

LAST WEEK'S RECORD

Sunday AM.....160
Sunday PM.....114
Sunday Bible Classes.....118
Wednesday Night.....118.
Contribution.....4715

FAITH FOR TODAY

Monday-Returning To The Scene of The Crime
Tuesday-Doing Our Best For The Boss
Wednesday-She Didn't "Like His Status"
Thursday-The Leaning Tower of London?
Friday-I Was Who I Said I Was

SERMONS

AM — "Senseless Bloodshed" (1 Peter 1:13-21)
PM — James # 10: "Faith Without Works" (James 2:14-26)

MISSIONS

East Tennessee School of Preaching	Jeremy Gillentine
Forkland, AL Church	Murk Thomas
Gray, GA Church	Glen Schliebner
Guyana	Jerry Davidson, Wayne Pruette, Dharmendra Ramgobin
Honduras	Phil Waldron
Hurley Church, Hurley, MS	Steven Lucas
India	Ron Clayton
Indonesia	Colin McKee
Jackson Chapel Church, Leesville, LA	Travis Murray
Philippines	Tomas Lizardo
Philippines & Others	Demar Elam
Romania	Harvey Starling
Tanzania	Brett & Christie Harrison

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27, 2011

Song Leader- AM - Donald Knox-PM — Jody Dillard
Opening Prayer -AM -Clay Thomasson-PM- Wes Thomasson
Closing Prayer — AM — Lester Thomasson — PM— Cecil Green
Scripture Reading — AM — Richard Moore — PM — Clay Thomasson
Lord's Table AM Lord's Table PM
Esker Thomasson Roy Wilson Donald Knox
B.J. McClain Kyle Thomasson Lester Thomasson
Jed Blackwell Wes Thomasson
Donnell Grantham Bill Gilder
Nursery —AM— Sharon Dye-Hazel McClain PM — Susan Rigdon-Lauren Green
Greeters-John & Astrid Evers—Andy Wiggins—Alan Lindsey
Ushers — Greg Bush-Ronnie Dixon

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SERVICES

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
Pew Packers 5:00 PM
Worship 5:00 PM
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 PM

FAITH FOR TODAY

Monday-Friday 11:50 AM
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ENCOURAGING WORDS

Refocus: What should be the nature of our relationship as members of the Lord's church? Are we not the family of God? Are we not privileged to be called God's children? (Romans 8:15-17)? Are we not to love each other as brothers and sisters (1 Peter 3:8)? Yet in our busy, hectic lives with so many commitments, relationships, and obligations, far too often we end with a relationship of mere acquaintance with our brethren. It is the Lord's will that we have a relationship with each other that is so close that the best terms used to describe it are family terms: "brother" and "sister." To achieve this type of close relationship requires a change of focus. We must look at the church as our family—not just people that we see one or twice a week. We must put emphasis on time we spend together—not just give the leftovers. In our series on changing our focus, perhaps no area in our lives needs a greater refocus than our relationship with our brethren.

Thanksgiving: Did you have a Happy Thanksgiving? I hope that you were able to spend it with family and friends enjoying a wonderful feast of the bountiful material blessings with which we have been blessed. Being thankful is a Biblical principle (Philippians 4:6), and the celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday is one of the few ways that our culture and society actually seems to get it right these days. Of course, our presence here today is yet another reason to be Thankful. Is it not a glorious blessing that we are able to assemble here as the Lord's church on this good day? Is it not a privilege that we may express our gratitude to the Lord in the form of worship and praise? For that reason, and so many others, every Lord's Day is the true Thanksgiving Day.

Today's Scripture: "Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tender-hearted, be courteous;" (1 Peter 3:18 NKJV).

YAGOTTAWANNA!

Surely there are few things which serve to hinder our real involvement in Christian activities so much as simply the lack of desire. Basically, we do not want to do more that we are already doing. Oh, we think and talk about doing more, but the motivation is not really there. So, we fill our lives with other things instead of spiritual involvement.

