

**Principles for Building a Dynamic Church #2,
"Worship God Every Week in Spirit and Truth"**

Introduction

Psalms 29:2 "Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness."

Two questions that we should ask about corporate worship:

1. Does it please God?
2. Does it inspire, uplift, and transform the worshipper?

The Two Great Purposes of Worship...

I. Glorify God

II. Encourage the Worshipper

Conclusion: While we all hope to benefit from worship, we must guard ourselves from selfishness. We come to worship to give to God and to others. If we all do this we will all receive back and be inspired to walk closer to God.

Youth Group News

Attention!! Teens and parents interested in participating in "Wilderness Trek." There will be a follow up meeting this Wednesday night, following worship, in the box to discuss details and available dates for this trip. All of you with an adventurous spirit are invited to come. If you are unable to attend please email or call Curtis to let him know your input.

Camp Wiregrass 2007 Schedule

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Grades:</u>	<u>Director:</u>
June 3 – 8	10 th , 11 th & 12 th	Ross Mitchell
June 10 - 15	7 th , 8 th & 9 th	Keith Ellis
June 17-22	5 th & 6 th	Ricky Streetman
June 24-29	3 rd & 4 th	Ricky Phillips
July 1-6	1 st & 2 nd	Alan Watkins
July 8-13	7 th , 8 th , 9 th	Josh Webster
July 15-20	5 th & 6 th	Mike Jones
July 22-27	3 rd & 4 th	Jack Madaris



Church of Christ

This Weeks Events/Activities

- TODAY**
- (1) **Daylight Saving** – Hope you remembered to set your clocks ahead one hour last night.
 - (2) **Wee Praise Meeting** – immediately after morning services. (See article on inside, page 3)
 - (3) **Elders/Staff Meeting**, 4:00pm.
- Monday**
- (1) **Mary Esther Church of Christ Gospel Meeting**, March 12th – 15th; 7:00pm each evening.
 - City of FWB's Elliot Point/Ferry Park Neighborhood Meeting**, 6:30pm. (In the fellowship hall)
- Tuesday**
- (1) **City of FWB Elections**, 7:00am – 7:00pm.
 - (2) **1 Corinthians Bible Study** at the Jeffcoat's, 7:00pm.
- Wednesday**
- Hot Dogs or Hamburgers & Fellowship**, 6:00pm.
- Thursday**
- The Lunch Bunch is meeting at Olive Garden**, 11:30am.

Happening Soon

- March 18
- (1) Church Leader's Meeting, 4:00pm.
 - (2) Care Group Meetings – after evening services.
- March 20
- Care Group 3, 2nd Area Wide Community Outreach Devotional, 7:00pm.
- March 24 & 25
- Long Beach Church of Christ "After Katrina OPEN HOUSE Celebration." Long Beach, MS. (Flyer posted on bulletin board.)
- March 27
- 1 Corinthians Bible Study at the Lowe's, 7:00pm.
- March 31
- (1) Care Group 3, Beach Devotional, 6:00pm.

(2) Children's/Family Activity – Easter Egg Hunt, 11:30am. (See article on inside, page 3)

July 29-30 Financial Management Seminar – Steve Diggs

Family and Friends Needing Prayers

- Remember those who are **home bound** and/or those **receiving extended medical care/rehabilitation**.
- **Hazel Parrish** was to be admitted into the FWB Medical Center on Friday. Her foot was infected, and may require surgery.
- **Jeanette Murphy's** condition remains the same, and continues to be treated at the Destin Health Care Center.
- **Geoff Gurney** is undergoing medical tests to determine why he's losing so much weight. He asks our prayers that his doctors can find the cause, and that his relationship to God will be strengthened through this situation.
- **Leonardo Siezar** is visiting Guatemala and Nicaragua – he'll return on March 20th.



Deployed: **Chris Lowe** (Sam & Nancy Lowe's eldest son)
Ryan Johnson (Leonard & Mary Johnson's grandson)

Staff Out-of-Town

- **Bob** says, "I will be leaving tomorrow, Lord willing, to do mission work in NC and take care of some other business, and may have to be gone for 2 weeks. **Evelyn** will remain in FWB."
- **Curtis** has planned a trip to take a group of the teens to Enterprise tomorrow to help in the cleanup effort. The teens are out of school that day.

Tornadoes:

Katie Strunk, one of the Enterprise High School students killed by a tornado, was a member of the College Avenue Church of Christ in Enterprise. Sympathy cards for her parents, **Dirk & Kathy Strunk**, can be sent C/O the College Avenue Church of Christ, PO Box 311740, Enterprise, AL 36330. The church is also accepting donations to help with Katie's funeral expenses, as well as for cleanup and repairs. Checks can be sent to the College Avenue church, marked for the Katie Strunk fund or for Tornado Relief.

From the Elders: As many of you know we collected a little over \$38,000 for Katrina relief. Because of the huge outpouring of relief in that area we have been unable to distribute more than about \$10,000 at this time. As you also know the town of Enterprise, AL suffered a severe loss of life and property recently. It is the intent of the Elders to distribute a large portion of the remaining funds to that area, probably via the College Ave. church. If you have strong objections to this please see one of us. We also want to provide some help in the way of direct labor to the cleanup effort and more information will be forthcoming in the next few days.

Neil & Katie Reynolds have organized a work party, of Arkansas Tech University students & campus ministry staff, to help with the relief efforts in Enterprise. They will travel and work over their Spring Break holiday, March 24th – 31st. So far, the campus ministry staff and students have collected \$450 to give to the College Avenue church – to be used as needed. The Russellville church is providing the group with vans and money for gas. If you'd like to help supplement the groups costs for food and some supplies, please see Tony, Leann or one of the elders.

Elder's Corner

The Church Growth Diagnostic Report

As many of you know we received our written report from the Church Growth Institute Wednesday. It is 75 pages long and has been converted into electronic format. We also have sixteen printed copies that you will be able to check out of the library.

If you would like an electronic copy for your own use I can send it to you on request via e-mail. You should know the e-mail will be nearly 4.5MBs in size and that some of you will not be able to receive a file that large. In addition you will need Adobe Acrobat reader to open the file (it is in PDF format). If you would like it on a CD, please bring me a blank CD with your name on it.

Please remember this document is for our congregation and contains notes to leadership. Please don't assume we are following every recommendation it contains. We will always do what is best for this congregation. There will undoubtedly be some changes as a result of this survey but we will make every effort to communicate any changes well in advance.

As was pointed out a number of times that the congregation expressed some displeasure with our song service. We believe that sitting together near the front of the auditorium will help improve our singing. You can help by doing this and you can be assured that any time I have the opportunity I will ask you to do so. So come in, sit down front and sing out.

Also, remember we are reserving the last two rows near the foyer closest to Hollywood for our Wee Praise folks. Please leave it vacant. Ushers, please be aware of this.

In His service,

Sam Lowe

Wee Praise

There will be a "quick" meeting, this morning immediately after services, for all those who have volunteered to help with Wee Praise. Please meet with me down front of the auditorium.

Shelley Brantly

Children's & Family Activity

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, March 31st at 11:30. If the weather is nice we will be having a picnic on the grounds – so bring blankets. The meat for the picnic bill be provided – families need to bring their favorite sides. Please bring a bag of candy or goodies to fill

eggs. If you have plastic eggs and would like to donate some, please give them to Sunnie Bexley by March 18th.

Gospel Meeting:

The Mary Esther Church of Christ is having a gospel meeting, March 12th – 15th at 7:00pm each evening. The speaker is Whit Sasser.