

OUR RECORD

ATTENDANCE: September 7, 2008
BIBLE CLASS: 187
WORSHIP AM: 233
WORSHIP PM: 184
CONTRIBUTION: \$9,394.05

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

Adamsville Church of Christ
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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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RUN FOR YOUR LIFE!

Doctors, health care practioners, athlete's etc all tell us that it is important to exercise. Run, work out at a gym, walk, 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 is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come" (1 Tim. 4:8).

The scripture doesn't teach us not to exercise but rather 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 be, "Wherefore my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath" (James 1:19).

TWO: 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" (Hebrews 3:15).

THREE: STACKING UP BILLS. Man over obligate 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: 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: 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

(article from *The Fountain of Life*, Lithia Springs Church of Christ bulletin, Volume IV, Issue 31, August 10, 2008)

Larry will be with us in our Gospel Meeting, October 12-15, 2008.

SUNDAY EVENING AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT CASUALTIES

Entering the auditorium and facing the congregation Sunday evening, my eyes were flooded with a sickening and saddening spectacle. That which only hours before had taken on the appearance of one great united and conquering army, now was an outfit greatly reduced in number and strength. What a change for the worse had overtaken this army in the space of a few short hours. Half of the regiment had gone over to the enemy, remained in their tents on a pass, or been slain in battle.

Wednesday night was even worse. To what did these mission troops fail victim?

I dare say some of them fell victim:

1. **To a divide loyalty and allegiance.** They simply had never made up their minds fully to give themselves completely, finally and irrevocably to God.
2. **To a preference for convenience above conviction.** Have you ever known or heard of a case where some Christian offered an apology or made excuses for attending all the services of the church? No, Christians make no apology for following a course they know that is right. Why then do some fail to follow the course charted by conviction? The cry of self-will give answer: "I just didn't want to. It didn't please me." How utterly contrary to the spirit of Christ is such an attitude. He pleased not himself" (Romans 15:3). He said, "not my will, but thine be done" (Luke 22:42). And again, "I do always those thing that please Him" (John 8:29).
3. **To loveless concern for the church.** Jesus loved the church and gave Himself for it (Ephesians 5:25). He was willing to suffer for it...bleed for it...die for it. But the missing recruit is unwilling to spare even so much as a few moments of his time to support the church with his presence.

Harry Gipson



On Sunday evening, as they passed the church building where they attended the morning service the little girl of "Christian parents" exclaimed, "Look daddy, someone left the lights on. We should stop and turn them off." In silence, the parents drove on. Later at home they decided they had better start attending the evening service not only to satisfy the curiosity of their little daughter, but their own consciences as well. If you passed the building on Sunday or Wednesday evening would your children wonder who left the lights on?

Don't Miss!

Remember in Prayer

Hospital

Robert Freano, father of **Linda Blackwell** is in the hospital in Selma and doing a little better.

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



Those with Long Term Needs

Maude Bell, David Burford, Jean Cicero, Ray McGee, 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

Commendations to **Barry Hyche** for his decision to request prayers of the church on Wednesday night. Barry is an encouragement to all. Continue to remember him in prayer.

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!

Jimmy & Betty Melcher as they move to Tennessee.

Ronnie Hayes and the Lincoln church of Christ as he travels to speak for them in their Gospel Meeting. May much good for the Kingdom be accomplished!!

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. 25 - Middle School and High School Devo @ Jamie and Kim Gilbert's home
- Oct. 12-15 - Gospel Meeting, Speaker: **Larry Acuff**
- Oct. 18 -- Family Fun Day @ Tannehill State Park
- 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 -- Ladies' Retreat
- Feb. 15-17 -- Singing School, Director: **Burt Jones**
- June 7-10 -- Gospel Meeting: **Ken Tyler**
- Oct. 11-14 -- Gospel Meeting: **Curtis A. Cates**

IT'S A GIRL!



Congratulations to **Chad and Teale Yeilding** on the birth of their baby girl, **Harper Faith**, born September 9, 2008 at 7 lbs and 5 oz and 19 and 1/2 inches long. All are doing well.

It is with great sadness that we will be leaving the Adamsville church to move to Hendersonville, TN. Sunday will be our last day here. You have been our family for over 30 years and we will miss you all.



Jimmy & Betty Melcher Our new address is: 130 Camino Circle Hendersonville, TN 37075

Appreciation Meal

We will have an **Appreciation Meal** on Sunday after the morning service for **Jimmy & Betty Melcher** prior to their leaving to their new home in Tennessee. Please bring enough food for your family and at least 1 visitor.

Team 2 will be unable to meet Sunday morning but **Barry Hyche** will have your worksheets available on Sunday night.

Elder's / Deacons Meeting

Attention: **Elders, Deacons, Ministers Sunday, September 14, 2008**

At 2:00 PM the elders and ministers will meet in the elder's office. At 3:30 PM the elders, ministers, and deacons will meet in the large classroom at the rear of the auditorium to discuss the 2008/2009 budget. Thank you for attending. **Paul McCaleb** will be the chairman of these meetings.