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**July 11, 2010**

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

## **How to be a Light in a World of Darkness**

**How do we in Kingdom of God relate to the world?** Sometimes it can be frustrating. Sometimes we can feel like that it is our duty to make people understand. Sometimes we get loud, argue, and sound less than Christ like in our attitude. Look at what Peter said to the disciples living in a pagan world. *“Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.”* (I Peter 2:12) Live the right life Peter said. Jesus said, *“In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”* (Matthew 5:16) Now that doesn't mean I can just be a good example, but it does mean I should first be a good example.

**What if you have non-Christian family?** Peter gave this advice to wives married to non-believing husbands. *“Wives, in the same way be submissive to your husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, when they see the purity and reverence of your lives.”* (I Peter 3:1,2) Won without words, what an incredible thought? I have never seen an unfaithful Christian convert a relative. I have heard many stories of husbands or family members who get up one morning and say, “I'm going to church with you today.” Did they need the truth to convert them? Yes. But they also needed a faithful witness in the life of their family member.

**Can we discredit our witness by our words?** *“Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing.”* (Philippians 2:14 - 16) Note that he says there are two things that discredit our Christian life by keeping us from being blameless and pure: **Complaining and Arguing.**

You can't win an argument. Even when you win, you lose. I have never won a friend to Christ when I let the discussion escalate into anything that would even resemble an argument. We need to speak the truth in love.

When we complain, we ruin our Christian witness. The Israelites were condemned for their murmuring and complaining against Moses. Ask yourself, “Would I want to become a Christian if all I ever heard my friends do is complain about their life, the church, and their Christian friends?” So what do your friends hear from you? James tells the hardest thing to control is our tongue. We all need to repent of the bitter words that we sometimes say.

We can be a witness to the world when our life, our words, and the Gospel, intersects with the world around us in a way that truly upholds the transforming power of God's word in our life, giving hope to the world that their life can be changed too.

*Joe Palmer*

# YOUTH MINISTRY

July 11, 2010

## ...Looking Ahead...

- July 12: High School Devo
- July 19: Combined Devo
- July 27-Aug 10: Ecuador Mission Trip
- Aug 5: First Day Back to School
- Aug 6-7: Conquerors! Scenic Hills Church of Christ Pensacola (Sign-up today!)

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

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

It's almost here! "Removing Emotional Pain" training seminar on July 16<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm, & 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-4:00 pm. The National Director of SFT Awareness, Gary Washer and his associate Jimmy Hill, will be presenting the material and answering questions. Participants will receive the book "Removing Emotional Pain" by Ron Wilkins, a Seminar workbook, and lunch will be provided on Saturday from 12:00-1:00 pm. Tickets are on sale now! \$20 for single and \$30 for a couple. See David Copeland (an SFT Awareness Trainer) after Sunday morning and evening services. This is going to be an excellent event and the difference the program can make in people's lives is truly invaluable! Sign up today!

## Lads-To-Leaders Corner:

Year Round Song Leading prepare young men to be accomplished song leaders by having them sing at worship assemblies, Bible classes, devotional groups, or other appropriate audiences. Participation ages are from Grades 3-College (not to exceed 23 years old). Select 12 different songs to lead at least twice to a different audience.

Songs of Praise prepare young women to be accomplished song leaders by having them sing at Ladies Bible classes, ladies devotional groups, Ladies Day audiences, or other appropriate opportunities. Participation ages are from Grades 3-College (not to exceed 23 years old). Select 6 songs to lead at least twice to different audiences. A log sheet is used and kept to document the songs and the different elements being built such as pitch, appearance, voice projection, etc....

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Give 'em a Hand!

Caleb Thomas and Andrew Stephens received the Bible Award at Camp Wiregrass! Way to go guys!

## WORSHIP CAFE



Please come and join us this Wednesday at the "Worship Café"! This week's menu will be Pork Chops, Sweet Potato Pudding, Corn, Salad, Dessert, Tea and Coffee.

Please remember that we keep the Worship Cafe operating by donations. Thanks!

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## SCHEDULE TO PICK UP THE MOORES

July 11th: Doug & Tammy McCown

July 18th: Lewis & Woxie Williams

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

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Wow! Our Sonshine Parkway program is already showing great success. Because of higher than normal attendance on Wednesday bible classes we must expand from three shops to four. As a result we need a teacher and tour guide for the museum on Wednesdays. The positions need to be filled by July 14th. If you would like to be part of this exciting program, please contact Doyle Babe.

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## TEAM LIFE CAPTAINS/CO-CAPTAINS MEETING

We will have a Team Life Captains and Co-Captains meeting on Saturday, July 17th at 5:00 p.m. at the Stickel's home. See Tim or Sandy for more info.

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## DIRECTORY UPDATE



Please pick up your directory update in the foyer. We have already had additional updates this week! If you have any phone number changes, etc., please let the office know. Due to program and computer issues, photos are not included but hopefully will be soon.

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## TOOLS FOR SCHOOL



Nita Kirkland and Bobbie Edwards are heading up this year's "Back to School" donations on behalf of Team Life #5. See the Supply List in the bulletin and there are copies in the foyer. As school starts early this year, we will need to get supplies in the next couple of weeks.



