



Family Matters

July 11, 2010

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Starkville CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Schedule of Services
Bible Study 9:00 A.M.
Worship Assembly 10:00 A.M.
Evening Assembly 5:00 P.M.
Life Groups meet in various locations
Wednesday Bible classes 7:00 P.M.
Bible Classes for all ages

Contact Elder for July
Terry Kiser

Assignments

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Assignments for Sunday, July 11

Greeters: Jerry Rogers and Marty Roberts

Elder to Serve: Bailey Howell

Worship assembly:

Head of Table	Isaac Howard
Serving	Bobby Thompson
Serving	Chad Hankins
Serving	TBA
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First Prayer	Todd Palmer
Closing Prayer	Keith Coble
Song Leader	Daniel Russell
Media Room	JW Bruce

Nursery: 10:00 A.M. Mandy Williams / Natalie Howard
 5:00 P.M. Attended with love

Shepherds' Prayer: Bailey Howell and David Shaw

Records Report for July 4, 2010

Bible Class	152
Morning Worship Assembly	208
Evening Assembly	52
Life groups (1 group met)	19
Previous Wednesday, June 30	N.C.

Birthdays

<i>Tiffany Little</i>	<i>July 9</i>
<i>Keith Coble</i>	<i>July 11</i>
<i>Irma Creech</i>	<i>July 11</i>
<i>Andrew Robertson</i>	<i>July 11</i>
<i>Topher Polley</i>	<i>July 20</i>
<i>Julian Gaona</i>	<i>July 23</i>
<i>Vic Allsup</i>	<i>July 24</i>
<i>Celia Thompson</i>	<i>July 24</i>
<i>Bailey Langford</i>	<i>July 27</i>

Upcoming Anniversaries

<i>Casey & Crystal Tomecek</i>
<i>1 year on July 11</i>
<i>Bailey & Mary Lou Howell</i>
<i>51 years on July 12</i>
<i>Scott & Anne Stricklin</i>
<i>17 years on July 17</i>

SHEPHERD'S PEN: STRESS

Stress is known to contribute either directly or indirectly to coronary artery disease, cancer, lung ailments, cirrhosis of the liver, accidental injuries and suicide. A moderate amount of stress is not all bad as it serves as motivation for us to get things done. Realizing the dangers of stress, we should want our life to be free of this malady. However, we know this is not altogether possible. Jesus taught in Matthew 16:33, *"In this world you will have trouble, but take heart, I have overcome the world."*

So, stress is not the problem but how we deal with it can become an overwhelming problem. Many of Jesus teachings relate to the issue of stress. None is more to the point than what Jesus taught in Matthew 6:25-34. A summary of his teaching in this section of scripture allows us to consider these three points.

1. We must trust our heavenly father enough to know that He will not abandon his people – that He knows our needs and has promised to supply them.

2. It is better to face today's real challenges than to be anxious about tomorrow. "Each day has enough trouble of its own."

3. We rob ourselves of the focus and energy we need today when we are worrying about tomorrow. We cannot add hours to our life by worry, but worry can take hours away from our life.

The following scriptures will help us to grow in faith and deal with stress: Psalms 46:1, Ephesians 6:10, II Corinthians 12:10, I Peter 5:7, I Timothy 6:6, Galatians 6:2, Proverbs 17:22, II Timothy 1:7

Bailey Howell

The Starkville Church of Christ
is a Christ-centered, Bible-based family
striving to be like Jesus and committed to
sharing Him with others.

Forgiven

Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven” (Luke 7:48). If there are words we would all like to hear from Jesus’ lips, it would have to be the words, “Your sins are forgiven.” Our debt? Gone! Our filth? Washed away! Our sins? Forgotten! Paul puts it in this way in Colossians 2:13-14, “When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.” There it is again, did you catch the phrase? “He forgave us all our sins.” Undeserved, unmerited, unwarranted but fully given. The sweet word of “forgiveness,” could there be a greater word for our hearts to hear?

Yet, while we thrill over the forgiveness we have through Christ, our hearts are not always ready to extend much needed forgiveness to others. A friend breaks a promise. A loved one tells a lie. We seek acceptance from the “group” but sometimes we receive only rejection. Someone doesn’t do what we think they ought to do or doesn’t say what we think they ought to have said. How are we to respond? Hold a grudge? Spread some gossip? Perhaps we ought to first think of what God did with us when we did the same to him?

The key to forgiving others is to quit focusing on what they did and start focusing on what God did for us. If we don’t first look at how God has loved us and forgiven us where does that leave us? Hatred? This alternative is not appealing. To those who refuse to forgive we are told in Matthew 18:34, our “master will be very angry.” Keep in mind, “We love, because He first loved us” (1 John 4:19).

