

OUR RECORD

ATTENDANCE:	11/04/07
BIBLE CLASS:	187
WORSHIP AM:	218
WORSHIP PM:	182
CONTRIBUTION:	\$10,596.02

Count Contribution for November

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Adamsville Church of Christ
 4207 Veterans Memorial Dr.
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 Return Service Requested



Please worship with us at the following times:

SUNDAY
 Bible Class 9:30 AM
 Worship 10:30 AM
 Worship 5:00 PM

TUESDAY (September-May)
 Bible Class 10:00 AM

WEDNESDAY
 Bible Class 7:00 PM

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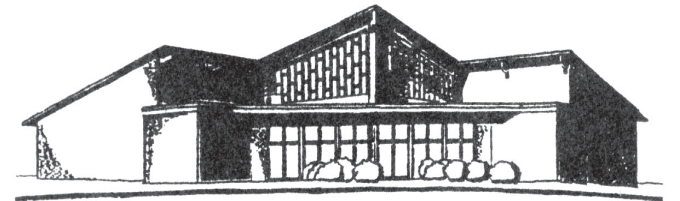
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God Gives Us Better Than We Ask

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve;
 I was made weak, that I may learn humbly to obey.
 I asked God for health, that I may do greater things;
 I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.
 I asked for riches, that I may be happy;
 I was given poverty, that I might be wise.
 I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men;
 I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.
 I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life;
 I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.
 I got nothing I asked for but everything I hoped for.
 I am, among all men, most richly blessed.

- A Confederate Soldier
 - via Reflections

Philippians 4:6-8 (updated New American Standard Version)

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.

THE EVOLUTION OF WORDS

An article that was recently printed in *The New York Times* caught my eye: Two, Deux, Dos: Heavily Used Words Evolve More Slowly". I do not believe I had ever thought much about the evolution of words until I read that headline. Though the concept of macroevolution that is so heavily debated among Christians and the so-called scientific elite has consistently been an object of my thought and study, I had never thought to defend the substance of human communication, namely words. Do words need our defense? Should Christians be concerned that the meaning and usage of certain words tend to evolve more quickly than others?

Consider the premise of the article, written by Henry Fountain: "...the more a word is used, the less it evolves." Fountain explained that some commonly used words, such as the word for the number before three, have not changed much since they deviated from their common point of ancestry. The words two, deux (French) and dos (Spanish) are all very similar in the way that they sound.

After I finished reading about the research that had been done to inspire such an article I began thinking about the spiritual implications of the evolution of words. Does it bother you that Americans can no longer use the word gay without bringing to mind the sin of homosexuality? Is it the least bit frustrating to you that adultery is now called an affair and abortion is referred to as a choice? Are you concerned that most people do not know the Bible definition for fundamental words such as baptism and pastor because they have been redefined by denominational false teachers?

What can be done about this perversion of speech? At least part of the answer may lie in the context of this news article. Fountain continued to write, quoting a professor named Dr. Mark Pagel, "...if errors are made in speaking common words, they may tend to be corrected...rarely used words may not necessarily be corrected..." Could it be that the vocabulary of religion and morality has been so violated because it is one of those things the world tells us never to discuss? Though it seems it was almost impossible for the prophet Jeremiah to "hold in" the word of the Lord, we on the other hand must be compelled and continually motivated to confess our Lord amidst friends and coworkers (cf. Jeremiah 20:8-9; Matthew 10:32-33)! We must use Bible words more often!

Unfortunately, we may participate in "evil speaking" and not "speaking the truth in love" (Ephesians 4:15, 31, KJV). Instead of speaking, "as it were, the utterances of God," we are sometimes involved in "talking about things not proper to mention" (1 Peter 4:11; 1 Timothy 5:13). In the meantime, ignorance has taken hold and immorality has spread throughout our families in this great nation.

Therefore let us handle "accurately the word of truth" so that our "sincere minds" will be stirred up "by way of reminder" (2 Peter 3:1). As Peter wrote, this must be done, "...that you should remember the words spoken beforehand by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken by your apostles" (v. 2). Even the "words of the righteous" can be perverted if we are not careful (Exodus 23:8; Deuteronomy 16:19).

