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A Place to Belong....A Place to Become....A Place to Call Home....

Thoughts on Preaching

While on vacation, I had some thoughts about the ministry of preaching I wanted to share with you.

To be a preacher is a privilege. Paul said, “*And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry; 13 Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. 14 And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. 15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.*” 1 Tim 1:12-15 (KJV) Paul was a preacher who shared his heart. He was passionate about the gospel. Why? Because he knew how much God had blessed him with Grace, that he might not only know the Gospel, but was able to share it with others.

To preach is a blessing. I have often wondered what it would be like to be able to support myself as a preacher. While every job has frustration, I wake up every day knowing how blessed I am to be able to do what I want to do. Paul said to the Philippians who supported him. *I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, 4 always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. 6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. 7 It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.* Phil 1:3-7 (ESV)

Preaching is a duty. It is the duty of every Christian to proclaim the gospel, either publicly or privately. While we do this collectively as a church, no one can take the place of you doing your part. This ministry is the debt of our gracious salvation by Jesus Christ. (Romans 1:14)

But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. Acts 20:24 (ESV) But just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. 1 Thess 2:4 (ESV)

Joe Palmer

Mark your Calendar for September 29th through October 8th for our Fall Campaign.



May 16, 2010

TODAY at the building!!

Parent Youth Committee Meeting (Grades 6-12) After A.M. Service

...Looking Ahead...

- May 17: Combined Devo (6:30-8:30 pm)
- May 20: After School Bible Study
- May 23: Six Flags \$22 (payment schedule)
- May 24: Memorial Day Weekend!
- May 27: After School Bible Study
- May 30: Six Flags \$22 (payment schedule)
- June 6: High School Graduation Ceremony Sunday P.M.

Do you have a "Shout Out About It" news about our youth?"... let David Copeland know by e-mail:

Congratulations! The end of the school year is coming up quickly. Don't give up, you're almost there!

[youth@ nicevillechurchofchrist.org](mailto:youth@nicevillechurchofchrist.org)

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**LADS TO LEADERS CORNER**

**Parade of Winners:** Open to all students and adults. Read a translation (not a paraphrased) of the Bible, either Old or New Testament, through in a year. One may listen to audio tapes, CD's, or MP3's to qualify. You can receive your award either at convention or at home! For those not attending convention, they can still receive their award by simply registering with the Lads-to-Leaders main group registration, and you can receive your award when we return from convention. All reading/listening must be done prior to convention. Registration deadline is January, 2011.

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T-SHIRT ORDERS

Once again we are taking orders for the Niceville Church of Christ T-Shirts. If you didn't have an opportunity to order last time, or you need a new one, then this is the time. Youth, if you do not have one, you need to order because these are worn at many youth events. The shirts will come with your name on the front, unless you prefer to not have it on there. Forms will be out in the foyer, and checks need to be made out to the Niceville Church of Christ, or cash, and give to David or Dreetta Copeland. The deadline for ordering is June 6th.



WORSHIP CAFE

Please come and join us this Wednesday at the "Worship Café"! This week's menu will be Breakfast: Biscuits & Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Hash Browns, Tea and Coffee.

Please remember that we keep the Worship Cafe operating by donations. If you can afford to, please make a donation. Thanks!

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**WEDDING SHOWER**

There will be a wedding shower for Carissa Conner on Sunday, May 23rd, at 2:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please see Kay Blystone, Linda Dwyer, or Linda Lauderdale. Carissa is registered at Target.

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SCHEDULE TO PICK UP THE MOORES

- May 16th: Tate & Beverly Jennings
- May 23rd: William & Stacey Clements

1745 County Rd, 118-C, Ponce de Leon, FL 32455
(850) 384-7700 Wanda Stewart, daughter

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**WINGS**  
Women IN Gods Service

**Niceville Church of Christ Ladies Day**

May 22nd, 2010

9:30 am - 1:30 pm

**Please sign up in the Foyer!**

We are so excited about our Ladies Day coming up next Saturday! If you haven't signed up or RSVP'd on FaceBook, please do so at your earliest convenience. On the signup sheet in the Foyer, please indicate if you are willing to bring a cake. See Mandy or Ginny for more info.

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LADIES LUNCH



We will have our monthly Ladies Lunch this Tuesday, May 18th. We will meet at the Church Building at 11:30 a.m. to carpool, or meet at Schooner's in BWB at 11:45 a.m. Please sign up in the foyer. If you have any questions, please call Sandi Stickel.

