

Weekly Newsletter

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Placing Membership

We are pleased to announce that David and Delenia Alls expressed their desire to work and worship with the South Green Street congregation. David and Delenia are strangers to no one. David is the son of Howard and Sarah Alls and Delenia is the daughter of Glenn and Judith Pitcock. We're happy to have David, Delenia and Cooper as a part of our church family and look forward to working together.

Requesting Prayers

Sunday evening, Leslie and Prytha Wilson responded to the invitation and requested prayers on their behalf to be more faithful and more fully committed in their service to Jesus. We appreciate Les and Prytha for their desire to strengthen their resolve and to serve God more fully. Please keep Les and Prytha in your prayers as they rededicate their lives to Jesus.

Friends & Family Day

September 17, 2006

"All I Really Need To Know
I Learned From My Children"

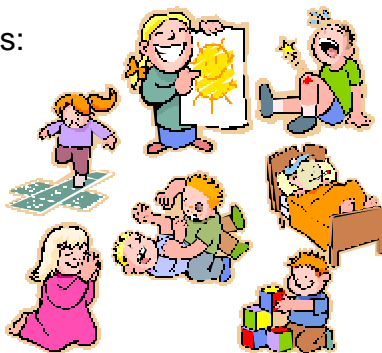
Sunday Service Times:

9:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

Make plans today to
attend and bring a
friend with you!



CHRIST IN Youth

David Burleson, Youth Minister

No matter what situation a true friend will tell you the truth, even if it hurts. A friend always seems to have a shoulder for you to cry on. They will listen to you when you need to talk and give hugs at the right time. Friends will see you at your absolute worst but continue to love you anyway because you are you.

Many times in our life we are given the opportunity to make new friends. However, even when our best friend fails us, we have a friend that is "closer than a brother." The Bible tells us that "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends." This is the kind of love that our friend Jesus offers us.

Jesus is the type of friend that will listen to you and understand your difficulties. "For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin." It is so comforting to have a friend in Jesus.

(adapted from Hugs For Teens page 72-73)

One of the best parts about being involved in the church, is that we can grow closer together because we share friendship with our Savior. Here are some of the activities that are going on that will help us strengthen our relationship with the Lord and each other:

Before the Wednesday evening Bible study, the teens and their parents will have a chance to eat together. This meal will start at 6:00 in the church basement. Please bring a dish to this potluck.

After the evening service next Sunday, we will have our monthly devo at my house. The cost is \$3 dollars per person for pizza. Also, on the 27th will be our first fireside singing. All are welcomed to attend this event which will be in the Youth Room.

Instrumental Music

By Steve Higginbotham

As you probably already know, this year marks the 100th year since the United States Census Bureau officially recognized the division between the Christian Church and the Church of Christ. Consequently, there have been a number of efforts this year, designed to affect unity. However, most of these efforts involve Churches of Christ giving up their biblically based opposition to mechanical instruments of music in Christian worship. In most of these discussions, Churches of Christ are being called, if not to adopt, then to at least tolerate and permit the use of instruments in worship.

In light of these efforts, the words of Tom Lawson, a minister of music for an Independent Christian Church, and a professor for Ozark Bible College (a college associated with the Christian Church) need to be heard. Tom, in the excerpt below, pointed out several advantages of acappella worship. Here's what he had to say:

It tends to maintain the central players in the worship as a congregation rather than the performers up front. When the music of worship is the music of the church itself, it seems less likely that we move from worship to watching worship. The worth of a particular service is, many times, gauged by the quality of the performers. Applause is not merely tolerated, it is expected.

It tends to preserve times of silence within corporate worship. My church feels obligated to not allow a single moment of silence within the entire worship experience. Every moment when someone is not speaking or singing must be filled with the organ or piano. I do not need my moods programmed at every moment.

It tends to preserve simplicity of worship that may be increasingly attractive in our complicated age. I am baffled why some within the Church of Christ would pick this time to move toward inclusion of the instrument in worship. Doesn't the growing attraction of everything from acappella secular music to Gregorian chants give indication that less may be more and that simplicity and times of silence may have an attraction as great as the "big performance?"