Luke wrote of Paul and Barnabas that they were in Iconium, "speaking boldly *with reliance* upon the Lord..." (Acts 14:3). It is this type of speaking which will stifle the evolution of words.

"...the more a word is used, the less it evolves."

Henry Fountain

—Ashley Kizer

Prayer List

SICK

Jewel Martin is at Princeton in room 205.

Bob Daniel had a heart procedure on Monday. He is doing better.

Faye Brown had surgery on Friday. She is now at home and is doing well.

Reba Prater was sick and unable to attend services.

Carol Drummond (Bob Daniel's niece) is at Princeton in SICU.

Dennis Echols (Polly Short's brother) is at Princeton hospital.

Cindy French (Friend of Marsha Simmon's) is very ill and needs our prayers.

Joel & Lillian Knight (Robin Battles parents), Mr. Knight has cancer.

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Gertrude Blackwell- room 118 - Self Nursing Home, 131 East Crest Rd. Hueytown, AL 35023. **Ruby Early**- room 321-Gardendale Nursing Home, 420 Dean Drive Gardendale, AL 35071. **Ruby Glidewell** 120 Windsor Circle N., Graysville, AL 35073. **Vurvel Jones** c/o Camilla Newbill @ 1622 Stone Hedge Dr. W. Mobile, AL 36695. **Jewell Martin**-Rm 12 A at Birmingham Nursing & Rehab, 1000 Dugan Ave., Birmingham, AL 35214. **Ruth Parsons**-5300 Hazelwood Rd., Adamsville, AL 35005. **Annette Roddy**-1035 Cherry Ave. Adamsville, AL 35005. **Ginger Shadix**- room 213 - Gardendale Nursing Home, 420 Dean Dr. Gardendale, AL 35071. **Beatrice Truett**- C/O Jackie Franklin, 8307 9th S. Birmingham, AL 35206

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS:

Ron Hudson & Mark Davis

Stentsen Ellenburg is scheduled to go in January

SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the families of **Willie Quinn** (Alberta McCaleb's aunt) and **Pete Mobley** (Lewis Mobley's brother.) Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

VISITATION TEAM #2 will meet on Sunday after the AM services. A copy of the Visitation Worksheet will be available on the table in the foyer on Sunday nights. Please pick one up and use for this good work.

Mark Your Calendar

2007

Nov. 11 --- PM service-Prayers for our troops

Nov. 15 --- Thanksgiving Dinner

Dec. 8 --- Rainbow Omega Visit

Dec. 9 --- Holiday Fellowship Meal

Dec. 17 --- Prepare Fruit Baskets

Dec. 18 --- Deliver baskets/Singing

Dec. 30 --- Guest Speaker: **Winford Claiborne**

Dec. 31 --- New Year's Eve Singing with **MC--Winford Claiborne**

2008

Jan. 3-4 --- Youth Rally @ 9th Ave. Haleyville

Jan. 13 --- Christian Education Sunday **Sam Long** guest speaker from Faulkner University

Mar. 21-23 --- Lads/Leaders meet in Nashville

June 1 --- Homecoming

June 1-4 --- Gospel Meeting, Speaker: **John Daniel**

June 22-25 --- Vacation Bible School

July 18-19 --- Youth Rally

Oct. 12-15 --- Gospel Meeting, Speaker: **Larry Acuff**

Nov. 20 --- Thanksgiving Dinner

Dec. 31 --- New Year's Eve Singing

Franklin Camp Scholarship Fund

In Memory of **Willie Quinn**

by

Eulan & Robbie McCaleb

In Memory of **Pete Mobley**

by

Quilters

and

Eulan & Robbie McCaleb

PROGRAMS WE HELP SPONSOR

Preaching the Gospel--

James Watkins 7:00 am

Sundays ----- WTTO 21

In Search of the Lord's Way--

Mack Lyon 6:30 am Sundays

Charter Channel 10 and

7:30 am Sundays -- WTTO 21