

“None of Us Put Off Our Clothes”

(Neh. 4:23)

Nehemiah, the servant of the Lord, wrote, “So neither I, nor my brethren, nor my servants, nor the men of the guard which followed me, none of us put off our clothes, saving that every one put them off for washing” (Neh. 4:23). Nehemiah returned to the city of Jerusalem from Babylonian captivity to rebuild the walls of the city of Jerusalem. Enemies arose who desired to fight against Jerusalem and hinder its reconstruction (Neh. 4:7-8). Nehemiah and those helping to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem learned of the plot against them and made preparation to defend the city (Neh. 4:13-14). Preparation was made so that those building the city would always be ready to defend the city against attack. Each one who was working to build the wall of the city built with one hand and held a weapon with the other hand (Neh. 4:17). These, under the leadership of Nehemiah, never put off their clothes so that they might always be ready to defend the city!

Have We Put Off Our Armor?

In Ephesians 6:10-17, the apostle Paul instructed Christians to “put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.” As Christians, we are in the midst of a spiritual battle, a battle between good and evil. The devil is fighting to destroy us through his various avenues of temptation. The only way that we can have the strength and ability to overcome the attacks of the wicked one is to put on the whole armor of God provided through a study of His word! The word of God is that with which we are to arm ourselves to fight against the enemy. The Psalmist wrote, “Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee” (Psa. 119:11). Are we arming ourselves through a daily study of the Holy Scriptures, or have we put off our armor no longer ready to fight the battle ahead?

Have We Put Off Our Wedding Garment?

The parable of the wedding feast recorded in Matthew 22 ends with the following, “And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: and he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen” (Matt. 22:11-14). The general consensus is that it was a custom of the time for the host to provide his guests with garments for the occasion, likely a long white robe. Here is an individual taken from the highways (Matt. 22:9-10) and invited to a feast where the wedding garment was supplied, but he refused to wear the necessary garment and was removed from the feast. The proper attire was essential to enjoy the feast prepared by this king. Through baptism (Rom. 6:3, 4; John 19:34) the blood of Christ is contacted, and our sins are washed away (Rev. 1:5). When we are baptized into Christ, our garments are washed white as snow making us ready to meet our King! However, we must continue to walk faithfully in the light (1 John 1:7; Rev. 2:10) in order to maintain our spotless garments. Diligent effort must be given to make sure we are always prepared to meet our King when He comes to take home the faithful. Are we keeping our garments white as snow, or have we put off our wedding garment to enjoy the pleasures of this world?

May we constantly work to be prepared for the fight ahead and for the coming of the King! “Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh” (Matt. 24:44). May we like Nehemiah be able to say, “None of us put off our clothes.”

Chance

Remember in Prayer

Members:

Cody Higdon is at UAB in room 9308 following an automobile accident.

Other Request for Prayer:

Karen Ann Barton (Helen Robbin's niece)

Jeanne Evans had tests on Monday.

Cathy Hayes (friend of Carla Tavel)

Gerald Robertson (Faye Brown's cousin) is in ICU at a hospital in North Carolina.

Rebecca Dawes (Mary Sanford's daughter)

Shut In

Maude Bell, Theola Brown, Ethel Gilbert,

Ruby Glidewell, Ruth Parsons, Annette

Roddy, Bernice Snow, Sam Swiney

Remember Our Troops

Please remember the following who are currently serving for our country: **Josh Baker, Kevin Black, Mark Davis, Adam Hudson, Leslie Jackson, and Chris Pridmore.**

Pantry Items Needed

Cereal and Sugar

Tuesday Morning Class

Our Tuesday morning class meets each Tuesday @ 10:00 AM. If you are not a member of this class, it is not too late. This is a great in-depth study of God's Word.

Franklin Camp Scholarship Fund

In Memory of **Glenn Terry**
by

Adamsville church of Christ
Billy & Betty Cash
Fred & Carol Chambers
Eulan & Robbie McCaleb

In Memory of **Jeffrey Cash**
by
Billy & Betty Cash

Mark Your Calendar

Oct. 17 -- Family Fun Day @ Tannehill

Dec. 31 -- New Year's Eve Singing

Remember the **Praise in Blackwell Park Devo** on Thursday night, October 1, 2009. We will serve hotdogs and hamburgers. This is a great opportunity to enjoy fellowship while spreading God's Word.