# JULY

*in our*  
**PRAYERS** 

## THIS WEEK AT NICEVILLE

**Today:** Early Service 7:45 AM  
**July 11th:** Bible Class 9:00 AM  
 Worship 10:00 AM  
 Melissa McCown Bridal Shower 2:00 PM  
 Nursing Home Singing 3:30 PM  
 Grand Opening Planning Mtg. 4:00 PM  
 Evening Worship 5:00 PM  
**Tues:** Helping Hands Lunch 12:30 PM  
**Wed:** Worship Café 5:30 PM  
 Bible Study 7:00 PM  
**Fri-Sat:** Removing Emotional Pain Workshop  
**Sat:** TL Capt's/Co-Capt's Mtg-Stickels 5:00 PM  
**July 20:** Ladies Lunch at Olive Garden 11:45 AM  
**July 24:** TL#4 Meeting at the Stickel's 5:00 PM  
**July 29-Aug 1:** Spiritual Growth Workshop Orlando  
**Aug. 7:** Grand Opening Sonshine Parkway  
**Aug. 8:** Friend Day & Potluck  
**Sept. 18:** Historical Society Gala 5 PM  
**Sept. 29-Oct. 10th:** Evangelism Campaign

## WEDDING SHOWER



There will be a wedding shower for Melissa McCown today at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please see Dreeta Copeland. Melissa is registered at Target, Wal-Mart, Williams Sonoma, and Pampered Chef. Men are also welcome to attend!

## NURSING HOME SINGING



This afternoon, at 3:30 PM, we will meet at the Sterling House in BWB for singing and encouragement to the folks there. See Tim Stickel for more info.



## GRAND OPENING PLANNING MEETING

All current teachers and tour guides, and anyone else that is interested, is invited to attend a Grand Opening Planning Meeting this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. We are also looking for “donations” of old records (LP's/45's) to display in the Sonshine Parkway education wing. If you have any questions, please see Doyle Babe.

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, **Jason Conner** in CA., and **Curtis Thomas** in Iraq.

## Continued Prayer:

**Fred Courington, Patrick Ehrhard, J.T. Grace, Barbara Summers, Amanda Martin, Mary Barnes, Jim Roberts.**  
**Verna Sparkman** had gallbladder surgery last week and is recovering at Kelley's in Nashville. **David Dunn** is still having back problems. **Bob Lauderdale's** treatment went well and he and Linda are on their home this weekend. **Nita Kirkland** had a lump removed from her thigh on Friday. **Chasity Barrow** is still on bed rest, and requests prayers for her and her baby that is due in August.

## SYMPATHY



Our sympathy goes out to Lewis Williams and his family in the passing of Lewis's father, Lewis Williams, Sr., last Saturday. The funeral was on Tuesday in Georgia.

## PANTRY NEEDS



We still need the following:  
 Canned Meats, tuna, etc.  
 Spaghetti and Spaghetti Sauce  
 Soups Canned Fruit

Thanks for all of the donations that have been made already!

## HELPING HANDS LUNCH



Our Helping Hands group will meet on Tuesday the 13th here at the building at 12:30 p.m.. Bring a dish and come enjoy the fellowship!

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

We will NOT have our monthly Men's Breakfast this month due to the seminar on Saturday. If you would like to head up the Men's Breakfast in the future, please let Joe or Ken know.

**AN HONOR TO SERVE**

**ELDERS**

Mark Conner .....897-2403  
Doug McCown .....678-8562  
Ken Stanley .....678-1494

**EVANGELIST**

Joe Palmer .....217-7101

**YOUTH MINISTER**

David Copeland .....678-1005

**SECRETARY**

Kimberly Smith .....699-7294

**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 Stichel ..... Team Life

**MINISTERS**

Every member of this Congregation

**WEEKLY REPORT**

**FOR**

**July 4, 2010**

Sunday Bible Class ..... 123  
AM Worship ..... 208  
Wed. Bible Class ..... 157  
Contribution ..... \$5,562.53  
Weekly Average YTD ..... \$5,660.68  
Budget ..... \$6,091.57  
Building Fund Total ..... \$321,767.33

**REMINDERS FOR THOSE WHO SERVE**

**Preside Over Lord's Table**

**July 11th:** Dewayne McCormick  
**July 18th:** Doug McCown

**Lead Prayer - Sunday**

**July 11th:** **10 AM:** **Open:** Doyle Babe  
**Close:** Joe Butler  
**5 PM:** **Open:** Tim Stichel  
**Close:** Freddy Stokes  
**July 18th:** **10 AM:** **Open:** Jim Barger  
**Close:** Jeff Cowan  
**5 PM:** **Open:** Mark Conner  
**Close:** Skip Feese

**Lead Prayer - Wednesday**

**Open:** Tate Jennings  
**Close:** Robert L'Orange

**Lead Devotion - Wednesday**

**July 14th:** Ross Jordan  
"Handling Your Baggage"

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**LOCK BUILDING**

**JULY:** Keith Stephens

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**PREPARE COMMUNION TRAYS**

**JULY:** Sandy Stichel & Kim Smith

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**PALS SCHEDULE**

**July 11th:** Leanna Palmer & Bobby Edwards  
Carissa L'Orange  
**July 18th:** Jim Gummere  
Cathy Stanley & Wes Sites