

OUR RECORD

ATTENDANCE:	June 1, 2008
BIBLE CLASS:	226
WORSHIP AM:	355
WORSHIP PM:	218
CONTRIBUTION:	\$17,864.59

**Count Contribution for June
Roland Crawford, Bob Battles, Ray Bearden**

**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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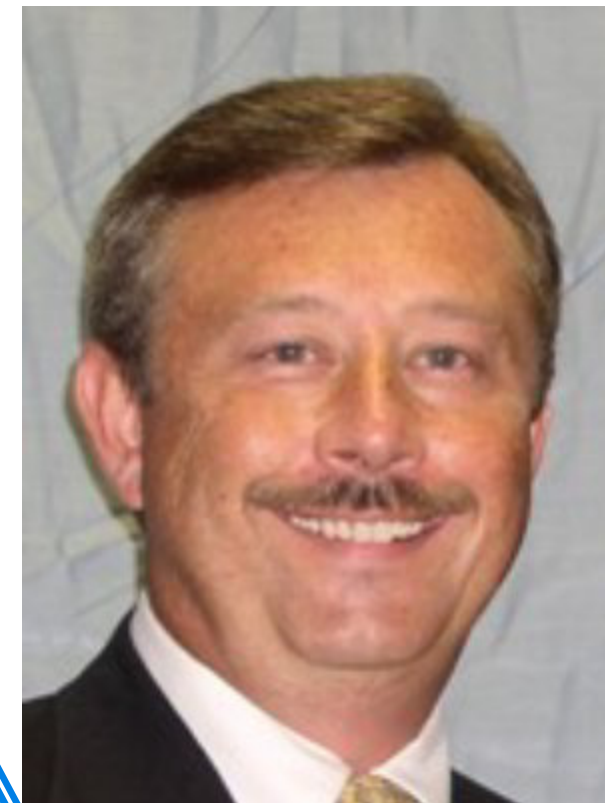
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The Visitor

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**Adamsville Church of Christ
Summer Series – 08 Theme: The Home**

June 11, 2008 -- 7:00 PM The Home as God Would Have It



Tom Larkin

I preach for the Union Church of Christ in Somerville, AL and also serve as an elder. I received a Bachelor's degree from Freed-Hardeman in 1980 and Master's degree from what was then Southern Christian University, now known as Amridge University in Montgomery, AL. I also have preached for the church at Jones Chapel in Cullman County, AL, Center Star in Killen, AL, Whitehouse in Haleyville, AL. I have made mission trips to Latvia in Eastern Europe, Guyana in South America and New Zealand.

My wife Regina and I have three daughters, all of whom are married - we also have two grandsons. Regina and I have served as counselors at Indian Creek Youth Camp for the past 20 years

I look forward to being with you on June 11!

Pray, Be Here and Bring Someone!

COMPARISONS

Most people referred to my high school algebra teacher as Mr. T. A short, good-natured individual, he was nearing retirement, and had become more fond of talking about his antique car collection than why $x = 3$. Aware of the impending standardized testing that was sure to determine whether or not I was able to continue my academic career, I grasped at any amount of help I could obtain in regard to algebraic equations. Eventually, I settled on the uncomfortable notion that my textbook would have to lead me to success in this mysterious game of numbers.

Have you ever read a mathematics textbook? I challenge you to read at least one paragraph and see if you are not thinking of some other subject by the time you are finished. This was my experience as a well-intentioned teen. Bordering on despair, I looked at the pictures, much like a kindergartener with an alphabet book, grasping for understanding. I focused on the charts and graphs, and studied the sections marked "Examples." Gradually, I began to understand: to make connections in the enigmatic world of algebra one would need to compare the unknown to that which was familiar.

With all due respect to Mr. T, Jesus was a much better teacher. He had a sincere desire for His students to understand His subject, and He gave them every opportunity to learn and understand. Long ago in a psalm, God had inspired Asaph to write, "Listen, O my people, to my instruction; Incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old, Which we have heard and known, And our fathers have told us. We will not conceal them from their children..." (Psalm 78:2-4a). When Jesus began to teach, Matthew said that He fulfilled this prophecy, using parables exclusively to speak to the multitudes. In his gospel he wrote, "All these things Jesus spoke to the multitudes in parables, and He did not speak to them without a parable..." (Matthew 13:34).