This often affects our attending church services. Why is it that not everyone comes back on Sunday night? Why is it that Wednesday night is not a special time in the life of every Christian? Naturally, there is a world of excuses. We even convince ourselves that they are reasons. Our world is not safe. We have lots of aches and pains. But, the bottom line is that we do not attend because we do not want to attend.

It affects our giving. We talk a good story. We do not want materialism to dominate our lives. We want to be considered as liberal givers. Yet, nothing determines the level of our giving so much as desire. Those who really want to, find a way to make it happen.

How powerfully this dominates our soul-winning. How often the problem actually is, we just do not want to! We naturally would like to reap the benefits, but only if it doesn't require effort.

What about involvement? Why aren't we doing more for Jesus? Why do we have to be pushed and pulled into everything we do in the church? Don't we know that it is God's will for us to be active? But do we want to?

Without desire, every job is drudgery. You are fighting yourself more than the job that needs to be done. It takes away all the potential joy. Everything becomes obligation. But, with desire, everything is different. You will find a delight that you did not know you were missing.

Desire is created. It is stimulated by activity. It is enhanced by prayer. So, if your life is to change first, **YAGOTTAWANNA**. Then, trust God to help make your desires realities.

-Mike Jones

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

It had been one of my usual busy days-house work, cleaning, and caring for the children, jobs that I would repeat the next day and the next.

But it has been an exciting day for my five year old son. A group of youngsters from our church had been taken to visit some shut-ins. Johnny came home bubbling with talk of the trip and the sick ladies he'd met.

I put Johnny to bed a little earlier that evening, and as is our bedtime custom, I listened to his prayers. This night his prayer was different.

"And please God," he added, "help those ladies get well so they can cook and wash dishes like Mommy."

I stood in the darkened room, looking down at Johnny's sleepy head on the pillow. It was a moment of quiet revelation. The very best that my son could hope for someone else was a life like mine. Suddenly, the mornings dirty dishes and unmade beds became a blessing.

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NEWS AND NOTES

SICK: Dot Simpler is now at home after being in Jackson Hospital this past week. Rebecca Davis is in Baptist Hospital in Pensacola after falling this past week. We have been asked to add Judy Dickerson, who has been diagnosed with several different types of cancer, to our prayer list. Billy Stokes has not been doing good lately.

BRIDAL SHOWER for Jessica Bryant will be this afternoon from 2-3:30 PM in the annex.

THANK YOU from Clifford & Susan Sowell for all that was done for them during Clifford's surgery and recovery.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS will meet on Monday night, December 5 at the home of Linda Kyle. Each lady is asked to bring a dish of food and a Christmas ornament.

TEENAGE GET-TOGETHER Saturday December 3 at Thagard and Linda Colvin's lake house for all teenagers and their parents.

FRUIT BASKETS: All the youth will meet on Saturday morning, December 10 at 9 AM to prepare fruit baskets.

AREA WIDE YOUTH DEVOTIONAL will be Sunday afternoon, December 11 at the Elba congregation.

NOVEMBER PANTRY ITEMS: toilet articles

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Fred & Dot Simpler	Lillian Vaughn	Corbin Wiggins
Bill & Doris Hicks	Rebecca Bass	Chad Tillman (deployed)
Billy Stokes	Aaron Adams	Tinker Watson
George Stokes	Cooper Sasser	Linda Badgely
Mildred Stokes	Conrad Adair	Elsie Sparks
Gloria Bearden	Harriet Scofield	Curtis Powell
Sherwin Stacey	Shaun Morgan	Ronnie Russell
Farris Huggins	Tommy Owens	Bobbie Holder
Conrad Adair	Nathan Hood	Julie Bryan
Eunivae Bozeman	William Longmire	Dennis Oliver
Clara Bass	Skyler McCool	Gene Lindsey
Sharon Spencer	Faye Stokes	Bill & Dot Huggins
	Johnny Powell	Benny Dunn