

# Weekly Newsletter

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## *Does Your Name Fit You?*

Have you ever met someone who had a name that didn't seem to fit their personality? I don't know how to explain it, but it seems to me that some people have names that fit them and others don't. Evidently, I am not the only person who feels this way. I recently read about a woman who has the job title of "nameologist." For *only* \$350, she helps people name their children, pets, businesses, or even rename themselves. What a job!

It appears that some people take their naming of things more seriously today than ever before and with good reason. Names are permanent, and they complete our identity as people. However, a name alone is not an identity. You see, people can tell me how much they like the name "Blaine" but there might be nothing about me as a person worth liking.

Mistakes with names are made among the religious everyday. Some seem to think that simply wearing the name "Christian" is as good as being one. They might like to tell others about their name, but then their lives dimly reflect Christ. The Bible says that Christ-like people are kind, humble, patient, and peaceful. Do we wear the name "Christian" through those qualities or have we disparaged it?

Others seemingly believe that attending a "Church of Christ" is as good as being the church of Christ. A sign or title alone, though, does not fully identify who we are or what we believe. The Bible shows the church as the bride and body of Christ, the pillar of truth, a sanctuary for worship and encouragement, and an outpost of moral integrity. If we ever stop being these things, our name will mean nothing.

The good news is that we do not have to choose between names and identities—we can have both! As Christians and the Lord's church, let's never shirk our name OR our identity. - Blaine

## **CHRIST IN Youth**

### **This Week @ South Green St.**

As you can see by reading the following, this week will be a very busy one for the Youth at South Green Street:

- On Friday, we will leave the church building at 4 pm for the Youth Rally at Elizabethtown church of Christ. Jerry Elder will be the featured speaker for the weekend. We will return to South Green Street on Saturday around 3 pm.
- Upon return from Etown, the Youth will host our annual Senior Members Banquet on Saturday evening. For those not going to the Youth Rally, please be at the church building by 3:30 pm. If you have not yet talked to Blaine about the dress code for the night, please call him ASAP.
- On Sunday evening, the young men of the congregation will be responsible for the worship service. Please pray for, support, and encourage their efforts.
- Next week (Tuesday, July 31 & Thursday, Aug. 2) will be the last times for our afternoon hangouts for the summer.

As summer nears its end, we commend all of our Youth who remain involved in the church's efforts throughout the year and positively reflect Christ in our community. We are blessed to have so many at South Green Street who know and remember their Creator in the days of their youth. Thank you all.

# LIFTING UP HOLY HANDS

by Steve Higginbotham

*(In the past two months, I've received a couple phone calls and a couple e-mails asking me what I think of people raising their hands in prayer and worship. Below is an article I wrote a number of years ago on the subject. Please give it your consideration).*

As a boy growing up, I can remember a particular man, when called upon to lead the congregation in a prayer would kneel with his head bowed. I can remember thinking at the time how unique that posture of prayer was. I was unaware that in times past, this was a common posture when one addressed God in prayer.

I'm sure that we can agree that no single posture for prayer is required by God. Men may and have bowed their heads, lifted up their heads, stood, kneeled, sat, folded hands and lifted up their hands in prayer to God. The reason we can see such diversity of expression is because God has not legislated a particular posture to be adopted.

Therefore, it need not necessarily concern me when a brother chooses a posture that differs from my personal preference. However, it does concern me when it is suggested that the efficacy of one's worship to God is enhanced, or conversely diminished by the particular posture one may assume. Allow me to illustrate. A brother in Christ wrote an article saying,

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**The mistake some are making is that they are confusing physical sensations with spirituality.**

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"In the privacy of your home, worship the Lord using your hands. Clap for joy as you sing songs of praise. Raise your hands as you pray, giving him honor and receiving his touch. See if your communication with him is not enriched."

Such statements suggest that the efficacy of one's worship is enhanced by the posture one assumes (In this case, lifting up one's hands). But surely, such is not the case. For if the effectiveness of our worship depends upon our posture, and one posture is better than another, would not God have told us? Would He not have left us instruction concerning this matter? Would He not have advised us to adopt the most effective posture? Surely He would have, but He didn't.

One might get chills up and down his spine while sitting around a campfire under the moonlit night, singing "Kum-Ba-Yah" while holding hands with the person next to him. Should we then adopt "moonlight services" in place of our "traditional services"?

The fact of the matter is that the chill one felt may not have had anything to do with spirituality. It might simply be due to the fact that he's holding some pretty girl's hand, or a combination of that plus the cool night air.

Rather than determining the effectiveness of one's worship by the posture he assumes, why not place the efficacy where God placed it, "...The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much" (James 5:16).

# Family Matters

## Sick List

- Jessica Durham, daughter of Tim & Kim Durham, is recovering at home following outpatient surgery.
- Sheila Foster, sister of Tammy Groce, is undergoing treatment for Non Hodgkins Lymphoma. Please keep this family in your prayers.
- Lena Britt, sister of Gladys Thomas, is in the Community Hospital. She is in room #333.