It is difficult to teach algebra to someone who has never seen an equation. Similarly, it is even more difficult to help materialistic humans to understand an invisible deity. However, God has designed the parable to be a remarkably successful teaching tool. A parable was used to uncover eternal truths which had been hidden (cf. Luke 8:10). These powerful, spiritual truths would be difficult for mortals to understand without the aid of an earthly illustration. We have often defined the parable as "an earthly story with a heavenly meaning." More literally, the word translated "parable" means "to throw or lay beside, to compare" (Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words). I prefer to think of a parable simply as a comparison.

God's creation includes ideal subjects for parables. At the very dawn of time, He said, "Let there be light" (Genesis 1:3). Notice the next verse of that passage: "And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness" (v. 4). Jesus would later teach, in the Sermon on the Mount, "You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). His disciple John would write, "...God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:5). The Bible is replete with parables that use the things of this world to explain the eternal truths of the spiritual realm. Paul wrote to the Romans, "For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made..." (Romans 1:20). It could very well be that each and every piece of God's magnificent creation holds some spiritual lesson from the Divine.

Whatever resentment I may have held for the unsuccessful teaching practices of Mr. T has faded into the fog of my teenage memories. However, those we fail in the Bible class may not be as forgiving on the Day of Judgment. As we strive to be better teachers, let us be sure to use these parables, powerful comparisons that will help us to understand the spiritual things of God.

Ashley Kizer

Prayer List

Sick

Sara Morgan has pneumonia and unable to attend services. **Billy Ray Farris** is in Princeton in room 5140. **John Ingram** (Nancy Ingram's brother) is in the hospital in Georgia.

Please Continue to Pray For..

Maude Bell, David Burford, Jean Cicero, Mary Guy, Sara Morgan, Janice Parsons, Jimmy Russell, Martha Wiley, Ramona Yeilding, Jessica Ingle

Continue to pray for **Joyce Akins, Pat Graham, Cheryl Gafford, Christy Hyche, Jimmy Dale Russell and Megan Wilkerson** for strength and courage.

Jennifer Jones for strength and courage.

Please pray for the **Joel Knight** (Robin Battles' Dad) family. He passed away on Tuesday, June 3, 2008.

Please continue to pray for our unfaithful brothers and sisters.

Thank You

Sunshine Girls and Mothers,
Thanks for all the kind things you do all year. You are all so special. Love, **Pat Graham**

Thanks you so much to everyone who called, sent cards and for the prayers during my recent illness. In Christian love, **Kelly Powell**

I want to thank everyone for the calls and cards while I was sick. **Jimmy Russell**

Brad Timmons (Butch Wallace's nephew) is now home from Iraq. Thank you for your many prayers on his behalf.

Thanks to our group that went door knocking last Saturday. We are sure that a lot of good for the Lord will come from it!

Thanks to everyone who participated in the success of our Coming Home Day and Gospel Meeting!

Adamsville Church of Christ Summer Series – 08 Theme: The Home

June 11	The Home as God Would Have It Tom Larkin
June 18	What Can I do to Make My Home/ Marriage Permanent? Michael Light
July 2	Dangers to our Homes Patrick Morrison
July 9	What does the Bible say about Marriage/ Divorce/Remarriage? Frank Chesser
July 16	Whom Should I Date and Marry? Bobby Liddell
July 23	What is the Role of the Husband/Father in the Home? Stanley Ryan
July 30	What is the Role of the Wife/Mother in the Home? Tim Hayes
Aug. 6	What is the Role of the Children in the Home? Clarke Sims
Aug. 13	How Can my Home be Happy? Glen Posey
Aug. 20	How Can I Divorce Proof My Marriage? Dale Jenkins
Aug. 27	How My Home Helps Me Get To Heaven? Mel Futrell

NOTES OF INTEREST

Visitation Teams will not meet in June, July and August. Worksheets will be provided each Sunday night. Current teams will continue until September.

We will meet each Monday Night for the Master.

Please make plans for our **Praise in Blackwell Park** devo on Thursday, June 5, 2008 at 7:00 PM.

The **elder's meeting** will be at 3:00 PM, Sunday, June 8, 2008. **Ray Skelton** will chair the meeting.

Franklin Camp Scholarship Fund

In memory of: **Barry Wright**
by: **Bob & Betty Daniel**
In Memory of: **Lora Mae Keeton**
by: **Eulan & Robbie McCaleb**
In Memory of: **Jimmy Mullenix**
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