

## DON'T PLAY WITH FIRE

“And Nadab and Abihu, the Sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the Lord, which He commanded them not. And there went out fire from the Lord, and devoured them, and they died before the Lord” (Lev. 10:1-2)

Playing with fire poses a potentially hazardous situation. The end result of such careless abuse usually leads to destruction; forest fires, burnt down homes, even the loss of life. Millions of dollars are spent each year in promoting fire prevention and safety via television, radio, the printed page and seminars. Firemen and Forest Service personnel are readily used to help teach our children the dangers of playing with fire. Most of us understand the potential dangers that fire poses when used carelessly and we respect it and use it only as authorized.

I find it utterly amazing that the majority of the world understand the dangers of playing with fire, but they fail to see the danger of playing with God; the disrespectful and irreverent attitudes man has toward God and His Word. Doing that which is unauthorized by God is no different than playing with fire. Eventually, you're going to get burnt! The story of Nadab and Abihu illustrates this very fact. Specific instructions had been given by God in regards to one's worship to Him (Lev. 8:1). However, Nadab and Abihu, like many in the religious world today, substituted God's will with their own. The fire that was used in their worship to God was unauthorized and it ultimately led to their demise.

There are many in the religious world today that see nothing wrong with using mechanical instruments, choirs, drama teams, etc. in their worship to God. But such acts are unauthorized by God, and like the strange fire offered up by Nadab and Abihu, one who plays with fire will eventually get burnt (Rev. 22:18-19). God through His Word, has given us specific instructions in all matters pertaining to life and godliness: thus, it behooves each of us to do that which He has specifically authorized.

—Terry R. Townsend

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SUN: 9:00am - Worship

10:15am - Bible Study

6:00pm - Worship

WED: 7:00pm - Bible Study

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# MONITOR

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## CARL'S THOUGHTS:

Sunday was a good day as 314 assembled to worship our God. Many of our members were out of town but we were so blessed with many visitors.

Blessings continued to come our way Monday, as Julia Henson rededicated her life to the Lord. Julia will be an asset to our congregation. Many of you know her as a teacher at Westwood. She is the mother of two children Katelin and Jared. Katelin, after a series of Open Bible Studies, indicated her desire to be baptized into Christ for the remission of her sins. We hope that everyone will welcome the Henson's into our fellowship.

We hope that everyone will continue to read their Bibles. I know that as summer is upon us there will be a tendency to forget to spend time with God in the reading of His word. Remember what God reveals to us in Revelation 1:3: *“Blessed is he that readeth.”*

**Keep your eye on the cross of Jesus Christ!**

Wednesday May 12, 2010

**FOR THE RECORD**

Morning Worship: (May 9) .....	314
Bible Study .....	174
Evening Worship.....	136
Midweek Bible Study (May 5).....	144
Contribution: (May 9) .....	\$5,657

**HOSPITAL**

Zora Jetton, Stones River, Rm. 104.  
Angelique Johnson, Vanderbilt, Rm. 7446.

**AT HOME**

Dessie Taylor, Fairy Johnson,  
Beverly Vanover, Kenneth Poff,  
Richard Barlow, Sally Owens, Bill Bouldin,  
Frank Penney, Jo Ada Barlow, Dawn Willmore.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL**

The menu for Wednesday, May 19th is: Pizza & Drink. Remember to make your reservation by signing the list in foyer by Sunday, May 16th. This is for any member and the cost is: **\$4.00 per person.** (Please note the change in cost.) 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 ENTIRE BIBLE:**

Peggy Thompson

**PANTRY ITEMS**

Crackers, Pork & Beans, Vienna Sausage

**REDEDICATION & BAPTISM**

Julia Henson has rededicated her life to Christ and her daughter, Katelin was baptized into Christ, Monday, May 10th. Julia also has a son, Jared. They live at 13538 Hillsboro Hwy. Hillsboro, TN 37342. Phone: 467-3015. F2/23, K12/27, J1/10. We welcome them to Main Street.