To my friends within the Church of Christ, I would encourage you to think long and hard before you join the rest of the evangelical world in this area that so clearly impacts the entire worship service. I find myself wishing that, at least once in a while, we'd close up the piano, turn off the organ, unplug the guitars and just see what would happen.

I appreciate the observations of this minister in the Independent Christian Church. His honesty is to be commended. But I want to keep an important point before you. The observations of this man are based on preferences, likes and dislikes, and the present mood of people. Personally, I happen to believe his observations are correct. But even if they are correct, the church's worship is not governed by the will of the people, or by pragmatism.

The bottom line concerning whether we should or should not use mechanical instruments in Christian worship is simply a question of authority. When all is said and done, there remains no authority in the word of God for the employment of mechanical instruments of music in Christian worship.

Family Matters

Sick List

- Arah Hardin underwent surgery last week at the Community Hospital.
- Wendell Britt is now at home.
- Peggy Fudge, mother of Robbie Fudge, will be going to Vanderbilt Medical Center on August 22 for additional tests. Please keep Peggy and her family in your prayers.
- Continue to remember: Brooklyn Alexander, Evelyn Alls, Mary Anderson, Ruby Anderson, Dickie Barrick, Jonathan Bellamy, Shawn Bryant, Andrew Carson, Ruby Cloyd, Dorothy Coffey, Margaret Cox, Jim Dunaway, Grayson Furlong, Eddie Gerald, Kathy Hamilton, Eugene Harlow, Becky Hatcher, Sally Henry, Fred Hensley, Reba Herriford, Amanda Hinton, Preston Jolly, Stacey King, Jeanette Krume, Amanda Lockhart, Mary Lynn, Dr. George McKinley, Charles McDonald, Samantha McPherson, Shannon Noal, Marney Nunnally, Linda Pedigo, J.C. Polson, Ken Russell, Frances Searcy, Shelley South, Donald Smith, Ed Staley, Al Tennyson, Helen Pedigo Tucker, Ronnie Walker, James Williams and Orry Wood.

Senior Members Banquet

In honor of the Senior Members of the South Green Street Church of Christ a banquet will be held on Saturday evening, August 26, 2006, at 5:30. If you and/or your spouse are sixty years and above you are cordially invited to attend this banquet. Sign-up forms are available in the foyer and near the rear entrance of the building. You are asked to complete one of these forms so that adequate preparations can be made. If you filled out a form for the banquet originally scheduled in July, it will be necessary to do so again for the August 26 date. We appreciate your cooperation.

Bridal Shower

There will be a Bridal Shower in honor of Ashley Wilson on Sunday, August 20, at 2:00 in the church basement. Ashley is the bride elect of Brandon Turner. Brandon is the son of Ronnie & Debbie Turner. All ladies are invited to attend.

Visitation Team #3

Visitation Team #3 will meet Sunday night, August 20, following services for a sandwich/salad/dessert meal and meeting. Team members should bring their visitation records to turn in. Team Leaders are Doug Frasier and Glenn Pitcock.

Thank You

You will never know how much your prayers, cards and acts of love meant to me. Thank You! Thank You! We have been blessed to have wonderful Christian friends, who have a genuine concern for others. You are a wonderful church and I will always cherish your love, friendship and thoughtfulness. If we can ever help anyone, please let us know.

We Love You,
Dixie & Charlie Strode

Teacher Training

Join us for our first Teacher Training session on Sunday, August 27, at 4:00 in the church basement. Sessions are open to all ladies who are interested in teaching, being an assistant in the classroom and to those interested in the Children's Bible Education Program. The sessions will be led by Kim Higginbotham and Nancy Denham. We want to help make our Bible class preparation easier and more fun! Contact Kim or Nancy if you plan to attend so that they will have materials available for all participants.

Wedding

In the spirit of Christian joy
Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Wilson
And Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Turner
Invite you to share in the joy
Of the marriage of their children
Ashley Kaye
And Brandon Thomas

On Saturday, the second of September
At two o'clock in the afternoon
Lehman Avenue Church of Christ
1002 Lehman Avenue
Bowling Green, Kentucky

