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I am sure that as we think back to our younger years, most of us will remember playing a game called "Simon Says". While playing this game, Simon had total authority, and everyone had to obey exactly what Simon commanded if they wanted to win the game. If Simon gave the command to jump, one would have to do exactly that - nothing more, nothing less. If Simon would give the command to jump and one would jump and clap his hands, he would be disqualified. All who played the game understood that.

What is so disturbing is the fact that as children we respected the authority of Simon more than we, as adults respect the authority of God Almighty. The following are a few of many such instances:

1. God gave the command to sing (*Col. 3:16; Eph. 5:19*). Man has disregarded God's authority and has taken it upon himself to sing and play a musical instrument. What would we do if Simon gave the command to sing? Would we dare add anything to his command?
2. God gave the command to partake of the bread and the fruit of the vine to commemorate the Lord's death (*Luke 22:17-19*). Again, man has disregarded the authority of God's Command. Some in the religious world partake of the bread, but not the fruit of the vine. If Simon had commanded us to partake of these two items, would not we dare leave one off?
3. God gave the command to believe and be baptized (*Mark 16: 15-16*). Man has also disregarded the authority of this command of God. Many feel that baptism is not essential, but rather optional. If Simon gave the command to believe and be baptized, would we not do just exactly that.

It is heartbreaking to look about the religious world and see all the division that exists, because man has not respected the authority of God's word. The apostle Paul said that we need to "endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (*Eph. 4:3*). Although we must strive for unity with all our might, we must not attain unity at the expense of truth. In fact the only unity of which Christ approves is unity which is based upon truth (*2 John 9-11*).

We need men and women that will dedicate themselves to New Testament Christianity, to speak where the Bible speaks and be silent where the Bible is silent. To accomplish this, we must lay aside all denominational names, creeds, and catechisms, and depend solely upon the authority of the Bible.

The challenge to return to the Bible and use it as our only all-sufficient guide lies before many today (*2 Tim. 3:16-17*). Each and every one of us needs to question all of our religious practices, determining whether or not God has authorized them.

by Steve Higginbotham

A Word From Wink -

The Echo

One day an angry little boy ran around his village shouting, "I hate you! I hate you!" No one knew quite how to respond to him. Eventually the little boy ran to the edge of a steep cliff and shouted into the valley, "I hate you! I hate you!" Back from the valley came an echo: "I hate you! I hate you!" Startled at this, the boy ran home. With tears in his eyes, he told his mother that there was a mean little boy in the valley who shouted at him, "I hate you! I hate you!" His mother took the boy back to the cliff and told him to shout, "I love you! I love you!" When he did, back came the reply: "I love you! I love you!" From that day on, the little boy wasn't angry anymore.

"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously"
2 Corinthians 9:6

What we do and say will can back to us like an echo. If we want to be treated with respect, we must learn to be respectful. If we want to have friends, we must learn to be friendly. No one owes you anything.

Upcoming Events:

January

31 Youth Rallies: Girls to Greymere & Boys to Concord Rd.

February

7 Bible Bowl Practice
8 Bible Bowl at Mt. Leo
9 Monday Night Live
13 Sweethearts' Banquet
22 Devotional
23 Monday Night Live

March

8 Monday Night Live
13 Bible Bowl Practice
14 Bible Bowl

Hope to see you there!

Around Central

Dismissed-

Tim Fariss, Cornelia Powell & Doreen Gonder

River Park-

Austin Boyd & "Doc" Bragg

Woodbury-

Virgil Tenpenny, father of Maxine Bates

Texas-

Elizabeth Ann Rhea, daughter-in-law of Frances Rhea.

Sympathy-

... to the family of Ms Mary Elizabeth Ewton. Services were Wednesday.

In Our Prayers

Our troops over seas, Billy Woodlee, Kay Elliot, Paul Matheny, Lindsey Hillis, Jeff Wilson, Lou Warren, Clarence & Roy Mai Warren, Elizabeth Roberts, Ted Smith, Laverne Bouldin, Quim & Irene Bryant, Thad Reese.

Annex Update

The walls are sheet-rocked, the plumbing is almost done and the wiring works. What great things we will be able to accomplish in the name of our Lord in that building.

Audio/Visual Room

If you need materials such as copies run, items laminated, glue, crayons or memory verses for your Bible class, please check with the ladies in the AV room. This is the 3rd time in 6 months that the laminator has had to be repaired, and these ladies work hard to keep this room organized.