**PHONE NUMBERS**

If you no longer have a land line phone number, please put your cell phone number on your attendance card or call the church office. If

you haven't been receiving phone tree messages, please give us your correct number.

**MEN TO SERVE**

**THOSE TO SERVE, SUN. MAY 16:**

**9:00AM**  
**Song Leader:** Scott Vaughn  
**First Prayer:** Carl Russell  
**Scripture:** Jayson Little  
**Closing Prayer:** Tim Brown

**6:00PM**  
**Song Leader:** Scott Vaughn  
**First Prayer:** Charles Willmore  
**Scripture:** Jayson Little  
**Closing Prayer:** Tim Green

**A.M.:** Speaker: Bob Kerce

**P.M.:** Guest Speaker

**PICK-UP ATTENDANCE CARDS, SUN. MAY 16:**

Davis Green & Jessie Dickerson

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS, SUN. MAY 16:**

Linda Moore & Beverly Woods

**THOSE TO SERVE, WED. MAY 19:**

**Devotional:** Bob Kerce  
**Announcements:** Tim Brown  
**Opening Prayer:** Wayne Rigney  
**Closing Prayer:** John McInturff  
**Song Leader:** Pierce Green

**CARE BOX**

Girl Scout Troop #507 has provided a box in the foyer for Laundry Detergent, Paper Towels, Bathroom Tissue for Shepherd's House Homeless Shelter in Tullahoma. If you have any questions, see Amie Woods.

**V.B.S. MEETING**

There will be a V.B.S. meeting after Bible Study, Sunday, May 16th in the fellowship hall. Please bring finger foods.

**CARE TEAM MEETINGS**

Coy & Jewell Noblitt's Care Team #1 will meet for breakfast, Friday, May 14th at Emma's at 8:30am.

Ron & Ella Livingston's Care Team #3

will meet Friday, May 21st in the fellowship hall @ 5:30pm. Please bring finger foods and wear old clothes.

**BRIDAL GIFT TEA**

*The ladies of the congregation are invited to a*

*Bridal Gift Tea honoring*

*Kayla Thompson bride-elect of Josh Hollins*

*Sunday, May 16, 2010*

*2:00 until 4:00pm*

*at the home of*

*Tim & Sandy Brown*

*105 Boyds Court*

*Manchester, Tennessee*



Thanks to the youth and their helpers for the good breakfast that they served to us. It was a good group and we enjoyed it very much.

Ruth Jernigan,  
Kathryn Hickerson & Peggy Mattox.

**BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE**

Lessons Graded (5/5-5/11) .....	1,292
Requests For Personal Contact .....	0
Students served.....	517

**STUDENT COMMENTS**

God Bless and thanks for everything. I am so excited after these lessons. I have three more then I get my certificate. Glory to God! I would love to continue with any other courses you may offer. (Princeville, NC)

**AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD**

Jesus has an exalted position. He has the strength to deliver you. He has the authority to speak on your behalf. He has the majesty to present you to the Father. Scripture reveals, in a powerful way, that Jesus is our glorified Lord.

- ◆ **Psalm 110:1** says, *“The Lord says to my Lord: Sit at My right hand, until I make your enemies a footstool for Thy feet.*
- ◆ Jesus told the accusers at His trial that *“from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God” (Luke 22:69).*
- ◆ In his sermon on the day of Pentecost, Peter told the crowd that Jesus had been *“exalted to the right hand of God” (Acts 2:33).*
- ◆ As he was being martyred, Stephen cried out, *“Behold, I see the heavens opened up and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God” (Acts 7:56).*
- ◆ Paul describes Jesus as he *“who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us” (Rom. 8:34), because God “raised Him from the dead, and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places”:* (Eph. 1:20).
- ◆ The writer of Hebrews says of Christ, *“When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high” (Heb. 1:3).* Because of that, *“we have such a high priest, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the majesty in the heavens” (Heb. 8:1).*
- ◆ He is the One *“who is at the right hand of God. Having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him” (1 Pet. 3:22).*

—Andy Miller

**UPCOMING EVENT**

**June 26: Vacation Bible School**  
**Theme: "Faith Is the Victory"**