

OUR RECORD

ATTENDANCE: May 4, 2008
BIBLE CLASS: 195
WORSHIP AM: 218
WORSHIP PM: 184
CONTRIBUTION: \$9,178.04

Count Contribution for May
Shane Sanford, Shawn Sanford

Adamsville Church of Christ
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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
 By Brad Harrub, Ph.D.

It has been said that “nothing endures change.” However, that casual statement was not uttered by an **inspired** writer, and it did not take into account the church or God’s Word. The Bible clearly reveals that God is immutable, (Malachi 3:6)—meaning He does not change. What pleased Jehovah in the past, still pleases Him today. Likewise, things that displeased God during the Mosaic Age still displease Him today. Over the next few weeks I want to focus our attention on “change” and the roots of change in the church. Sadly, there are many today who are clamoring for change. When Paul wrote to Timothy he warned: “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.” (2 Timothy 4:3-4). How can we prevent changes from happening within our local congregation?

We must remind our children and ourselves to fear the Lord. Within the New Testament church a great deal of attention is being devoted once again to the topic of musical instruments. Sadly, large congregations in Texas and Tennessee have abandoned the Old Paths, and after decades of using a cappella music, they are now employing instrumental music during worship. As a result, the topic of instrumental music comes up frequently at lectureships, weekend seminars, and gospel meetings. But how could this have been avoided in the first place?

Consider the change we would see within the church if we devoted that same amount of energy in teaching our young people a **healthy fear of God**. The subject of “fearing God” has become taboo in the church—but it is mentioned repeatedly in God’s Word. In Deuteronomy 10:12 we read “And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you but to fear your God, to walk on all His ways and to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and to keep his commandments....”

Over and over in the Old Testament we see people who would stray away from Jehovah. God would rebuke this sinful people, and then things would be satisfactory for a period of time. However, within a generation or two, that fear of God would be forgotten, and the people would return to their sinful practices. They became stiff-necked and rebellious. When we look around at our own members, do we find individuals who

humbly serve God in fear and reverence—or do we find a generation who does not even know what it means to fear God? I believe that if we are going to prevent changes within faithful congregations, one of the first things we must do is instill a healthy fear of God into the hearts of our children and grandchildren. With a proper fear of God the question of musical instruments in worship will most likely not be introduced, as we know God did not authorize it in the New Testament.

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COMING HOME DAY

[The article that you will read below is adapted from an article written by Drew Kizer who preaches for the Ashville Road church of Christ in Leeds, Alabama. This good congregation worked hard and experienced a good amount of success with their Coming Home Day.

– Ashley Kizer]

A good story has to have a protagonist we can relate to, someone who is being singed by familiar fires. Also, in my opinion, a good story should have a happy ending. Maybe our hero saves the day; maybe he accomplishes some great feat; or maybe he just finds his way home. These are reasons why we love Jesus' parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). We can all relate to the younger son. We've been lost before. And, as Christians, we can say that we have been found. We love hearing about the Prodigal Son's journey home because it assures us of God's mercy and His love. What a beautiful thought—the idea of coming home!

June 1st has been marked as our first ever Coming Home Day. Someone will ask, "Is it Homecoming?" Not exactly. Churches sponsor homecomings to invite former members to visit on one day and enjoy a period of fellowship. At the end of the day, though, those visitors remain visitors and leave us. Coming Home Day is entirely different. This is a day on which we will invite unfaithful members of the church to come home to the Lord and stay!

The Lord is pictured in the parable of the Prodigal Son as a Father who is waiting for His son. When His wayward boy finally returns, He sees him when he is "still a long way off." When the son is close enough, the Father runs and embraces him and kisses him. He calls for His best robe; He puts shoes on His son's feet and a ring on his finger. A fattened calf is slaughtered for a feast. The fact that the boy had squandered his Father's blessings no longer seems to matter. The important thing is that he is home. We must remember that Coming Home Day is only possible because of God's compassion and tender mercy.

It will take all of us to make Coming Home Day a success. Here's what we can do:

- Plan to be here on June 1st. We need lots of encouragers to support those who return.
- Fill out the worksheet that has been provided for us. This way, we can notify the elders of unfaithful Christians living in our area. We cannot reach out to them if we do not know who they are.
- Attend "Monday Nights for the Master" meetings. During this time we will assign the necessary visits to encourage our wayward brethren to come back.
- Pray for success. We cannot do this without the Lord's help!

Peter warns that, for those who became Christians but turned their backs on the Lord, "the last state has become worse for them than the first" (2 Peter 2:20). In other words, unfaithful Christians are in a more perilous condition than they were in before they ever obeyed the gospel! It is imperative that the faithful reach out to these lost souls (Galatians 6:1-2). Coming Home Day is just one way we can get involved. Let's be praying that everyone will do his or her part.



Sick

Ramona Yeilding is in room S622 @ UAB. **Anna Hayes** is scheduled for surgery on Wednesday at Brookwood. **Helen Robbins** is scheduled for surgery May 6, 2008 at Princeton. **Butch Myers** injured his knee and is unable to be at services.

Congratulations to **Cheryl Gafford, Pat Graham, Christy Hyche and Magan Wilkerson** for their confession and restoration to the church. These fine ladies are a great encouragement to us all. Please continue to remember them in prayer.

Please Continue to Pray For...

Maude Bell, David Burford, Jean Cicero, Mary Guy, 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: **Stentsen Ellenburg, Tyler Burger, & Brad Timmons**

Welcome Home Ron Hudson!

Thank you for serving to continue to protect our Freedom.

Coming Home Day / Gospel Meeting

We will have our Coming Home Day and Gospel Meeting beginning on June 1st. We would like to mail a special invitation to encourage our unfaithful brothers and sisters and any who have moved away, to come back to our Coming Home Day. Everyone be making your list and give the office a copy of your worksheet. We hope to have to bring in extra chairs for this day! Please continue to pray for our efforts.

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

Mark Your Calendar 2008

May 11 --	Elder's Meeting @ 2:00 PM Paul McCaleb to Chair
May 15 -	Senior Banquet
June 1 ---	Coming Home Day
June 1- 4 --	Gospel Meeting, Speaker: John B. Daniels
June 12-14 -	Mission Trip to Grimsley, TN
June 22-25 -	Vacation Bible School
July 6-11 --	Ronnie's week @ ICYC
July 18-19 --	Youth Rally
July 31-Aug. 2 -	Trip to Creation Museum
Oct. 12-15 -	Gospel Meeting, Speaker: Larry Acuff
Oct. 18 ---	Family Fun Day @ Tannehill
Nov. 20 ---	Thanksgiving Dinner
Dec. 31 ----	New Year's Eve Singing

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Feb. 15-17 -- Singing School, Director: **Burt Jones**

Attention Sunshine Girls

Please meet in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, May 10th at 9:30 AM.