

GOD'S PROMISE

Maybe you've had your credit card declined, your help refused, or your feelings ignored. There's a chance you've had your advice shot down, your contributions unrecognized or your work unrewarded. But there's one thing you've never been, you've never been rejected by Jesus. In fact, before you were born, God wanted you. And now that you're here, He can't get enough of you.

Have you gotten a pink slip from your employer or been brushed off by a neighbor? Were you scorned by a teacher or compared to a brother?

You've endured much and will endure much more, but because of Christ, there's one thing you will never have to feel — God's rejection. (Isaiah 41:9-10 Christ is an unconditional includer. He promises to remain devoted to you no matter what anyone else says, does or thinks.

Can you do the same for Him?

MAILING LIST

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SUN: 9:00am - Worship
10:15am - Bible Study
6:00pm - Worship
WED: 7:00pm - Bible Study

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CARL'S THOUGHTS:

What a wonderful season of the year as we enjoy time to be with our families. They are such a blessing to us. We hope that during this season that you will encourage them to worship with you.

Patsy & I have been with the Main Street congregation for two years. What a blessing it has been to us and hopefully this is mutual! I pray that we can have many years together if it is the Lord's will.

As we anticipate the New Year, we pray that God will continue to bless us as a congregation. We must continue to labor in His vineyard. May others continue to obey the precious gospel. Hopefully all of us will continue to be edified as we worship Him daily.

Paul tells us in Philippians 4:8: *"To think on these things"* What things? *"What so ever things are honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report: if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."*

What better way of living our lives than living a Christian life—Matthew 7:12.

KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE CROSS OF JESUS CHRIST!

Wednesday December 16, 2009

FOR THE RECORD

Morning Worship: (Dec. 13)	266
Bible Study.....	191
Evening Worship.....	129
Midweek Bible Study: Dec. 9).....	167
Contribution: (Dec. 13)	\$7,327

HOSPITAL

Richard Barlow, White County Hos.
Charlie McEwen, VA in Murfreesboro.

AT HOME

Bea Farrar, Dessie Taylor,
Charles & Margaret Berry, Fairy Johnson,
Beverly Vanover, Kenneth Poff, Diane Brickey,
Garland Brown, Leroy Munsey.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

There will not be any Wednesday Night meals for the rest of the year. They will start again on January 6th.

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT THRU:

Alan Bailey, Annie Harris, Gene & Glenda Parker,

PANTRY ITEMS

Vienna Sausages, Canned Beans & Canned Fruit

MEN TO SERVE

THOSE TO SERVE, SUN. DEC. 20:

9:00AM

Song Leader: Tim Brown
First Prayer: Steve Willmore
Scripture: Jonathan Hall
Closing Prayer: Jimmy Jetton

6:00PM

Song Leader: Tim Brown
First Prayer: Michael Broadrick
Scripture: Jonathan Hall
Closing Prayer: Roger Taylor

SERMON TITLES:

A.M.: "They Lied" (Acts 5:1-11)

P.M.: "Wise Men Came" (Matthew 2:1-6)

PICK-UP ATTENDANCE CARDS, SUN. DEC. 20:

Samuel Brown & Chris Jeffery

NURSERY ATTENDANTS, SUN. DEC. 20:

Patsy Sims & Terry Hollins

THOSE TO SERVE, WED. DEC. 23:

Devotional: Carl Sims
Announcements: Bill Hollins
Opening Prayer: Bob Kerce
Closing Prayer: Winfred Duke
Song Leader: Pierce Green

If you are unable to serve at the scheduled time, please contact Brother Rigney @ 728-7716.

CARE TEAM SHUFFLE

The Care Teams Shuffle is planned for January 9th @ 4:00pm in the Fellowship hall. Please bring finger foods. This is for all Care Team members.

CONGREGATIONAL HOLIDAY FELLOWSHIP

There will be a congregational Holiday fellowship, Sunday, Dec. 20th following evening services in the fellowship hall. **Please bring finger foods.** Parents, if you want your child to receive a present that night, please bring a **wrapped book** with your child's name on it and give it to Sandy Brown or Karen Green. This is for the entire congregation.

BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE

Lessons Graded (12/9-12/15).....	1,190
Requests For Personal Contact.....	1
Students served.....	476

STUDENT COMMENTS

The church there sure is a blessing. Thank you (Sparta, TN)

TRANSPORTATION

Anyone needing transportation to or from services or if you know someone that is not attending due to the lack of transportation, please call 931-273-5882 or the church office @ 728-3306. This service is provided by the elders and is available to everyone.

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

*Together they have found a friendship,
Raised a family,
and built a beautiful marriage.
You are most warmly invited to celebrate this joyous*

50th Wedding Anniversary

by the children of

Winfred and Virginia Duke

December 20th, 2009

Sunday Afternoon

2:00 until 4:00

Magnolia Glen Clubhouse

101 Magnolia Glen Circle

Manchester, Tennessee

No gifts please,

Your presence is our gift.

BAPTISM

Our hearts were made to rejoice over the baptism of Debra Rogers on Tuesday. She lives with her husband Greg at 1320 McArthur St., Phone: 954-0222. A11/23, F9/24.

GET IN THE GAME

I grew up a Los Angeles Dodgers fan. When I was a child we lived in L.A., and I had the opportunity to attend many games. The Dodgers had some good teams in the 70's and 80's, and I remember World Series victories and some of players and personalities of those teams.

One player in particular that comes to mind is Pedro Guerrero. He was a Latin player who was a talented hitter, but who lacked a little bit in the field. Sometimes he played third base, and other times he played outfield. One thing that the managers noticed was that his batting average went down significantly when he was

playing third. They found out later that he was hoping that the ball would not be hit to him when he was in the infield. He had no confidence at third base. He later admitted that he could never concentrate on hitting unless he was in the outfield.

It occurs to me that many Christians try to live their life this way in the church. They would rather be away from the line of fire, somewhere in the outfield. They do not want the ball hit to them. They want to be able to concentrate on other things. They do not want to be challenged. They do not want to get in the game.

We need to get in the game, because Christianity is not a spectator sport. If we believe that God truly has the power to take away our sins, we should also believe, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" Phil. 4:13. We can do great work in the kingdom if we will just trust in God to help us.

We need to get in the game, because Christianity is about effort, not perfection. People avoid church work because they are afraid they will not do it right. We need to remember that God used fisherman to preach the gospel, and He usually used the lowest, most untrained people to change the world. Every person who comes to Christ is a sinner. Every person who works in the church is a sinner. It is guaranteed that elders, deacons, preachers, teachers, are going to commit some errors in their work. I am so thankful for those who will do the Lord's work. Knowing that they are imperfect.

We need to get in the game, because we are in a win or lose situation. People are depending on us. We should want the ball to come to us, because we can change the outcome. Too many people are playing another game on the wrong field. In the mean time, the majority of the world is going to spend eternity in hell. If we get in the game, we will make a difference. If we do not get in the game, we will not get to share in the final victory.

"So he called him and said to him. What is this I hear about your? Give an account of your stewardship..." Luke 16:2. —Jeremiah Tatum