

TWO AND ONLY TWO

An elder in my home congregation once told me that back when he sold ice cream he would tell his customers, "We have two flavors—plain and vanilla."

Years ago when you went to have your teeth cleaned, there were no flavor options. Now the dental hygienist asks if I prefer mint, cinnamon, or strawberry.

In 1953 we had only one TV channel, and it was black and white. Today we are overwhelmed with choices. From colors of paint to selections of greeting cards, from the brands of breakfast cereal to college courses—the options are almost endless. In contrast, Jesus often spoke of two and only two alternatives—one good and one bad.

He spoke of the wise and foolish builders—those who do and those who do not act on His teachings (Matt. 7:24-27). He pictured Judgment Day with everyone on the right or the left, the sheep and the goats, each receiving one of two destinies—eternal life or everlasting punishment (Matt. 25:31-46).

He spoke of the five wise virgins who were ready when the bridegroom came, and the five foolish virgins who were not (Matt. 25:1-13).

Wise or foolish. Right or left. Treasures in heaven or on earth. God or Mammon. Narrow way or broad way. Life or destruction. Prepared or unprepared.

To sum up, there are two and only two realms at the present time (Acts 26:18; Col. 1:13), and two and only two realms in the age to come (Matt. 25:46).

So it's a matter of life or death, and the choice is ours.

—David Gibson

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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:

Finally we witnessed a break in the weather and almost everyone was back in our assembly. What a blessing it is to worship together.

As a congregation we were blessed this past week as Carlton Long was baptized into Christ for the remission of his sins. Carlton was greatly influenced by the recent conversion of his son—Brandon. It was so good to see the Long family worship together. Carlton's wife, Terri is the daughter of Jim & Peggy Thompson.

We also need to remember March 14th after Bible class we as a congregation will be honoring our new members in the fellowship hall with a fellowship meal. We pray that all of our new members since September 13th will be here to be recognized. We hope that all of our members will be here to encourage the new members. Be sure and mark your calendars so you won't forget this special occasion.

Keep your eye on the cross of Jesus Christ!

Wednesday February 24, 2010

FOR THE RECORD

Morning Worship: (Feb 21)	284
Bible Study.....	185
Evening Worship.....	158
Midweek Bible Study:AM (Feb. 17).....	11
Midweek Bible Study PM (Feb. 17).....	135
Contribution: (Feb. 21).....	\$6,273

AT HOME

**Bea Farrar, Clara West, Dessie Taylor,
Charles & Margaret Berry, Fairy Johnson,
Beverly Vanover, Kenneth Poff, Sammy Byars,
Diane Brickey.**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

The menu for next Wednesday, Mar. 3rd is: Bar-B-Q, Potato Salad, Chips, Drink & Dessert. Remember to make your reservations by signing the list in foyer by Sunday, Feb. 28th This is for any member and the cost is: **\$3.00 per person.** There is a special rate for families.

Our goal for all of those who eat with us is to stay and attend Bible class @ 7:00pm.

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT THRU:

R. V. & Barbara McMahan, Carl Sims

PANTRY ITEMS

Crackers, Canned Potatoes, Canned Peas

CARE TEAM MEETING

Coy & Jewell Noblitt's Care Team #1 will meet for breakfast @ Shoney's, Friday, March 5th @ 8:30am.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Don McCord whose funeral was Wednesday, Feb. 24th at the Manchester Funeral Home.

MEN TO SERVE

THOSE TO SERVE, SUN. FEB. 28:

9:00AM

Song Leader: Tim Brown
First Prayer: Wayne Shelton
Scripture: Don Gregory

Closing Prayer: Pierce Green

6:00PM

Song Leader: Jonathan Hall
First Prayer: Bob Kerce
Scripture: Don Gregory
Closing Prayer: Tim Green

SERMON TITLES:

A.M.:"The Last Day of Your Life" (Luke 23:26-31)

P.M.: "When the Heat Is On!" (I Pet. 2:21-25)

PICK-UP ATTENDANCE CARDS, SUN. FEB. 28:

Andrew Green & Seth Little

NURSERY ATTENDANTS, SUN. FEB. 28:

Shirley Villani & Beverly Woods

THOSE TO SERVE, WED. MAR. 3:

Devotional: Carl Sims
Announcements: Carl Russell
Opening Prayer: Jayson Little
Closing Prayer: Frank Penney
Song Leader: Michael Broadrick

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

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

01-Gary & Sandy Penwell
04-L.D. & Margaret Carden
14-Gene & Glenda Parker
17-Carlton & Regina Smith
31-Bob & Glenda Gillen

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

01-Gerald Ewell, Jr. 13-Nan Jacobs
01-Anita Gray 16-R. V. McMahan
03-L.A. Teal 17-Betty Superstein
04-Edwin Brake 18-Andy Owensby
05-Shelia Munsey 19-Mary Bowman
07-Brandie Shelton 19-Elizabeth Kerce
07-Colena Watson 22-Liza Johnson
08-Alcena Stone 23-Annie Harris
09-Roger Taylor 23-Barbara Hogue
10-Virginia Duke 24-Roger Moore
12-Artee Turner 30-Cooper Reed

**Practice makes perfect,
so be careful what you practice!**



The family of Inez Jones thanks you for the beautiful lighted church that was sent to her funeral service. Main Street was always home to mama. She loved it dearly and missed being there.

Sincerely,
Ginger Hinners

We would like to thank everyone who brought items for the Valentine Baskets that we took to the nursing home. They were so excited and the children enjoyed it also. It was a learning experience for them.

ITEMS NEEDED

A small couch or love seat, a small dining table and a chest of drawers are needed. If you have any of these items that you can donate please call church office.

BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE

Lessons Graded (2/17-2/23)	1,455
Requests For Personal Contact	4
Students served.....	582

STUDENT COMMENTS

I am really enjoying this Bible study. It has already given me a better understanding of the Bible. Thank you! (Bowling Green, KY)

I have strayed away from my Bible studies, but I am so ready to get back on track. God has truly been good to me. I am so glad he continues to stay on track with me. (Summerville, SC)

WORK OUR WINGS OFF

Beekeepers know that a bee's age is determined by the condition of its wings. Because bees constantly work,

their wings get a lot of wear and tear. Young bees have wide, well formed wings, whereas older bees have narrow, torn, and tattered wings.

The bee does not die of old age. It dies when its wings are completely worn out and it can no longer work or fly. Near the point of death, the bee points itself away from the beehive and begins to fly, never to return again. The bee literally wears itself out working!

There is a spiritual lesson here for us. As Christians, we must be diligent servants, doing the work of the Lord. When Jesus evaluated the spiritual condition of the seven churches of Asia (Rev. 2-3), their degree of acceptance was directly proportional to the kind and amount of work they were doing.

The inspired writer James, "*But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed*" (James 1:25).
—East Hill church of Christ

UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 7: Ladies Meeting @ 4:00pm
Light refreshments served.**

March 14: New Members Pot Luck Meal.

April 18: Friends & Family Day & Pot Luck Meal.

April 24: Men's Breakfast & Meeting @ 8:00am.