

LAST WEEK'S RECORD

Sunday AM.....189
Sunday PM.....115
Sunday Bible Classes.....129
Wednesday Night.....105
Contribution.....5368

FAITH FOR TODAY

Monday—Dominoes That Will Never Fall
Tuesday—I Was Who I Said I Was
Wednesday—The Power of Covetousness
Thursday—"It Doesn't Matter To Him Now!"
Friday—Temper Temper

SERMONS

AM — "The End is Near" (1st Peter 4:7-11)
PM — James # 7: "True Religion" (James 1:26-27)

SICK: Lillian Vaughn, sister of Jeff Fuqua and Elma Barron has been moved to rehab following her fall in which she suffered several injuries. Gloria Bearden will be having a PET scan on Tuesday. Mildred Stokes underwent some test this past week, should have results on Monday. Elaine Boggess, mother of Eddie has been in the hospital this past week, she is now at home recovering from pneumonia. Pat Grissett, Cliff Sowell, Wayne Knox (brother of Donald Knox and Glinda Simmons) all recovering from surgery at home. Continue to remember all of these and also Billy Stokes, Clara Bass, Bill & Doris Hicks, Farris Huggins, Sherwin Stacey, Eunivae Bozeman and others who have asked an interest in our prayers.

THANK YOU from the Farris Huggins Family for the love, and many acts of kindness shown to Linda during her illness, and for the flowers and kindness shown to the family during her death.

TIME CHANGE : Daylight savings time will end next Sunday. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night.

AREA WIDE YOUTH DEVOTIONAL will be Sunday evening, November 13 at the Opp congregation at 4 PM.

MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP has been moved to the third Sunday night due to the Area Wide youth devotionals, which now are on the second Sunday night.

CONGRATULATIONS to Wes and Abby Thomasson on the birth of their son, Porter Wesley, born on Friday, October 28 weighting 8lbs 5 ounces, 21 1/2 inches long. Kylie Thomasson is the proud big sister. Kyle and Carole Thomasson are the proud grandparents

LADIES BIBLE CLASS will meet Monday night, November 7 in the annex.

TEACHERS MEETING: The teachers meeting has been cancelled for today.

SINGING: We will be singing on Wednesday night.

PANTRY ITEMS: canned fruit and jelly

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ENCOURAGING WORDS

Refocus: Next on the list for our "Refocus" series is another area of family life that is greatly neglected in our society—the raising of children. Certainly, people do not neglect to *have* children. People are out there having children all the time. There are some who have children, but do not meet their physical needs, either due to extreme poverty, their own selfishness, or some of both. However, most of us are and more than willing to give our children the things they need physically. It is in other areas that we may unintentionally neglect our children. We may give them everything they need physically and most of what they want, but are we giving them the things they need emotionally or even more important, spiritually? Our children need us. They need our time, energy, affection, and focus. They need a listening ear, a good example, a sympathetic heart, and a firm hand of discipline. They also need teaching, discipline, and example that are focused toward their spiritual needs. That is what Paul was stressing in Ephesians 6:4: "bring them up in the training and admonition **of the Lord.**" It is what Eunice and Lois did for Timothy (2 Timothy 1:5). Would our children not be better served if we refocused our time and energy from *exceeding* physical needs to *meeting* the greater emotional and spiritual needs of our children?
"Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6 NKJV)
Fun Fall Festival: Yesterday my family and I experienced our first **Cedar Grove Fall Festival**, and let me say that it was a wonderful experience. It is good to see so much excitement and involvement directed toward the children of the congregation. Certainly Jesus put emphasis on children, and it is good to see that we are following His example. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make this year's festival a success, and special thanks to **Jed Blackwell** for heading it up.

ELDERS

Thagard Colvin
Charles Thomasson
Curtis Thomasson
Esker Thomasson

DEACONS

Greg Bryant
Ronnie Dixon
Donald Knox
Rick Kyle
Monty Russell
Kyle Thomasson

MINISTER

Eddie Boggess 222-3390

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
WAAO 103.7 FM

“I WILL VISIT MY ABSENTEES”

A Bible school director has been urging the teachers as to the importance of visiting absentees. Whereupon, one of them came to him and said, “I have resolved to do as you request. I am going to visit every student who misses class.” Later he reported to the director: “I’m so glad you urged me to visit, for when I called to see little Robert who had been absent for three Lord’s days, I found him near death. He had been sent to Bible school, as usual, but had instead gone swimming with some other boys. Having entered the water when overheated by exercise and staying too long in it, he was seized with cramps and was rescued with difficulty. He has been in a state of high fever and delirium.

