

**OUR RECORD**

**ATTENDANCE:** September 14, 2008

**BIBLE CLASS:** 191

**WORSHIP AM:** 228

**WORSHIP PM:** 182

**CONTRIBUTION:** \$8,533.91

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Count Contribution for September  
Shawn Sanford, Bob Battles, Ray Bearden

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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  
(all are code 205)

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# The Visitor

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To the eldership

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord. It has never escaped my mind how truly thankful I am for the congregation there. It was your support while in Memphis School of Preaching and elsewhere that has helped in my work for the Lord. I am truly indebted to you for the sacrifices you made for me and my family. For this I am thankful.

I am also writing to let you know of a new work that I began. In December 2007, after two years, I left my work in North Carolina because the congregation would not keep to the Truth. Yet, while I still attempt to work with that situation from afar, my new work has begun with a congregation in Maryville, Missouri on August 14, 2008. It is a congregation of approximately 65 people. It has two elders and two deacons which is very exciting to see. The members here are extremely friendly where we all stand around and fellowship with one another for a while after services. The congregation is located in a town of about 11, 000 souls with a university of 6,500 students. There is much work to do here for the Lord and we are excited to be a part of it. There is also a monthly preacher's meeting not too far from us (about 90 miles) which is in the Kansas City area and has many sound preachers of faith in attendance.

We are indeed happy to be in this situation. Happy to be in a home and happy that the boxes from moving are starting to disappear. We are blessed for this new work and ask that you keep us in your prayers and we have kept you in ours. Without the dedication of the members there to help brethren such as myself, I am unsure if all this would be possible. Thank you again so much for all that has been done for us. It certainly has been appreciated and put to good use. May God continue to bless you and the work there at the congregation.

Sincerely in Christ,

**Robert Notgrass** and family  
511 S. Saunders St.  
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*Robert Notgrass is one of the students that Adamsville helped while attending the Memphis School of Preaching.*

## THE GREATEST NEEDS OF 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY YOUTH

The world has changed significantly since the church was established about two thousand years ago. Advances in scientific discoveries and technological innovations are so regularly reported that we expect consistent updates for just about everything that we own. Information has been organized to the extent that we can simply type a word into a computer and almost instantly receive a wealth of data so thorough that years would not suffice to give time enough to parse it all out. This is truly a remarkable time in which to be alive!

Considering these changes in our global culture, one might assume that our needs have changed as well. We certainly seem to be a lot needier. After all, we “need” our cell phones and cable television. We “need” our air conditioning and hot, steamy showers. We may have some “needs” that Christians in the first century did not have. However, amidst all of the distractions that we regularly enjoy, let us not fail to remember that we still need a Savior.

Since young people are the natives of this new and dynamic society, we may be tempted to believe that their needs are vastly different from the needs of past generations. Do not be deceived. The greatest needs of our 21<sup>st</sup> century youth are the same as they have ever been, and, as Paul said, “...my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19).

21<sup>st</sup> century youth need education. They will never have faith in God without it (Romans 10:17). “And without faith it is impossible to please [God]” (Hebrews 11:5). A young person with a good education can do great things in our world. Consider the proverb: “Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6). King David wrote, “How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Thy word” (Psalms 119:9). As a king, David was commanded to “write for himself a copy of this law on a scroll in the presence of the Levitical priests” (Deuteronomy 17:18). He was to keep it with him at all times and read from it on a daily basis (v. 19). Our young people need to be taught from God’s Word every day in their homes by loving parents or other guardians (cf. Deuteronomy 6; Ephesians 6).

21<sup>st</sup> century youth need commitment. Unfortunately, today’s youth have few examples of commitment in their lives. They are all first hand witnesses of our prevalent, selfish culture which exhibits itself in the symptoms of divorce, lack of service, and rebellion to authority. God demands steadfast commitment. Jesus taught, “If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple” (Luke 14:26). Parents who model this type of commitment for their children will be rewarded with children who are committed to their heavenly Father.

