

Look at the Cross

Peter the Apostle was the only man to walk on water besides Jesus. However, while he was walking on the water, he looked at the wind and the waves, took his eyes off Jesus, and began to sink. Only after he again turned his eyes to Jesus did he find safety.

We are so like Peter. **For periods of time we enjoy great spiritual growth while we keep our eyes on Jesus.** Alas, all too often we look at the wind and the waves of life and begin to sink. Consider some of the results of removing our eyes from Jesus: complaining, unthankful, judgmental, lack of love, disunity, unhappy, and even loss of salvation.

Have you noticed from your reading of the New Testament that every time Paul addresses problems in the lives of believers and the community of faith, he uses the gospel as the means to solve them, whether the problem is a matter of theology, unity or morality?

For the Cross Reveals the Price for Sin. The nature of sin must be understood. It seems that every generation of unbelievers looks at sin as inconvenience rather than that by which man will be judged. Christians often fall into the same trap. The wages of sin is death, and the price has to be paid.

The Cross is Power over Sin. The cross translates Christians from one realm to another. The gospel is God's power to save, and the gospel is God's power to keep on saving. The gospel is also our power to resist.

As we read Galatians 2:2-10, we discover that the cross is also the place where unity must begin, as there is no unity outside the gospel. The lost can only have unity with the Father through the cross. The lost can only have unity with the Church family through the gospel. The Church must look to the Gospel for unity, because it is not found anywhere else.

However, in Galatians 2:20-21 we find *the challenge of the Cross*, which is the challenge to die to self. In Luke 9 where Jesus tells his followers to take up their cross, he speaks of a singular cross, the cross where we must die to self. The word cross is only mentioned in the singular in the Bible. It is not a reference to hardships in general but a specific demand. We are asked to die!

Perhaps it is because we are so afraid of death, that we hang on to life so tight and never allow Jesus to live in us.

Sunday Conference call:

To listen to our Sunday morning service live, call 1-877-380-7755 followed by 4651356

YOU MUST MUTE YOUR PHONE

Family News & Notes

- **Janie Hayes** has COPD and hopes to be home from the hospital by today.
- **Catherine Parker** has moved to HealthSouth Rehab room 212B.
- **Nancy Herron** is waiting on lung test results.
- **Martha Canada** is wearing a heart monitor for tests.
- **Beegie Murphy** injured her leg in a fall.
- **Bob Weathers** is now at home.
- **Dinah Watkins** has been released from rehab in Jackson, TN and is staying with her sister in Paris, TN.
- **Jo-Ann Heard's** mother, Elizabeth Elliott, suffered a stroke last week.
- **Nancy Smith-Jones'** husband, Nils Jones, had surgery to repair a broken hip. He is recovering at home.
- **Ruby Davis'** son Bubba is being treated for a blood clot in his leg.
- **Betty Shackelford's** daughter, Stephanie, underwent tests to begin a new treatment for multiple sclerosis.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

SHUT-INS: Bobbie Anderson, Mabel Anderson, Robert Bennett, Valeria Canada, Melba Easterwood, Betty Elam, Brenda Fowler, Irmagene Hall, Elizabeth Jessiman, Virginia LaCaze, Donie Lane, Rick Murphy, Catherine Parker, James Smith, Iris Stewart, Lula Thomas, Ann Woodson **HEALTH ISSUES:** Donyell Buckingham, Matthew Canada, Robert Coleman, Reatha Crews, Ruby Dickerson, James Foshee, Harvey Geeding, Bill Newport **FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Sue Archer, Tom Childress, Ron Crutchfield, Tim Davis, Helen Evans, Madie Hunsucker, Wanda Jenkins, Mary Jenna, Jesse Jones, Allyson Kelly, London Sanders, Sam Townsley, Roy Webster

CONGRATULATIONS

To **Jerra Simmons** on her new great-granddaughter, Allie Marie, who was born on August 30 in Jonesboro, AR and weighed 7 lb. 11 oz. **Sheila** and **Trisha Butler** are the great-aunts.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Jeanette Williams' new home phone number is

WEDDING SHOWER

For Jake and Hannah Brownfield next Sunday, September 15 at 3:30pm in the lobby. They are registered at Target, Kohl's and Belk.



CHILDREN'S EDUCATION NEWS



Our preschool classes need empty toilet paper and paper towel rolls for a craft this quarter. We also need empty plastic juice jugs. Please place these items in the work room.

NURSERY WORKERS

Today

10:00 (0-24 mos.) Jane Winstead, Debbie Herring, Stephanie Akin, Rachel Jackson
(2 years) Misha Kimbell, Maranda Bunker
5:00 - Tammy Behl

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10:00 (0-24 mos.) Paula Miller, Debbie and Rebecca Dean, Kim Burrell
(2 years) Amanda Denton, Yvonne Scott
5:00 - Jennifer Kuykendall

5th SUNDAY NEED

The church parking lot needs to be repaved, and the cost will be \$100,000. The special contribution collected on the 5th Sundays this month and in December will be used for this important need.

