

OUR RECORD

ATTENDANCE:	April 20, 2008
BIBLE CLASS:	191
WORSHIP AM:	205
WORSHIP PM:	172
CONTRIBUTION:	\$8,293.06

Count Contribution for April

Lewis Mobley, Barry Hyche, Jimmy Rivers

Adamsville Church of Christ
4207 Veterans Memorial Dr.
Adamsville, AL 35005
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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RENEW YOUR MIND

Many of you are old enough to remember classrooms that actually had “blackboards” and film strip projectors. Today, blackboards have been replaced with white dry-erase boards and laptops with power point projectors are being used in many classrooms. But with those technological changes came other changes. Consider our students, as they walk into an environment in which God is often outlawed from the classroom—and the common belief for origin of man is that we evolved from primordial sludge.

Notice the chronological progression that has occurred in the high court regarding these matters:

- *McCullum v. Board of Education*, 333 U.S. 203 (1948)—Court finds religious instruction in public schools a violation of the establishment clause and therefore unconstitutional.
- *Engel v. Vitale*, 370 U.S. 421 (1962)—Court finds school prayer unconstitutional.
- *Abington School District v. Schempp*, 374 U.S. 203 (1963)—Court finds Bible reading over school intercom unconstitutional **and** *Murray v. Curlett*, 374 U.S. 203 (1963)—Court finds forcing a child to participate in Bible reading and prayer unconstitutional.
- *Epperson v. Arkansas*, 393 U.S. 97 (1968)—Court says the state cannot ban the teaching of evolution.
- *Stone v. Graham*, 449 U.S. 39 (1980)—Court finds posting of the Ten Commandments in schools unconstitutional.
- *Wallace v. Jaffree*, 472 U.S. 38 (1985)—Court finds state law enforcing a moment of silence in schools had a religious purpose and is therefore unconstitutional.
- *Edwards v. Aguillard*, 482 U.S. 578 (1987)—Court finds state law requiring equal treatment for creationism has a religious purpose and is therefore unconstitutional.
- *Lee v. Weisman*, 112 S.Ct. 2649 (1992)—Court finds prayer at public school graduation ceremonies violates the establishment clause and is therefore unconstitutional.
- *Kiryas Joel Village School District v. Grumet* (1994)—Court states that the New York State Legislature cannot create a separate school district for a religious community.
- *Santa Fe Independent School District v. Doe* (2000)—Court rules that student-led prayers at public school football games violate the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment.

False science and “political correctness” have accelerated the complete renunciation of God from public places. Religious clubs have been denied equal access to public school grounds. Valedictorians risk losing their position if they make reference to God in speeches, or offer voluntary prayers at graduation ceremonies. And so now our children walk through the hallways of educational institutions that have been sterilized of any notion of God. Given this judicial assault in the classroom, parents **now more than ever**, must be diligent in raising their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Eph. 6:4). Are you ensuring your children and grandchildren receive enough spiritual food?

Brad Harrub

Honor To Whom Honor Is Due

Paul wrote, "Render therefore to all their dues..." (Romans 13:7). Some times a pat on the back is overlooked. No servant of God, who is fulfilling his or her responsibility, is doing so for the praise. Yet, we become ingrates if we fail to recognize the value of the tasks being performed. With this thought in mind, we came up with the idea to do quarterly an "Honor to whom Honor is due" article. Last quarter we recognized the "Sunshine Girls". This quarter I would like to recognize our Deacons and all who help support them.

First, our deacons are: **Bob Battles, Ray Bearden, Roland Crawford, Barry Hyche, Lewis Mobley, Nick Rouse, Jimmy Rivers, Shane Sanford, Shawn Sanford, and Tim Shadix.** There is not enough space for me to mention every good work that these men do, but I'll try to paint a good picture for you. Here are some of the areas of their work:

Benevolence
Youth activities
Senior activities
Fellowships
Maintenance

What these guys and their helpers do is amazing. Bob, Ray, and Jimmy are always dealing with someone who needs help. Sometimes I believe Bob has a permanent place at the building. Put Roland into group and you have men who help with delinquent members, the teaching program, sound room, and a host of other things.

Maintenance is a never-ending job. There is always something that needs to be replaced, refurbished, or built. We have some talented men and women at Adamsville. I believe that Shane, Shawn, Tim, Jimmy, and Ray could and do replace, repair, fix, and build any-

thing they want to. At VBS time these guys really seem to shine. And where would we be without Lewis. His expertise really fits into the bus and its up keep as well as keeping the mower up and running.

