

## HOW QUICKLY THE GATE OPENS

An old farmer from the country went to the big city hospital to visit a dear friend. He was told he would have to park in the parking lot. He was so surprised when he drove up to the entrance and the little gate lifted immediately. He drove right in and parked his car in the shade. He made his visit and got in his car and drove to the exit, but the little gate didn't open. It took money to get out. He mumbled to himself as he drove away, "Maybe they changed the oil and rotated my tires while I was there."

What happened in that parking lot is also true of sin. It is so easy to start and so difficult to break. Satan's message has always been, "you can get in now and pay me later!" Not only does he get it later, but with the highest interest.

It reminds me of how quickly the gate opened for David's sin with Bathsheba. He saw her beauty. He sent for her. She came. He lay with her. Then he sent her home thinking all was well. It would cost him dearly to get out of this "Parking place." She was with child from that little fun night. David then had to commit more sin to cover his tracks. He had Bathsheba's husband, Uriah, killed. David and Bathsheba would lose the child of this conception, and had to endure the shame and suffering that came from this sin.

Young people, how quickly the gate opens for the first cigarette or that chew of tobacco, that first beer, or the first act of sexual immorality, but it could cost an arm and a leg or a heart and lungs. You could end up paying the maximum cost—your life and your soul.

Let us not be deceived into thinking that, because there is no price at the entrance, there will be no price at the exit. We need to pay attention to Paul's words to the Galatians in Galatians 6:7, "Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man sows that shall he also reap. For he that sows unto his own flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption. He that sows to the spirit shall of the spirit reap eternal life." —Bob Plunket

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SUN: 9:00am - Worship

10:15am - Bible Study

6:00pm - Worship

WED: 6:30pm - Bible Study

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## CONGRATULATIONS



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# 2011

# GRADUATES!

Wednesday May 25, 2011

**FOR THE RECORD**

Morning Worship: (May 22) .....	264
Bible Study.....	172
Evening Worship.....	121
Midweek Bible Study (May 18).....	166
Contribution: (May 22) .....	\$4,396

**AT HOME**

**Sally Owens, Kenneth Poff, Dan Mullins,  
Susie Hastings, Barbara Kinslow, John Nash,  
Catherine Cole, Sandy McCullough.**

**PANTRY ITEMS**

**Cereal, Mayonnaise, Beanie Weenies.**

**MEN TO SERVE**

**THOSE TO SERVE, SUN. MAY 29:**

**9:00AM**

<b>Announcements:</b>	Bob Gillen
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Tim Brown
<b>First Prayer:</b>	Jonathan Hall
<b>Scripture:</b>	Chuck Henegar
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Roger Taylor

**6:00PM**

<b>Song Leader:</b>	Jonathan Hall
<b>First Prayer:</b>	Charles Willmore
<b>Scripture:</b>	Carl Russell
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Ron Livingston

**A.M.: "Denying Self" (Luke 9: 23-27)**

**P.M.: "Help Us" (Acts 16:6-10)**

**PICK-UP ATTENDANCE CARDS, SUN. MAY 29:**

Jessie Dickerson & Sky Smith

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS, SUN. MAY 29:**

Beverly Woods & Shirley Villani

**THOSE TO SERVE, WED. JUNE 1:**

<b>Devotional:</b>	Carl Sims
<b>Announcements:</b>	Bill Hollins
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Carl Russell
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Frank Penney
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Jayson Little

**Please remember to notify David Sullivan @  
607-1580 if you are not able to serve at your  
appointed time.**

**GRADUATION RECOGNITION**

There will be a graduation recognition Sunday, May 29th in the fellowship hall following the pm service. Everyone is invited to come and bring finger foods & recognize these seniors for their achievement.

**BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE**

Lessons Graded (5/18-5/24) .....	737
Requests For Personal Contact.....	1
Students served.....	275

**JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

- 01-Carl & Patsy Sims
- 05-Jim & Peggy Thompson
- 08-John & Carrie McInturff
- 10-Ewin & Betty Rigney
- 11-Walter & June McCullough
- 12-Tim & Sandy Brown
- 14-Kenneth & Glenna Poff
- 17-Jonathan & Megan Hall
- 27-Roger & Cathy Taylor
- 30-Aaron & Alcena Stone

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| 01-Coy Noblitt         | 13-Corinne Penney    |
| 02-Ralph Arnold, Jr.   | 14-Aaron Williams    |
| 03-Deane Byars         | 16-Bobby Mullins     |
| 04-Kelli Bailey        | 16-Michael Penney II |
| 06-Frank Jacobs        | 17-Leslee Willmore   |
| 10-Christopher Jeffrey | 19-Signe Williams    |
| 10-Ron Livingston      | 20-Joni McReynolds   |
| 10-George Maxwell      | 20-Judy Walker       |
| 10-Ricky West          | 25-Carlton Smith     |
| 11-Mindy Barlow        | 25-Dennis Watson     |
| 11-Sue Henley          | 26-Betsy Powers      |
| 12-Davis Green         | 27-William Garner    |
| 13-Tim Brown           | 27-Angela Michaels   |
| 13-Brett Fagerness     |                      |

**LADIES LUNCHEON**

The ladies of the congregation are invited to meet for lunch at Patch Manor, Wednesday, June 1st at 11:30am. This is "Dutch Treat."

**TUESDAY/THURSDAY SCHOOL GRADUATES**

<b>4 YEAR OLDS</b>	<b>4 1/2 YEAR OLDS</b>
Bradley Escue	Owen Baskin
Peyton Graham	Lindsey Grimes
Pryson Graham	Donovan Morgan
Katie Jernigan	Abigail Poff
Reese Watkins	Camryn Sanders
Jonathon Williams	William Sexton
	Kieran Welch

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUTES**

**Hanna Lovelady**, granddaughter of Anita Gray, will graduate from Coffee County Central High & will enter M.T.S.U. in August to study Nursing.

**Kaitlyn Thornton**, granddaughter of Walter & June McCullough, will graduate from Coffee County Central High.

**Randy D. Wilhoite, Jr.**, grandson of Faye Wilhoite, will graduate from Coffee County Central High.

**Jordan Curry**, grandson of Peggy Mattox, graduated from Teays Valley High, Ashville, OH.

**COLLEGE GRADUATES**

**Judy Lance Henson** graduated from M.T.S.U., with a B.S. degree in Interdisciplinary Studies.

**Samuel Davis**, grandson of Peggy Mattox, graduated from Columbia State Community College, Columbia, TN.

**Jessica (Alex) Davis**, granddaughter of Ralph & Clara Arnold & the late Mary E. Arnold, recently graduated from M.T.S.U. with a B.S. degree "Magna Cum Laude" from the college of Behavioral & Health Sciences. She will enter UT Chattanooga in August to pursue a "Doctorate Degree" in Physical Therapy.

**SHRUBS AVAILABLE**

The two Burford Hollies next to the side entrance are going to be removed. If anyone would like to have them, please call the church office @ 728-3306.

**READ THE NEW TESTAMENT THRU:**

Carl Sims, Jim Thompson

**CARL'S THOUGHTS:**

It is so good to be back in Manchester at Main Street. We had a wonderful week in Opelika, Alabama with the 10th Street church of Christ. Sonya Ferrell was baptized into Christ on Tuesday night. We are so happy for that family.

Here in Manchester, Shelia Guillemette became a child of God by obeying the gospel of Jesus Christ. Sheila is the mother of Vicki Durham and the mother-in-law of Mike. We want to welcome Shelia into the fellowship.

Then this past Friday back in my home town of Sparta, Randy Simmons was baptized into Christ. Randy will be worshipping with the Central church of Christ in Sparta. Congratulations to Randy.

I know that many will be traveling this coming weekend for Memorial Day. We pray that you will find the Lord's church and worship our God as you travel. Looking forward to having visitors with us this weekend.

**KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE CROSS OF JESUS CHRIST!**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

The office will be closed Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day. It will reopen on Tuesday May 31st @ 8:00am.