nice tradition but believe it does not matter what we offer as worship in our assemblies.

The divisions caused by our insistence on birth of water and Spirit, on singing without instrumental accompaniment, on connecting the Lord’s Supper to the Lord’s Day and on autonomous congregations overseen by shepherds/elders is our fault, we are now told by some of our own. They say we are not wrong for doing those things; but we are wrong for believing they matter.

I believe they matter. A strong Biblical case can be made for each.

They do not take the place of loving our neighbors, feeding the hungry or caring for the sick and lonely. Getting them right should not make us proud, self-righteous or mean-spirited.

But we need to get them right and we need to teach them to others.

Cecil May, Jr. *Preacher Talk*, Faulkner University, Montgomery, AL via the June 7, 2009 issue of Opp’s “Friendly Visitor”



In Our Prayers

- Lynn Beasley – tests for breast cancer on 6-10
- Joe Griffin – general health
- Bobbie Sue Henderson – cancer
- Cecil Kelley – COPD; general health
- Chris Kyser – serious health problems
- Susan Martin – sore on her leg
- J. T. Owens – lung cancer
- Tommy Sipper – good news! Now a mass or aneurysm
- Lindsay Turner – continuing recovery

In Luverne Nursing Facility:

- Frances Burgans Margaret Hall
- Allene Mount Edwina Rolling
- *Pray for those who have lost loved ones.*
- *Pray for soldiers overseas: Kevin Singleton*
- *Pray for missionaries, for leaders, for our congregation, and for our efforts to carry out God's will.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Continue to pray for the group on the **mission trip to Panama: J. W., Steven, Crystal, Isaac, and Keith.** They plan to return home Sunday, June 14.

We need your help to prepare a **Care Package for the Troops.** Please bring baked goods on June 17th. They will be packed after services and shipped on June 18. We would also like to include hygiene items (such as deodorant, soap, shaving creme, toothpaste, etc), so if you can help, please bring these items by June 17.

The church will be hosting the **June Birthday Party for the Luverne Nursing Facility on June 25th.** Please plan to attend to help serve and sing and check the list to see how you can help with gifts and refreshments.

Shoeboxes for Panama are available to be picked up to fill for Christmas shipping.

Our **Vacation Bible School** will be on Saturday, August 1, 2009 from 2:00 until 5:00 and there will be a congregational fellowship following.

AREA HAPPENINGS

Homecoming and Gospel Meeting – Rock Hill church of Christ – June 14 – 18, Charles Box speaking.

Gospel Meeting, Ramer church of Christ, June 14 – 17, various speakers.

Vacation Bible School, Theme: “Down on the Farm”, Walnut Street church of Christ, Greenville, AL, June 21 – 25, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

What Must We Do to be Saved?

The Alien Sinner Must:

1. Learn the truth (John 8:31-32; Rom. 10:17).
2. Believe in Christ (John 8:24).
3. Repent of his sins (Acts 17:30; 2 Cor. 7:10).
4. Confess his faith in Christ (Matt. 10:32).
5. Be baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:20, 21).

The Child of God Must:

1. Study the Word of God (2 Tim. 2:15).
2. Grow spiritually (1 Pet. 2:1-2; 2 Pet. 1:5-11).
3. Worship regularly (Acts 20:7; Heb. 10:24-31).
4. Live right in this present world (Titus 2:11, 12).
5. Be faithful unto death (Rev. 2:10; Matt. 10:22).

The Erring Child of God Must:

1. Repent and confess sins (Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:8-10).
2. Pray for forgiveness (Acts 8:22; James 5:16).