“He was asleep when I entered, but the mother’s sobs, as she told me the cause of the sickness, awoke him from his feverish slumbers. He immediately recognized his teacher and with joy beaming in his face he asked me how I was and why I had not been to see him before. It would be difficult for me to express the emotion of my heart at that moment. I was not to blame for his having gone into the water or for his illness, but I knew and felt I was censurable to the highest degree for not having gone to inquire into the cause of his absence on the afternoon of its first occurrence.”

The director asked, “What reply did you make?” “I told the dear boy that I was not aware that he was sick. He looked into my face and with tears in his eyes said, “But teacher, I always thought you loved me. How could you let me be away three whole weeks and never ask where I was?” **TEACHERS, COULD THIS BE YOU?** Do you have a “Robert” in your class, whether old or young?

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Sunday, October 30

Song Leader - Donald Knox - PM - Greg Bryant

Opening Prayer— AM -Curtis Thomasson - PM—Russell Rigdon

Closing Prayer –Clay Thomasson PM -James Rabren

Scripture Reading –AM - Charles Grantham - PM - Rick Kyle

Lord’s Table - AM-Charles Grantham, Greg Bush, Jody Dillard, Larry Harrison, Curtis Thomasson, Clay Thomasson, Jon Harrison, Alan Lindsey

PM-Lester Thomasson, Trey Lindsey

Greeters-Kyle & Carole Thomasson-Bill & Beverley Gilder

Ushers-Harry Smith & Charles Thomasson

Nursery-AM-Sharon Dye & Hazel McClain - PM-Susan Rigdon & Lauren Green

WILL YOUR CHILDREN GO TO HEAVEN?

One of the greatest concerns of the Lord’s church today is the loss of its young people. And rightly so! Often we see the young excited about Bible class and worship only to lose the excitement and love as they arrive at the teen years. To see any person grow old and indifferent is truly saddening.

Often we wonder what is happening. We are in a time of more youth rallies, more youth programs are planned than ever before; many congregations have full-time youth ministers and still so many of our young fall away. Where is the root of the problem?

In the past several years studies have been completed that show the root of the problem has nothing to do whatsoever with special teachers and special programming with the youth in mind. The single most important value is their immediate family!

One study revealed that where both father and mother were faithful to the Lord, 93% of the youth remained faithful. If however, only one parent was faithful, the figure dropped to 73%. The same study revealed that where parents were only reasonably active in the church’s program of work, only 53% of the young people in the family remained faithful.

But the real hurt comes in the next truth gleaned. Where both parents were infrequent attenders of the church services, only 6% of the children remained faithful; to the Lord.

So, what’s the answer? It seems obvious to a point. Parents, the blame rests upon your shoulders to lead them to heaven by your continued attendance. That’s simple enough and often that is the only answer explored. But, so often in our human frailty we, as parents slip sway and we need someone to be concerned about us (and our children). Every congregation should be interested in a program of conservation. That is, conserving those who are faithful members and restoring those who are not! Often we turn our heads and ignore the unfaithful parent and make little or no effort to restore the parents. The children then fall into the 6% group.

We need to interest ourselves in the spiritual welfare of both parent and child! We need to practice some preventative measures. It is not enough to ignore prospective problems and then excuse them when they occur. Careful and thoughtful planning of involvement of the parents will certainly decrease unfaithfulness. And when we have decreased unfaithfulness, we will lessen our problem of youth defection.

Do you want your child to go to heaven? The question answers itself. But, we need to realize our need for leadership. We must show them how to walk. To help the parents in that great endeavor, we must as a congregation, plan efforts of involvement to keep parents faithful. Neither of us dare turn our backs on our responsibility. Our children and their souls depend upon us. Williams H. Nelson