-MAY-



THIS WEEK AT NICEVILLE

Today:	Early Service	7:45 AM
May 16th:	Bible Class	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:00 AM
	Parents/Youth Committee Mtg.	11:15 AM
	Education Training Session	4:00 PM
	Evening Worship	5:00 PM
Tues:	Ladies Lunch - Schooners	11:45 PM
Wed:	Worship Café	5:30 PM
	Bible Study	7:00 PM
Thurs:	Ladies Bible Study	1:00 & 7:00 PM
Sat:	LADIES DAY	9:30 AM - 1:30 PM
23rd:	Carissa Conner - Bridal Shower	2:30 PM
30th:	5th Sunday Singing - FWB	5:00 PM
31st:	MEMORIAL DAY - Office Closed	
June 6th:	Monthly Fellowship Luncheon	11:00 AM
	HS Graduation Ceremony	5:00 PM
June 8th:	Helping Hands Lunch	12:30 PM
June 9th:	Blood Drive - Parking Lot	3-7 PM
June 12th:	Conner/L'Orange Wedding	
June 13th:	Nursing Home Singing	3:30 PM
June 15th:	Ladies Lunch	11:45 AM
June 19th:	Men's Breakfast	8:00 AM

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## PARENT-YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a Parent Youth Committee Meeting today immediately following the morning service. This will be planning for our summer events.

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TRAINING SESSION

There will be a "Shop Keepers" (teachers) and "Tour Guides" (aids) training session today from 4-5 p.m. We need maximum participation from all interested/committed teachers/aids for our initial training session for "Son Shine Parkway". The new curriculum will start on June 6th, so it is vital that all our teachers/aids attend for discussions/suggestions on the new program. If you have any questions, please contact Doyle or Marsha Babe. Thanks for your support."

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## SYMPATHY

Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Annie Duke and family in the passing of her younger sister, Faye Kemper, of Mansfield, Louisiana, this week. The funeral was Saturday in Louisiana.



Please continue to remember all of our military, especially, **Joshua Born** at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO, **Mike Kaseman, Jared McNeal, Ryan Ehrhard** and **Shannon Pugh** in Afghanistan, **Chris Padgett** in Kentucky, and **Jason Conner** in CA.

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Continue to remember **Patrick Ehrhard, Jim Roberts,** and **Fred Courington** in your prayers.

Remember **Annie Duke, Sue Horton,** and **Justin Langham** in your prayers.

Carol Hudgens' son, **Curtis Thomas,** is deploying to Iraq this weekend.

Requested prayers for **Larry and Kitty Yates,** as they are struggling with their health.

Those with health problems to pray for: **Barbara Summers O.Q. & Wynona Hamilton, Dottie Edge, Wanda Andrews, Martha Dossey.**

Lewis Williams' dad and uncle are still in the hospital, and are still in serious condition.

OUT OF TOWN: D&R Harrison, L&W Williams, Ginny & Conner Moody, Rayna Miles.

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I would like to personally thank everyone for your prayers, visits, phone calls, and cards during my recent hospital stay. You guys are the greatest!!!

*Chuck Sanders*

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PALS

The PALS program is in need of two (2) additional teachers. Please see Lewis Williams if you are willing to help.

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## MISSING ITEM

The Quilters Guild is missing two trays, that were part of a black cart, which was on top of the Quilters Guild cabinet in the room next to the PALS classroom. If you have borrowed them, please return them as soon as possible! Thanks!

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Parent Training Workshop

We will host a Parent Training on Thursday, June 3rd for Niceville/Val-P area families, sponsored by Child Care Services, the Niceville/Vap-P Kiwanis Club and the Early Learning Coalition. If you have any questions, please see Lynn Stephens. See insert in bulletin.

AN HONOR TO SERVE

ELDERS

Mark Conner897-2403
Doug McCown678-8562
Ken Stanley678-1494

EVANGELIST

Joe Palmer217-7101

YOUTH MINISTER

David Copeland678-1005

SECRETARY

Kimberly Smith699-7294

DEACONS

Doyle Babe Education
Dennis Dwyer Treasurer
Ron Higdon Lord's Supper/Greeters
Basel Queen Visitation
Keith Stephens Sound Room
Lewis Williams K-5th Grade & PALS

LEADERS

Dennis L'Orange Missions
Tim Stickel Team Life

MINISTERS

Every member of this Congregation

WEEKLY REPORT

FOR

May 9, 2010

Sunday Bible Class 121
AM Worship 223
Wed. Bible Class 145
Contribution \$4,706.08
Weekly Average YTD \$5,679.60
Budget \$6,091.57
Building Fund Total \$319,632.39

REMINDERS FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

Preside Over Lord's Table

May 16th: Joe Butler

May 23rd: Mark Conner

Lead Prayer - Sunday

May 16th: 10 AM: **Open:** Mark Conner
Close: Jeff Cowan

5 PM: **Open:** Chandler Clements
Close: Jim Gummere

May 23rd: 10 AM: **Open:** Jim Coville
Close: Skip Feese

5 PM: **Open:** Wayne Hall
Close: John F. Havard

Lead Prayer - Wednesday

Open: Joe Palmer
Close: Basel Queen

Lead Devotion - Wednesday

May 19th: TBA

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**LOCK BUILDING**

**MAY:** Dwayne McCormick

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PREPARE COMMUNION TRAYS

MAY: Keri Butler

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**PALS SCHEDULE**

**May 16th:** Kim Smith  
Patrick & Emily Smith

**May 23rd:** Tammy McCown  
Shylo Easterly & Melanie McCown