THURSDAY SCHOOL

Began last week and is off to a great start. We have 76 children enrolled — 67% of the students are from the community, and 38 children are brand new to the program. We also have 6 extremely full classrooms and need more people to help with this important ministry. If you can serve as a substitute teacher or part-time helper, please contact Dawn Ales (662-671-5314 or dawn.ales@goodmanoaks.com).

COIN CANS

We will be taking the coin cans to the Children's Home in Paragould on September 28. Please return your coin cans to the church by the 25th.

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Both the men's and women's teams play at the Greenbrook fields.

- Women: Tuesday 9/10 at 6:30.
- Men: Thursday 9/12 at 6:30 and 7:30, both on field 6.

HOPEWORKS NEEDS

HopeWorks needs dish and laundry detergent and toilet paper.

YOUTH NEWS

ParentTeen Meeting

Today immediately following the morning worship service, we will have our quarterly parent meeting. We will discuss the fall calendar and the purity class we will be starting this coming Wednesday. If you did not sign up for the provided meal, please bring your lunch as we have several topics to cover.

Area Wide Devotional

Our first Area Wide Devotional is this afternoon in Hernando. If you are going, please sign up at the teen bulletin board. The vans will leave from here at 4:30pm, and we will be back at the building at 7:30pm. See Jared with any questions.

Teen Devotional

Our first Teen Devotional of the year will be Sunday, September 22nd immediately following evening service. We meet at the McCormick's house and be done at 7:30pm. If you have questions, please let Jared know.

Today's Sermon by Derek McNamara

There is Power in the Blood
Hebrews 9

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 8, 2013

Singing - Isaac Walker

"Here I Am to Worship"

Welcome - Derek McNamara

539 ~ "Higher Ground"
"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

Prayer - Danny Jackson

342 ~ "We Saw Thee Not"

The Lord's Supper and Offering
Mike Heard

"God Is So Good"
374 ~ "There Is a Fountain"

Message - Derek McNamara
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Invitation Song: 903 ~ "There Is Power in the Blood"

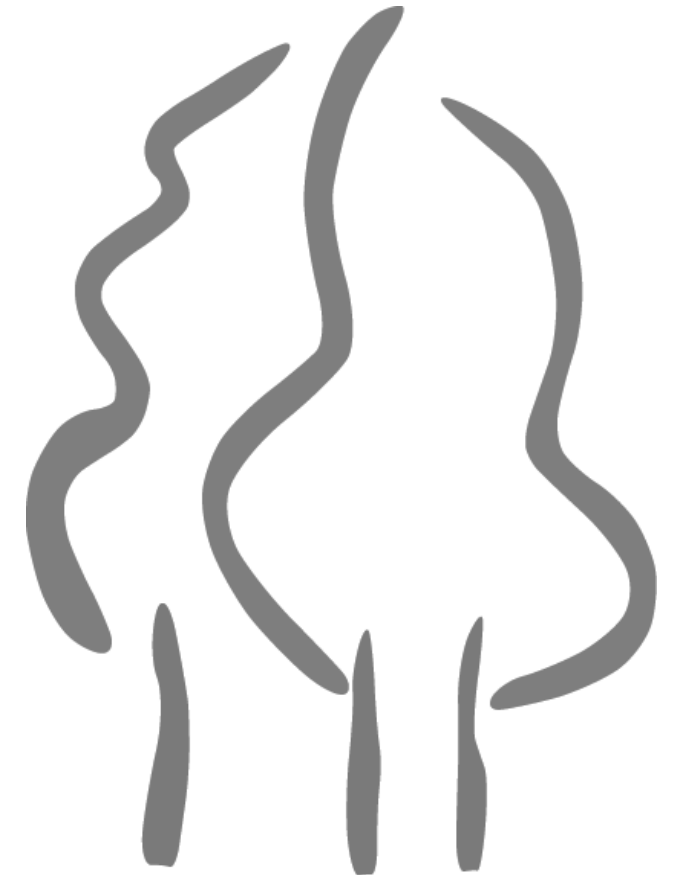
Closing Prayer - Randy Denton

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*From him the whole body, joined and held
together by every supporting ligament,
grows and builds itself up in love,
as each part does its work.*

THE WEEKLY RECORD

Contributions:	
Sunday Offering	\$19,163
Weekly Budget	\$22,900
Attendance:	
Bible Class	335
Morning Assembly	583
Midweek Class	252

SHEPHERDS

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MEETING TIMES

Sunday:	
Bible Class	9:00 a.m.
Morning Assembly	10:00 a.m.
Evening Assembly	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday:	
Bible Class	7:00 p.m.