Youth Notes

Junior/Senior High Devo--September 26, 2009 @ the home of **Ronnie & Cindy Hayes**

Monday Night Meditation will meet each Monday at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

The next **Bible Bowl Test** will be given on Sunday.

Visitation Team Meeting

Visitation Team #4 will meet on Sunday. Team #4 includes: Eulan & Robbie McCaleb, Paul & Alberta McCaleb, Roland & Glenda Crawford, Lewis & Mary Mobley, Randal & Belinda Chappell, William & Janice Goolsby, Ronnie & Cindy Hayes, Nancy Ingram, Roger Johnson, Janice Key, Alan & Michelle McCaleb, Hunter McCaleb, Sarah McCaleb, Brenda Madison, Butch & Donna Myers, Janice Parsons, Glenda Terry, and Finley Tuggle

You're Invited

The family of **Kelly & Helen Robbins** invites you to come and celebrate with them their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, September 26, 2009 in the Fellowship Hall from 4:00 - 6:00 PM. No gifts please.

You are cordially invited to attend a Miscellaneous Bridal Tea for **Caitlyn Gann** Bride-elect of **Hunter McCaleb** on Sunday, October 4, 2009 from 2 till 4 in the Fellowship Hall. Registered at: Bed, bath & Beyond, Walmart and Belk

OUR RECORD

ATTENDANCE:	September 20, 2009
BIBLE CLASS:	182
WORSHIP AM:	205
WORSHIP PM	176
CONTRIBUTION:	\$7,773.18

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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
EVANGELISTS:		
	Cell	Home
Ronnie Hayes	566-2171	648-4034
Minister		
Chance Hicks	205-471-9422	
Associate/Youth Minister		
	(AREA CODE 205)	
Office		674-5659
Fax		674-5678
Line Up Line		674-4530
Emergency during service call		674-5654
E-Mail:	acofc@bellsouth.net	
Website:	www.acoc.org	
SECRETARIES:		
		Home
Janice Key		674-1619
Tracie Sanford		648-1690
Ann Kilgore		647-0953
ELDERS:		
	Cell	Home
Cecil Gilbert	516-4181	648-5471
Don Griffin	529-5546	674-1312
Leon Jackson	602-3465	674-7817
Eulan McCaleb	915-8673	798-1727
Paul McCaleb	915-8356	791-1757
Tommy Reid		798-2567
Ray Skelton	903-8483	674-5332
Gary Weaver	542-5617	674-9213
DEACONS:		
Bob Battles	960-4083	674-0011
Ray Bearden	601-2491	491-5245
Roland Crawford	288-5116	648-8301
Barry Hyche	568-6356	647-3629
Lewis Mobley	253-5070	798-0694
Jimmy Rivers	903-6476	491-0605
Nick Rouse	910-1903	648-0629
Shane Sanford	337-6266	648-4022
Shawn Sanford	441-0498	648-1690

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Fall Gospel Meeting

October 11-14, 2009 with Curtis Cates

Please come to our Fall Gospel Meeting to hear the word of God proclaimed! Curtis Cates, Director Emeritus of Memphis School of Preaching will be our guest speaker for the week.

Times: Sunday, 9:30 AM, 10:30 AM and 7:30 PM
 Monday—Wednesday 10:30 AM & 7:00 PM
 Please come and bring a friend.

Day Services Monday thru Wednesday 10:30 till 11:00 AM. Monday thru Wednesday the Fellowship meal will be at 5:45 each evening prior to worship @ 7:00 PM. Visitation Team #1 will host the meal on Sunday after AM services. Visitation Team #2 will host Monday, Visitation Team #3 on Tuesday, and Visitation Team #4 on Wednesday. If you currently are not a member of a team, you will be welcomed to bring a meal and come to any meal.

Pray, Invite & See You Here!