

OUR RECORD

ATTENDANCE: November 2, 2008

BIBLE CLASS: 180

WORSHIP AM: 234

WORSHIP PM 180

CONTRIBUTION: \$11,363.41

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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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Run For Your Life!

Doctors, health care practitioners, athletes, etc. all tell us that it is important to exercise. Run, work out at a gym, walk or ride a bicycle. Do something. Don't become a couch potato. Physical fitness has taken on a new meaning in the past few years. Fifty years ago many folks worked on a farm and they got their exercise plowing and hoeing. Not today. Bending the elbow at the table is the most exercise some get. Bring the Bible into the picture: "For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come" (1 Timothy 4:8). The scripture doesn't teach us not to exercise but after that the spiritual is better. Some are very active in their exercise program. Here are a few of the varied ways:

ONE IS JUMPING AT CONCLUSIONS INSTEAD OF OPPORTUNITIES. John was standing at the window and said, "There goes that woman that George Miller is so in love with." His wife rushed to the window and looked out and said, "Oh, that's his wife." She jumped to a conclusion. Remember the Bible says, "Wherefore my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath" (James 1:19).

TWO IS PUSHING YOUR LUCK. Many people put off obeying the gospel thinking they have plenty of time. "Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2). "While it is said, Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation" (Hebrew 3:15).

THREE IS STACKING UP BILLS. Men over obligates themselves and do not give liberally. We are taught to "lay by in store upon the first day of the week" (1 Corinthians 16:1-2) and to give "cheerfully" (2 Corinthians 9:7).

FOUR IS RUNNING DOWN FRIENDS. Read the Bible, "But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another" (Galatians 5:15.)

FIVE IS SIDESTEPPING RESPONSIBILITY. Those folks in Matthew 25 who didn't feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick had sidestepped responsibility (Matthew 25:41-46).

What kind of exercise program do you have?

Larry Acuff

OUTSIDE THE CAMP

When the Lord was arrested in Gethsemane, “all the disciples left Him and fled” (Matthew 26:56). He had been betrayed with the kiss of Judas and would soon witness Peter’s multiple denials of their friendship (26:49, 69-75). No one stood by to defend Him during His trials before Caiaphas and Pilate. He had no advocate; no friend. Even on the cross He would cry, “My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?” (Matthew 27:46). The loneliness must have been excruciating. The Psalmist wrote, “O my God, I cry by day, but Thou dost not answer...” (Psalms 22:2). What would you have done had you been in Jerusalem on the day of Jesus’ crucifixion?

Some of Jesus’ supporters followed at a distance as He made the long, painful journey to Golgotha, and a few stood by the cross as He made the ultimate sacrifice (John 18:15, 19:25; Luke 23:27). Where would you have stood had you been there on that day? Would you follow the crowd who craved Jesus’ torture? Matthew says, “They all said, ‘Let Him be crucified!’” (Matthew 27:22). “Those passing by were hurling abuse at Him... In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking Him...” (27:39, 41). The majority was certainly in favor of murdering our Lord and silencing His message.

On the other hand, a small minority chose to side with an Outcast, Someone Who was considered cursed. As Paul wrote to the Galatians, “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, ‘Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree’” (Galatians 3:13). It is said that the Romans lifted up their tortured prisoners on crosses so as not to defile the ground with their wickedness. So there was our Savior, suspended between heaven and earth, a Mediator between God and man, with no one to rescue His body from the pain of death.

In the days of the wilderness wanderings, the Israelites lived in encampments, pitching tents that they could take up and move when it came time to follow the Lord to another location. One of these tents, referred to as the tabernacle or tent of meeting was designed by God to be a place of worship and sacrifice. In Exodus 29, Aaron and his sons were told to lay their hands on the head of a bull and then slaughter it “before the Lord at the doorway of the tent of meeting” (Exodus 29:11). However, it was not to remain inside the camp. The Lord’s instructions were specific: “But the flesh of the bull and its hide and its refuse, you shall burn with fire outside the camp; it is a sin offering” (v. 14).

Now consider Jesus’ sacrifice. After Pilate had Him scourged and delivered Him to be crucified, Mark says, “And they led Him out to crucify Him” (Mark 15:20). Where were they going? Apparently, they were headed outside the city gates to the “Place of a Skull” (v. 22). The Hebrews writer referred to this instance toward the end of his writing saying, “Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people through His own blood, suffered outside the gate” (Hebrews 13:12). Notice his masterful allusion to the Old Testament practice of worship as he persuades us, “Hence, let us go out to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach” (v. 13).

It will not be pleasant “outside the camp,” however we must go to be with Jesus. We will not find him in the in-crowd or the comfort zone. Even though the prestige and popularity of the camp beckons us, we must constantly remember, “...we are seeking the city which is to come” (Hebrews 13:14).

—Ashley Kizer

Remember in Prayer

Charles Dickerson (Helen Robbin’s cousin) is at Brookwood in room 538.

Pat Kanaday (Doris Weaver’s sister) is at Brookwood in 511.

Jason Hice (Friend and co-worker of Brad Strange) has been diagnosed with Esophageal Cancer.

Jean McKeever (Sue Gilbert’s sister-in-law) is at Ridgeview Rehab in Jasper after she fell and broke several bones.

Kyle Wilkerson (Megan’s brother) is sick.



Those with Long Term Needs

Maude Bell, David Burford, Barbara Cobb, Rebecca Dawes, Buddy Dunn, Ray McGee, Sara Morgan, Jimmy Russell, Glenda Terry, Charles Webb, Martha Wiley, Ronnie Wiley, Ramona Yeilding, Jessica Ingle

Shut In

Gertrude Blackwell, Ruby Glidewell, 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**

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!

Elders’ Meeting

The elders will meet on Sunday, November 9, 2008 at 3:00 PM. **Butch Wallace** will chair the meeting.

Visitation Team Meeting

Visitation Team #2 which includes their Captain, **Barry & Christy Hyché** and members: **Tommy & Freeda Reid, Butch & Jill Wallace, Ronnie & Cindy Hayes, Robin & Seth Moore, Durant Hyché, Betty Pierce, Nelie Mitchell, Eddie & Robin Battles, Bob & Christine Battles, Brenda Madison, Janice Parsons, Randal & Belinda Chappell, William & Janice Goolsby, Sonny & Gaye Duke** will meet Sunday after the morning service. Visitors will be invited as an honored guest to share this meal with Team #2. This is a great opportunity to work in God’s Kingdom. Continue to make your plans to prepare food and enjoy this time of fellowship.

Mark Your Calendar/2008

Nov 6 -- Praise in Blackwell Park
Nov. 15 -- Middle School and High School Devo @ **Darin and Lisa Gilbert’s** home
Nov. 16 -- Adam’s House Devo
Nov. 20 -- Thanksgiving Dinner
Dec. 14 -- Holiday Fellowship Meal
Dec. 15 -- Prepare Fruit baskets
Dec. 16 -- Sing/Deliver baskets
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

Remember **Praise Blackwell Park Devo** on Thursday night, November 6, 2008. This is a great opportunity to enjoy fellowship while spreading God’s Word.

It’s a Girl!!!

Caylee Grace Elise Chappell was born Wednesday, October 29th. She weighs 4 lb 7oz and is 18 inches long. She is welcomed by her parents, **Randal and Belinda** and grandparents **William & Janice Goolsby** as well as their friends and Christian family.