Kitchen Closet

Kay Ramsey, Virginia Hammer Percy Phifer, Jimmy & Melba Griffith, Reba Prater and many others have been cleaning closets and re-shelving. If you have stored anything in a closet that is personal, and you don't want it to be thrown away, please check in the fellowship hall. We don't want to destroy something on accident.

Directory Updates

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Mark Your Calendars

Sunday Jan 25

- An Audio System training meeting will be at 4:30 up in the crow's nest of the auditorium. This is for all men who might ever want to help with the sound system. There is new equipment to be learned.
- Youth Committee meets at 3:00.
- Visitation Team 4 meets after pm service
- CYG has a devo at the Jimmy Walker home after services.

Monday Jan 26

- Monday Night Live for CYG at The Winkler's home

Tuesday Jan 27

- Ladies Bible Class meets at 10 am.
- Elders & Deacons meet at 7 pm.
- VBS Committee meets.

Wednesday Jan. 28

- Potluck at 6 pm in fellowship hall. Drinks & clean up by Vance family.

Sunday Feb. 1

- Visitation Team 1 meets
- Ladies Day Committee meeting at 4:30 for all ladies who would like to help with this years project.

Tuesday Feb 3

- Ladies Bible Class meets at 10 am.
- Elders meet at 7 pm.

Thursday Feb. 5

- Quilters meet at 8:30 am.

Saturday Feb. 7

- Bible Bowl study at the T. Young's home.

Sunday Feb. 8

- All visitation teams meet in the fellowship hall to pack Valentine bags for our shut-ins after pm services.



Tuesday Feb 10

- Ladies Bible Class meets at 10 am.
- Elders and Preachers meet at 7 pm

Wednesday Feb. 11

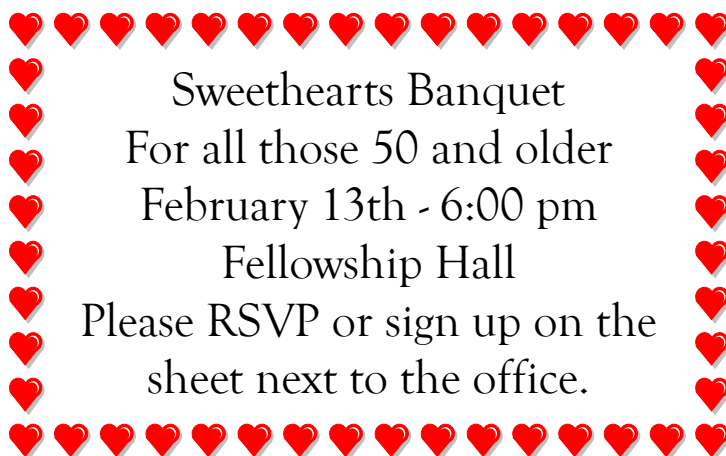
- Potluck at 6 pm -drinks and clean up by Hardcastle & Brock families.

Friday Feb. 13

- Sweethearts Banquet

Sunday Feb 15

- Building & Grounds meets at 5 pm
- Visitation Team 3 meets after pm services



Sweethearts Banquet

For all those 50 and older
February 13th - 6:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Please RSVP or sign up on the
sheet next to the office.

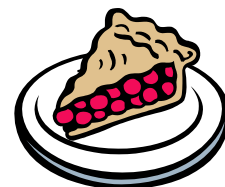


5th Sunday

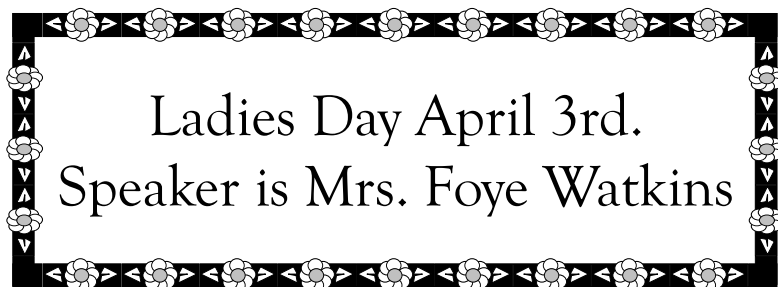
Luncheon

Feb. 29, 2004

Leap Day!



**Spring Gospel meeting with
Mack Lyon
on March 26, 27, and 28th.
Put it on your Calendar!**



Ladies Day April 3rd.
Speaker is Mrs. Foye Watkins

Wednesday Night Potluck

Jan. 28 at 6 pm.