21<sup>st</sup> century youth need discipline. Solomon wrote, “Apply your heart to discipline...” (Proverbs 23:12). Observing the beatitudes that Jesus taught requires self-discipline (Matthew 5:3-9). Walking by the Spirit and embodying His fruit requires self-discipline (Galatians 5:22-23). How can we expect our young people to “stand firm against the schemes of the devil” if they are not brought up “in the discipline and instruction of the Lord” (Ephesians 6:11)? The Hebrews writer was disciplined by his parents, and he remembered it fondly: “we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them...” (Hebrews 12:9). As unpleasant as it might be, discipline is a Christian necessity. Although it “for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness” (v. 11).

God’s Word instructs us how to empower today’s youth to be an amazing force for good. What a world this would be if every young person received the proper education, commitment, and discipline that they so desperately need! There will always be those who despise our youth (cf. 1 Timothy 4:12). Let us be those who enthusiastically say, “Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth...” (Ecclesiastes 12:1).

—Ashley Kizer

## Remember in Prayer

### Hospital

**Gaynell Duke** had knee surgery at Physicians Medical

Center Carraway on Monday, September 15, 2008. She came thru surgery well.

**Michelle McCaleb** is now at home recovering from rotator cuff surgery.

**Kenneth Mitchell** (Frances Dill’s nephew) is at UAB in room S945.

**Annette Roddy** is in St. Vincent’s hospital in room 578.

### Sympathy

With our greatest love we extend our deepest sympathy to the friends and family of **Billy Starkley** who passed away on Monday, September 15, 2008.

### Those with Long Term Needs

**Maude Bell, David Burford, Jean Cicero, Ray McGee, Sara Morgan, Jimmy Russell, Glenda Terry, Charles Webb, Martha Wiley, Ronnie Wiley, Ramona Yeilding, Jessica Ingle**

### Shut In

**Gertrude Blackwell, Ruby Glidewell, Iva Dean Goolsby, Thelma Hudson, Vurvel Jones, Earl Martin, Ruth Parsons, Annette Roddy, Bernice Snow, Ginger Shadix**

### Military

Please remember the following who are currently serving for our country: **Tyler Burger & Mark Davis**

### For our couples who are expecting babies:

**Randal & Belinda Chappell, and Ashley & Candace Kizer**. May they all have healthy babies, safe deliveries!

**Please continue to pray for our unfaithful brothers and sisters.**

**Continue to pray for our young people facing temptations of the world. We do have a great group of young people!**



## Mark Your Calendar/2008

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

Oct. 18 -- Family Fun Day @ Tannehill State Park

Oct. 25 - Middle School and High School

Devo @ **Jamie and Kim Gilbert’s** home

Nov. 15 - Middle School and High School

Devo @ **Darin and Lisa Gilbert’s** home

Nov. 20 --- Thanksgiving Dinner

Dec. 31 ---- New Year’s Eve Singing

## 2009

Jan. 30-31, 2009 -- Ladies’ Retreat

Feb. 15-17, 2009 -- Singing School with

Director: **Burt Jones**

Apr. 25, 2009 -- Ladies’ Day with

**Cindy Colley**

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

Oct. 11-14 -- Gospel Meeting:

**Curtis A. Cates**

Dec. 31, 2009 -- New Year’s Eve Singing

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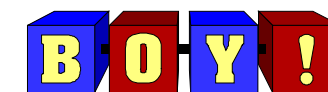
**Park Devo** on Thursday

night, September 25, 2008.

Please come to help give encouragement to others, while feeding our homeless and teaching them God’s Word. We will also need finger foods and snacks.

**Remember the Adams House Devo**

**on Sunday at 2:00 PM.**



Congratulations to **Ron & Mary Hudson**, they have a new grandson.

**Elliott Carver Mathews (Eli)** was born September 12, 2008 to **Darold & Heather Mathews**. He weighed 7 lbs. & 15 oz. and 20 inches long. All are doing well.