- ◆ Long to be more loving? Begin by accepting your place as a dearly loved child. “Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us” (Eph. 5:1-2).
- ◆ Want to learn to forgive? Then consider how you’ve been forgiven. “Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you” (Eph. 4:32).
- ◆ Finding it hard to put others first? Think of the way Christ put you first. “Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God a thing to be grasped” (Phil. 2:6).

The more we immerse ourselves in God’s grace and forgiveness, the more likely we are to give grace and forgiveness.

Serving Him,

Andy Miller

Baptism We greatly rejoice that **Laden “Ruth” Kolawole** was baptized into Christ on Sunday evening, July 4. Ruth’s home phone and her mailing address are available in the church office.

Response **Blasius Awonsang** requested prayers desiring a more forgiving heart that is reflective of Jesus.

Prayer Requests Todd Palmer's mother, **Sydalia Palmer**, is scheduled to have hip replacement surgery Wed., July 7. Please continue in prayer for **Nick Brumfield** whose mother Latina writes, “We will be here (in the hospital) a few more days. PT will start working intensively with Nick (on Wed., July 7). ... He will be pushed but that is what has to happen ... He has regained some of the control of his left hand and arm.”

Sympathy Cassandra Palmer's grandfather, **Bobby Montgomery**, passed from this life Monday, July 5. His wife, Mary, passed away 2 months ago. The visitation is scheduled for Wednesday, July 7, from 5:00 to 9:00 P.M. at the New Albany (United Funeral Services) funeral home, and the funeral is Thursday at the New Albany CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Elders and Deacons Meeting There will be an important elders and deacons meeting on Sunday, July 18, at 3:30 P.M. in room C100. The purpose of the meeting is for a Build the Vision update and to discuss the implications on the FY 11 budget.

WBS Teachers: While we’re waiting on returned lessons from Zimbabwe and elsewhere, there are several names of prospective students needing Intro. Lesson in the box on the right-rear table. Help yourselves. FDW

Congratulations The Starkville 11-year-old All-Stars represented the city at the Dizzy Dean State Tournament in Louisville; members of the team include **Derrick Savage** and **Bradley Savage**. Marty and Pat Garton’s son, **Chris Garton** and his wife **Cindy Garton** were pictured on the front page of the Starkville Daily News under The People’s Voice; their granddaughter, **Gracie Garton**, was pictured sliding on the inflatable at the Community Independence Day Celebration at the Starkville Sportsplex.

Media Room Training Further assistance is needed in our sound room. If you would like training, please see Zack Krampf or J.W. Bruce.

Youth Day Charleston CHURCH OF CHRIST will have their 2nd Annual Youth Day on Saturday, July 10, with guest speaker Don Reel. A flyer is posted on the foyer bulletin board.

Pantry July is “pancake breakfast” month for our food pantry. Please bring: pancake mix, pancake syrup, canned fruit and apple juice. Please see Floyd Chenney to help or for more information.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

July 11-24 TORCH mission trip to Honduras

Mon, Jul 12 MNL @ Ackerman

REUNION / HOMECOMING 2010 Friday – Sunday, August 6-8

Friday, Aug. 6

6pm -Dinner “on a bun” at Caldwell’s Kingdom Farm
(maps available at the Student Center, or by email at office@starkvillechurch.org)



Saturday, Aug. 7

9am -Breakfast at the UCSC, followed by status update on our Build The Vision Program

Afternoon -Lunch on your own. Free time to visit and fellowship together

6pm -BBQ Chicken Dinner under the big tent at the UCSC followed by singing in the Auditorium together



Sunday, Aug. 8

9am -Assembling together as one body at the Bost Extension Center on the MSU campus



What should I do right now? Plan to be here and to contact as many as possible of your Starkville/State friends from the past (phone calls, cards, e-mail, personal visits, texting, Facebook, all of the above) to meet you here August 6-8. (Contact the UCSC or church office for addresses of alumni if you need them. We may be able to help.) Visit our website at: www.starkvillechurch.org for up-to-date Reunion details. We’ve told alumni that everyone will make his/her own housing arrangements, and have suggested that they may want to contact some old friends here and plan to stay with them. Saturday lunch is on your own and Saturday afternoon is basically free-time. Our visitors will be able to get in a lot of relaxed, informal visiting, tour the campus or city, or whatever they wish. Sunday lunch will also be on our own - we hope many of us can go to lunch together in groups!