Everyone welcome!!!

Bring enough for your family. We
love home cookin' or fast-food.
What better way to eat dinner but
with your Christian friends.



All families that have not had their picture in the
"Meet The Members" column,
please meet in the pretty room after
AM services on the 1st of Feb. We
need to get your family picture and
info.



PRIVILEGED TO SERVE January 25, 2003

If unable to serve, please call, **Phillip Clemons 473-4787 or Bill Turner 635-2645**

All men, including substitutes, please come to the library no later than 10:20 a.m.

Program Directors for February 8 & 15 are John Tubb and Joey Grandey.

<p>Sunday - 10:30 A.M.</p> <p>Invocation Nestor Stewart Song Leader Jeff McKinley Prayer Mark Haley Scripture Kelvin Douglas</p> <p>Lord's Supper</p> <p>Preside Tim Fariss Assisting Thomas Reed Allen Elrod Wesley Sain Ken Smith MaCrae Thomsen Tom Wood Adam Wood Steve Swan Rudie Thomsen John Tubb John Ryan Tubb Bill Turner Jeff Vance Eric Walker Cody Walker Guest Speaker Joe Grey Benediction Dale Randolph Doors Darrell Cantrell, Landon Cantrell Ushers Ken Campbell, Jack Newby Lord's Supper Montia Boyd Hospital Bill Zechman Lord's Supper Brad Bratcher Homes Steve McGregor Substitutes Jimmy Walker Charlie Williams, Wilburn West</p> <p>Pick - up Attendance Cards Kade Redmon Jensen Williamson Alexander Walker Cameron Shelton</p>	<p>Nursery</p> <p>Bible School Rhonda Stover Gennean Black A.M. Worship Brittany Brewer Rosene Bogle</p> <p>Greet</p> <p>Marion Pistole RF Scott Walker RR Jay Wood LF William Ramsey LR</p> <p>January Men to Count <u>Please meet in library following services.</u> If you cannot serve please call:</p> <p>Landon Cantrell 668-4646 Bill Turner 635-2645 Jim Hillis Montia Boyd David Hale Darryl Cantrell JR Tubb John Tubb Heath Simpson</p> <p>Bus Drivers David Godwin - 506-5222 Thomas Reed - 473-7072</p> <p>Sound/PA ..Steve McGregor & Steve Stubblefield</p> <p>Baptism Garment Cleaning Gwen Hildreth</p> <p>Prepare Trays William Ramsey</p> <p>Communion Bread Beth Gribble</p>	<p>Sunday Evening - 6:00 P.M.</p> <p>Invocation Erik Stewart Announce David Hale Song Leader Tyson Brock Prayer Kenny Pryor Romans 5: 3-10 Jeff Basham "Never Say Never" Matthew Winkler Benediction John Douglass Communion Tim Fariss Usher Brown Hardcastle, Ken Campbell Nursery Nicole Crouch</p> <p>Bible Hour Teachers - January</p> <p>Cradle Roll Lindsey Hillis 2&3's A. McGregor & B. Foster Pre-K B. & S. Centracchio Kindergarten J. Mayfield & C. Phifer 1st & 2nd A. Brock & S. Douglass 3rd K. & S. Prater 4th Kelle Dyer</p> <p>Wednesday - Jan 14, 2004 - 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Invocation Sid Stanton Song Leader Matthew Winkler Scripture Joe Braxton Speaker Bob Centracchio Benediction Tim Fariss Nursery Sally Centracchio</p>
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Scripture Studies
 Mon - Fri...8:45am960 WBMC
 Sunday - 9:30 am 91.3 WCPI
 Christian Radio.... 102.5 FM WSOJ

In Search of the Lords Way
With Mac Lyon

Sunday 7:30 a.m. Ch 2

Preaching the Gospel
With James Watkins

Sunday 7:30 a.m. Fox 17
 7:30 a.m. Ch. 3
 James McGregor Missionary
 Maninplaid@hotmail.com

WEEKLY SERVICES

Sun - Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Evening 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

January 18, 2004

Wednesday 240
 Bible Study 283
 AM Worship 509
 PM Worship 251
 Contribution \$ 6,694.53
 Budget \$ 8,056.92

January

Birthdays

26 Landon Walker
 27 Dorothy Bragg
 29 Gwen Brown
 Lucille Rains
 30 Charles Bogle
 31 Marie Anderson
 Cleoda Willmore

Anniversaries

27 John & Shirley Douglass

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