The deacons involved in working with Ashley and the youth spend endless hours encouraging and strengthened our young people. Shawn, Shane, and Barry do a wonderful job. I have to brag on them just a little. The Prom Alternative that they, as well as others organized for our youth was simply great. Our children are involved in activities from devotionals to banquets. They are challenging to the heart, soul, and mind. I know I speak for every parent at Adamsville, thank you for all you are doing to encourage, edify, and strengthen our youth.

We also have activities for the young at heart! We call them the "Keenagers". Lewis and his good wife (as I have always called her) Mrs. Mary, do such a wonderful job with this group. Keep up the good work. You are such an encouragement to so many.

Aren't the fellowships at Adamsville great? You can thank Nick, Ray, Shane, and Shawn. I know there are others who help and we are thankful to you all. Ray and Charlotte do a masterful job with handling the food during funerals. I know Charlotte has never cooked a "good ham" (because she tells so every time). And if what I have been eating isn't good, I don't think I could stand a good one! Thank you for all of the love, encouragement, edification, and fellowship.

And this is just the beginning of what they do. I could go on and on, but let me end by saying, THANK YOU for all you do! Keep up the good work.

Ronnie

Prayer List

Sick

Ramona Yeilding is now out of the hospital recovering at the home of **Chuck & Marcelle Yeilding.**

Mary Guy is now out of the hospital, but continues to be weak. **Abby Boyd** had surgery at Children's on Monday. She is doing good.

Gerald Key (Sandra Key's brother-in-law) is scheduled to have surgery for an aneurysm on Thursday at Princeton.

Betty Cash, Buck Cicero, & Jean Swiney were sick and unable to be at services last Sunday

Please Continue to Pray For..

Maude Bell, David Burford, Jean Cicero, Sara Morgan, Janice Parsons, Martha Wiley, Jessica Ingle

Please continue to pray for our unfaithful brothers and sisters.

*Our Young People facing temptations of the world.
We do have a great group of young people!*

Pray For Our Troops

Remember our leaders and those protecting our freedoms in our armed forces both at home and abroad. Please remember the following who are currently serving in Iraq: **Ron Hudson, Stentsen Ellenburg, Tyler Burger, & Brad Timmons**

Attention Sunshine Girls

Please sign up for a week to water the plants we planted. The sheet is on the table in the foyer. We need you to water Sunday night and Wednesday night. See **Carla Tavel** for information about the hose storage.

Elder's/Men's Meeting

**Attention: Elders, Deacons, Ministers, & Male Members
Sunday, April 27, 2008**

At 2:00 PM the Elders and ministers will meet in the elder's office. At 4:00 PM the elders, ministers, deacons and all male members will meet in the large classroom in the rear of the auditorium for their quarterly meeting. The elders, ministers, and deacons are expected to attend this meeting. All other male members are encouraged to attend and have a part in making decisions that involve all of us at Adamsville. Thank you for attending. **Eulan McCaleb** will be the chairman of these meetings.

Welcome

Welcome to baby **Andrew Allen Rouse** to **Nick & Jennifer Rouse** and Big Sister **Peyton.** Andrew was born April 21, 2008. He weighs 7lb and 7oz and is 20 1/2 inches long. All are doing great.

Congratulations to **Tera Harden** for her confession and restoration to the church. Tera, you are a great encouragement to us all.

POB!!

Pat on the back to **Cecil Gilbert** for the great job he has done with our education department for the last 20 years.

Pat on the back to **Ray & Jane Skelton, Tim Skelton and Butch Wallace** for all the good work you do for us with Lads/Leaders over the years.



Dear Teachers,

I want to thank you for your help and encouragement over the last 20 years as I worked with the education department and Bible Classes at Adamsville. I know you teach because you love the church and those you teach, but you are very special. I want to thank the elders for their help and support in allowing us to get the things needed for our classes. As in all areas of work this is under the oversight of the entire eldership. Thanks to Ronnie and Ashley for what they mean to this work. I want to thank Butch Wallace and Paul McCaleb for agreeing to work in this area. May God continue to bless you. With great respect and love,
Cecil Gilbert

Thanks to all for sending a birthday card or making a phone call. Daddy had a great "92" birthday and a big party with the family. Love you all, **Jean Cicero**

What's Happening This Week:

Apr. 24 - Keenager's Trip to Botanical Gardens/
Whistle Stop Cafe (rescheduled from the 17th)
Apr. 25-26 - Renew at ICYC