

An Animal is an Animal is an Animal

An animal is an animal! It is not human! It does not have a soul! It does not have reasoning! The Bible says, "And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and everything that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good." (Genesis 1:25). God made the beast of the field and then he said, "And God said Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth" (Genesis 1:26). God made man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul (Genesis 2:7). He did not breathe into the nostrils of an animal and that animal become a living soul.

You can't make a human out of an animal regardless of how hard you try. A lady in Connecticut tried to make a human out of a Chimpanzee, and now a dear friend is in serious medical condition. Her reply to one news reporter, "Well, humans sometimes go crazy too." While that is true, there is a difference. Remember Roy Horn of Siegfried and Roy. He was attacked by his trained tiger. The audience members said, "He looked like a rag doll in his mouth."

I like animals. It's fun to go to the pet store and look at the dogs. Occasionally they'll take one out and I'll hold it, pet it, coo over it, hug it. Then I hand it back and go my way thankful that I don't have to feed it, clean up after it, baby-sit it and all those other things you do with animals. Animal lovers I am glad for you to have your pets, I'm not anti pets. I love Chic-fil-A's cow commercials. I like the commercials with talking cows. I didn't see the movie Marly & Me because I heard it ended sadly but I love going to see animal movies. What about the movie Ratatouille? If I saw that thing in my house I would kill it but I enjoyed the movie. Animation and training can make an animal seem human but they are not.

Read the fable of *The Scorpion and The Frog*, half way across the river the scorpion stung the frog. The frog said, "Why did you do that? Now we will both die." The scorpion replied, "It's my nature."

Folks love your pets, take care of them, enjoy them, let me come over and enjoy your pet but remember - an animal is an animal is an animal. Don't call PETA on me.

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Remember in Prayer

Mickey Goolsby is at St. Vincent's in room 328 recovering from gallbladder surgery.

Sam Swiney was discharged home on Monday. **Tom Ekpot Sr.** and **Tom Ekpot Jr.** (Tom Jr. is a missionary from Nigeria) are very ill.

Charles Patton (Dan Kilgore's brother in law) is at Princeton in room 3113. He is scheduled for open heart surgery on Wednesday, March 4.

Frances Zorn is at UAB in ICU.

Kayleen Aldan (a young girl in Saipan) is scheduled for surgery for a brain tumor.

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the friends and family of **Valerie Holmes**. Valerie was **Brenda Madison's** beloved niece. She passed away on Monday.

Congratulations

Congratulations and joy to **Jimmy Russell** for his confession and decision to ask for prayers from the church last week.

Long Term Needs

Maude Bell, Theola Brown, David Burford, Charles Caldwell (Becky Kersh's Dad), Barbara Cobb, Rebecca Dawes, Buddy Dunn, Mary Guy, Jessica Ingle, Sara Morgan, Jimmy Russell, Charles Webb, Martha Wiley, Robert L. Williams (Freeda Reid's brother) and Ramona Yeilding

Please remember all in your prayers!

Visitation Team Meeting

Visitation Team #2 which includes their Captain, **Barry & Christy Hyche** and members: **Tommy & Freeda Reid, Butch & Jill Wallace, Ronnie & Cindy Hayes, Robin & Seth Moore, Durant Hyche, Betty Pierce, Nelie Mitchell, Eddie & Robin Battles, Bob & Christine Battles, Brenda Madison, Janice Parsons, Randal & Belinda Chappell, William & Janice Goolsby, Sonny & Gaye Duke** will meet Sunday after the morning service. Visitors will be invited as an honored guest to share this meal with Team #2. This is a great opportunity to work in God's Kingdom. Continue to make your plans to prepare food and enjoy this time of fellowship.

Mark Your Calendar/2009

Mar. 15 -- Area Wide Devo @ Adamsville

Mar. 19 -- Housewarming for **Chance Hicks**

Mar. 21 -- K-5 Devo

Mar. 26 -- Keenager's trip to George Washington Museum in Columbiana

Apr. 10-11 -- Lads/Leaders Nashville

Apr. 17-18 -- Prom Alternative

Apr. 25 -- Ladies' Day with

Cindy Colley

June 7-10 -- Gospel Meeting: **Ken Tyler**

July 5-10 -- Ronnie's week @ICYC

July 26-29 -- VBS

Oct. 11-14 -- Gospel Meeting:

Curtis A. Cates

Oct. 17 -- Family Fun Day @ Tannehill

Dec. 31 -- New Year's Eve Singing

Welcome to **Asa Cruze Kizer**, born Wednesday, February 25, 2009 and weighing 7 pounds and 12 ounces. He is 20 1/2 inches long. Congratulations **Ashley & Candace!**



Remember the **Praise in Blackwell Park Devo** on Thursday night, March 5, 2009. We will serve hotdogs and hamburgers. This is a great opportunity to enjoy fellowship while spreading God's Word.

Elders' Meeting

The elders will meet on Sunday, March 8, 2009 at 2:00 PM. **Ray Skelton** will chair the meeting. The elders are scheduled to meet with **Brittany Cicero, Stephen Hall, Taylor Parker, Lydia Knight** and **Abby Boyd**. **Charles Harris** is scheduled to meet with them at 4:00 PM.