

# Weekly Newsletter

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## Reorganization Of Church Ministries

By the time you receive this bulletin in your mailbox, should have already received a new "Ministry Form" in your mailbox. The time has come to do a complete overhaul of our ministries programs and for every member of the congregation to re-evaluate their service and select what areas of service in which they want to be involved.

Please consider your choices prayerfully. Consider your talents and abilities, consider your time, and consider the work and progress of the church.

When the ministries program began four years ago, we had 90% of our congregation active in some ministry program. We hope that the response will be as great this time. I am aware that one can be involved in ministry without being involved in a program, but I am also aware that we have 39 programs of work that are good works, and are worthy of our involvement.

Please return your completed ministry forms in the self addressed stamped envelope provided no later than February 11, 2007. If you did not receive a packet in the mail, please accept our apology for the oversight. When dealing with over 270 families and over 400 members, it's easy to make a mistake. Simply notify us at the office (651-5409) and we will get a ministry form sent to you.

## Prayer Request

John Page responded to the invitation Sunday morning and requested the prayers of the church on his behalf. We certainly want to continue to honor his request and are thankful for John's desire to be right with God.

## CHRIST IN Youth

### The Story of the Bible

By Steve Higginbotham

What's the Bible all about? What's its theme? If you were to write a "Cliff Notes" or "Spark Notes" (*see you taught me something in Wednesday Bible class last week*) on the Bible, and be as brief as possible, what would you say about it?

Well, at least one concise way to sum up the story of the Bible requires only five words. They are:

Three Gardens And Three Trees.

- The Garden of Eden & The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil (The Fall of Man)
- The Garden of Gethsemane & The Cross of Christ (The Sacrifice for Man)
- The Garden of God (Heaven) & The Tree of Life (The Eternal Salvation for Faithful Men)

This concise summary hits the beginning, middle, and end of human history and addresses its most pivotal moments. Three gardens and three trees...that's the story of the Bible in a nutshell.

## Super Bowl

As you probably already know, next Sunday is the Super Bowl. Following our Sunday evening worship service, the youth group and their parents are invited over to the Youth Center to watch the Super Bowl together. The game won't be nearly as enjoyable as last year, but it will still be okay. I hope you'll make plans to be present.

I'll send out a message to you a little later in the week about what to bring.

# Roll Away The Stone

By Steve Higginbotham

**T**he miraculous raising of Lazarus from the dead is one of my favorite stories in the Bible. I can just place myself in that multitude of people and imagine the utter amazement of seeing Lazarus slowly emerge from the darkness of his tomb...ALIVE! Like as did Thomas, I would think there were people present who would have fallen to their knees and humbly confessed, "My Lord and my God!"

But now, let me draw your attention to a point in this familiar story that I believe may sometimes be overlooked, but might have significance. Have you ever wondered why Jesus asked those present to "roll away the stone?" (John 11:39) Why would Jesus, who had the power to command the dead back to life by simply saying, "Lazarus, come forth!" not simply cause the stone to roll away? Surely, one with the power to raise the dead could roll away a heavy stone. But the account records that he didn't. Instead, he asked others to perform this task.

Ever wonder why he enlisted the cooperation of those present? Ever wonder why such a seemingly insignificant detail was recorded for us to read? Maybe it was to teach a lesson; a lesson which teaches us that Jesus wants our cooperation.



While Jesus, in his sacrifice, did for us what we could not do for ourselves, we still must cooperate through faith and obedience. Our salvation depends of the work of Christ which was beyond our ability. Because we have all chosen to sin, we are due the wages of sin, which is death (Romans 6:23). Without Jesus dying on our behalf, salvation would be out of reach for all of us. No amount of good works could ever remove our sin and save our soul. Consequently, in steps Jesus, doing for us what we cannot do for ourselves.

However, the gracious sacrifice of Jesus alone will not result in the salvation of all mankind. In order for man to be saved, he must cooperate with Jesus. He must come to faith and trust in him. He must make him his Lord. Without such personal action, salvation would never be accomplished.

In other words, our salvation is much like the raising of Lazarus from the dead. Jesus took care of the part that was beyond our ability, but expected us to do what was within our own ability. Give it some thought.

# Family Matters

## Sick List

- Lucy Richardson, daughter of Clay & Lisa Richardson, will undergo outpatient surgery on Thursday in Bowling Green. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.
- Jim Dunaway remains in the Community Hospital.
- Howard Bulle is recovering from injuries he received last week in an accident.
- Mary Florence Whiteside is now at home after being hospitalized.
- Gene Ross is at home after being hospitalized last week.
- Dixie Strode, mother of Charlotte Birge, recently underwent surgery and will be undergoing chemo treatments. Please keep this family in your prayers.
- Rose Mesker, friend of Judy Page, has been transferred from a Louisville hospital to the Glenview Health Care Center, room 17. Rose was injured several months ago in a car wreck.
- Continue to remember: Mary Anderson, Wendell & Lena Britt, John Bull, Terry Burd, Doug Burgess, Shawn Bryant, Linda Cable, Ruby Cloyd, Dorothy Coffey, Pauline Cole, Ruth Elliott, Eddie Gerald, Eugene Harlow, Sally Henry, Fred Hensley, Amanda Hinton, Caden Hodges, Lane Houchens, Ruel Houchens, Wesley Houchens, Carl Hutchinson, Clevis Jefferies, John Rogers Jones, Preston Jolly, Stacey King, Jeanette Krume, Art Lattanzi, Janie Martin, Linda Pedigo, Kay Pickett, Stephen Pitcock, J.C. Polson, Cindy Proffitt, Nina Richardson, Marian Smith, Shelley South, Mary Stephens, Sherry Tabor, Edna Vibbert, Ronnie Walker, James Williams and James Wooten.

## Pew Packers

Pew Packers class meets each Sunday afternoon at 5:30. This class is for children through the 4th grade and meets in the front of the auditorium.

## Visitation Team

Visitation Team #1 will meet Sunday, February 4, following the morning service for a meal and meeting. Team members are reminded to bring their visitation records to turn in. Team Leaders are Darrell Pitcock and Ronnie Turner.

## Teacher Training Workshop

A Teacher Training Workshop will be held at the Mt. Juliet Church of Christ on Saturday, February 24, from 9:00-12:00. The speakers include: Marlin Connelly, Adult Teacher Sessions, Mike McPherson, Teen Teacher Sessions and Suzanne Martin, Children's Teacher Sessions. If you would like to attend please turn your name in to the office.

## Pictorial Directory

As you are aware, we will be doing a new pictorial directory this year. Olan Mills will be here in March to take photographs. The dates are March 22-24 and March 29-31. You will be contacted by phone to schedule a time for you and your family to be photographed.

## Church Scrapbook

Anyone interested in helping with the church scrapbook is asked to meet at the church building on Monday, February 12, between at 5:00. Should you have any questions please contact Leslie Wilson.

## Andy Baker

We are pleased to announce that Andy Baker will be speaking here at South Green on Saturday and Sunday, March 10 and 11. The time on March 10 will be 7:00 p.m. On March 11, Andy will speak at the Bible class period, as well as the morning and evening worship services.

Andy is a great speaker and will be discussing topics that will be designed to encourage us and motivate us to greater service and faithfulness. Please make plans to attend this event!