## Prayer List

- Dorothy Coffey, Eddie Gerald and James Holloway
- Scott Hays, brother-in-law of Caroline Kelly
- Donnie Huff, brother-in-law of Karen Kerney

## Restoration

Coty Elliott responded to the invitation at the Sunday morning service and requested prayers on his behalf. Please honor his request and keep him in your daily prayers.

## Senior Members Banquet

The Youth of the South Green Street Church of Christ will host a Senior Members Banquet on Saturday, July 28, 2007, at 5:30 p.m. If you and/or your spouse are sixty years and above you are cordially invited to attend. Sign-up forms are located in the foyer and also near the rear entrance of the building.

## Thank You

I want to thank everyone for all the thoughtfulness and kindness that has continues to be shown to me. I appreciate everything so very much. Please continue to remember me in your prayers.

Dorothy Coffey

## Back To School

Donations are now being accepted for the Back To School Ministry. Each year donations to this ministry are used to purchase school supplies and other essentials for a selected school in our area. The school chosen for 2007 is Hiseville Elementary. Please give donations to Gary Edmunds or Rollin Simmons.

## Baby Shower

All ladies of the congregation are invited to a Baby Shower for Tonya Kelsay. This event will take place on Sunday, August 5, 2007, at 2:00 in the church basement.

## Teacher Training Seminar

An area wide Teacher Training Seminar will be conducted September 24 and 25, from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at the South Green Street Church of Christ. There will be sessions for teachers from Cradle Roll through adults, a non-teacher class, as well as, a special song leading class. Speakers for these sessions include: Preschool Teachers-Lea Dye, Primary Teachers-Kim Higginbotham, Intermediate Teachers-Mark Sexton and Blaine Kelly, Adult Teachers-Sellers Crain and David Hamilton. Speakers for the non-teachers will be Dale Graham, Mike Greene, Tom Hall and Steve Higginbotham. The song leading class will be conducted by Todd Walker from Murray, KY. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend.

## Correction

Please change the address of Tom & Georgia Edwards in the directory to 7745 Edmonton Rd., Glasgow.

### For The Record

Sunday Morning Attendance .....	366
Sunday Contribution .....	\$6,744.00
2007 Weekly Budget .....	\$6,700.00
2007 Weekly Average .....	\$6,838.54

**Sunday Morning, July 29, 2007**

Deacons in Charge..... Gary Edmunds  
 ..... David Gray  
 Announcements..... Billy Pritchard  
 Song Leader..... Jackie Perkins  
 Opening Prayer..... Scott Bradford  
 Lesson..... Steve Higginbotham  
 Presiding at the Table ..... Tony Shirley  
 ..... Chris Page  
 Serving the Assembly..... Walter Smith  
 ..... Nick Pace  
 ..... Wendy Frazier  
 ..... Gary Groce  
 Serving the Balcony..... Jerry Staples  
 ..... Darrell Miller  
 ..... Rondyl Leftwich  
 Closing Remarks..... Tommy Gumm  
 Dismissal Prayer..... Mark Bowman  
 Greeters (Front Door) ..... Runell Riddle  
 ..... Becky Williams  
 Greeters (Back Door) ..... Scott Wright  
 ..... Howard Alls  
 Greeter (Side Door)..... Joyce Whitlow  
 Assistance (Back Door)..... David Alls  
 Umbrella (Back Door)..... Glen Birge

Ushers ..... Sam Bulle  
 ..... Fred Proffitt  
 Usher & Serve Basement ..... James Williams  
 ..... Travis Redford  
 Count Contribution..... Rollin Simmons  
 ..... Howard Bulle  
 ..... Seth Groce  
 ..... Jim Kessler  
 Nursery Attendant..... Ruth Stephens  
 Bake Bread..... Covella Hare  
 Bus Driver..... Ronnie Turner  
 Pick Up Attendance Cards..... Seth Groce  
 ..... Trevor Smith

**Sunday Evening Service**

Announcements..... Young Men's Night  
 Song Leader..... Young Men's Night  
 Opening Prayer..... Young Men's Night  
 Lesson..... Blaine Kelly  
 Presiding at the Table ..... Young Men's Night  
 ..... Young Men's Night  
 Dismissal Prayer..... Young Men's Night

**Wednesday Evening Service**

Song Leader ..... Robbie Fudge  
 Prayer ..... David Fant

**Worship Times:**

Sunday Bible Study ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday A.M. Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Sunday P.M. Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.  
 Thursday Ladies' Class ..... 10:00 a.m.

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Gary Edmunds	678-2330	Walter Smith	427-3178
Doug Frazier	651-1062	Robert Spear	678-2319
Robbie Fudge	678-5602	Ronnie Turner	678-6798
David Gray	678-8824	Leslie Wilson	678-3692
Chrs Page			

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