

Weekly Newsletter

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Spring Series Continues Next Week

The theme of this year's Spring Series is "Marks of a Genuine Disciple." I believe that the theme and the line-up of speakers will result in a challenging six weeks of self-evaluation. Therefore, I hope you will make your plans to be present.



Due to our Gospel Meeting this week with Steve Johnson, our Spring Series will be suspended for a week, but will resume next Wednesday night with Paul Merideth from the Watterson Trail Church of Christ in Louisville speaking.

GOSPEL MEETING April 22-25, 2007

At the
**South Green Street
Church of Christ**

Times:
Sunday: 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Monday - Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

Speaker:
Steve Johnson,
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Lexington, Kentucky

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CHRIST IN *Youth*

Congratulations!

- Congratulations to Stephanie Walton, who was baptized into Christ Sunday morning, April 22. We're proud of Stephanie and for the decision she has made to serve the Lord for the rest of her life!
- Congratulations are in order for Adam Fife. He was selected as a Governor's Scholar! He joins our Richard Spear, Whitney (Turner) Williams, Courtney Bray, and Kelli Higginbotham who have also received this honor. Not only that, but Adam finished second in the state for his science project.
- Congratulations to Michael and Jessie Fant and the Glasgow Scotties Band for receiving distinguished marks at the recent Band Festival in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Also keep Blaine and Caroline Kelly in your prayers. It won't be long until they are here working with us. Blaine and Caroline's first Sunday with us is scheduled to be Sunday, May 20th. They still have a lot to do with reference to moving, so remember them in your prayers as they go through this very stressful time.

CAMP APPLICATIONS

Staff and camper applications can be picked up on the table next to the elevator.

Application Deadline: May 6, 2007
Camp Dates: June 10-15
Cost: Yet to be determined

“What If...?”

By Steve Higginbotham

The words “What if...” are typically spoken after an event is finished. “What if we would have begun saving money when we were younger?” “What if we would have double-teamed their best shooter?” Or “What if we would have given more priority to the church when our children were younger?” These are useless words. Words that are too late to matter or to make any difference. However, these two words don’t have to be words that are relegated to vain words of regret. The words, “What if...” are words full of vision and possibility. They are words that make the difference between success and failure. Rather than being vain words spoken too late, they can also be powerful words spoken in a timely fashion that makes all the difference between success and failure.

Here are a few “What ifs...” that we can be asking that are not too late, but are full of potential and life-changing possibilities.

- **What if...** every family in our local church decided to attend all the services of the church? What impact would that have on my family, other Christians, and the world? Can you imagine the influence for good it would have on the lost who see no significant drop in numbers from one service to the next? Can you imagine how encouraging it would be to each other? Can you imagine what impact this would have on our Bible knowledge? Can you imagine what an influence for good this would have upon our children? What if? Just what if we chose to do this? The potential is unlimited. I for one, think it’s worth trying. Does anyone know of a good reason why we shouldn’t?
- **What if...** every member in our congregation decided to make the salvation of a lost soul a priority for one year. What if, instead of allowing days, weeks, and months go by wherein we failed to talk to others about Jesus, we invited people to worship and study with us? What if we asked people if they would be willing to sit down some evening in our home and talk about the Scriptures? Can you imagine how many conversions would occur in a year’s time? What holds us back is only our fear. What if we overcame our fear? Can you imagine what a change this would make in our congregation?
- **What if...** every member of the church viewed themselves as unprofitable servants? What if we all realized that the Lord owes us nothing and we owe him everything? What if we stopped asking what the church can do for us and began asking what we can do for the church? What if we realized how indebted we were to God? Can you imagine the good that we could do, the service that we could render, and determination we would have? No one could dissuade or discourage us. We would press on. Just think what it would be like to live among and serve beside a kingdom of servants who had no expectations, but only a sense of responsibility.

Friends, these “What ifs” are not empty, useless words considered after the fact and too late to do any good. Rather the “What ifs” this article wrote about are visionary, challenging, and life-changing. They are full of potential, and could very well change the future of the church here at South Green Street. But now here’s the best news. These “what ifs” are within the reach of each of us. There is no reason we cannot do them. It’s just a matter of the will.

Will you accept this challenge? Just think, “*What if* you and others do?”

Family Matters

Sick List

- Dorothy Coffey is in the Community Hospital. She is in room # 352.

Prayer Request

- Ella Berryman, John Bull, Ruby Cloyd, Eddie & Louise Gerald, Hershel Hughes, Edith Page and Ann Surber
- Carroll Benedict, friend of Doug & Linda Frasier
- Presley Fergerson, son of Josh Fergerson, Josh is the nephew of Trent Fergerson
- Shirley Harlow, friend of Walter & Beverly Smith, has been diagnosed with cancer
- Sandy Holland, niece of Judy Riley, recently underwent surgery for an aneurysm
- Randall Page, father of John Page
- Jerry Spence, friend of Walter & Beverly Smith, is in the last stage of cancer

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the friends and family of Roena Dearing. She passed away in Texas on Thursday, April 19. She was the aunt of David Fant and the sister-in-law of Ethel Fant. A Memorial Service will be conducted at a later date.

Ladies Day

Ladies Day at South Green will be held on Saturday, April 28. This year the speaker will be Dwina Willis. Lesson topics are, "Blooming Where You Are Planted." and "How To Get An A In Blooming." Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. The program will begin at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be served following the program. All ladies are invited to attend.

Thank You

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers that helped to clean the interior of the building on Saturday, April 22. You did an excellent job!

Important Meeting

A meeting of everyone (teachers, assistants and craft volunteers) that will be involved with Vacation Bible School **and** the Education Program (teachers, assistants and substitutes) will be held Sunday, April 29, at 4:00. If you are involved in either of these areas you are asked to make every effort to be in attendance on Sunday. Should you have any questions, please contact Scott Bradford, Mark Bowman or Robbie Fudge.

Spring Series

Our Wednesday night Spring Series will begin on April 11. This year the theme is "Marks Of A Disciple." Our speakers will be: Tom Hall, Wade Webster, Paul Merideth, Dale Graham, David Hamilton and Mike Greene. The lesson topics will be:

- May 2 Produces Fruitful Living
- May 9 Exhibits Purity Of Life
- May 16 Develops Character In Suffering
- May 23 Functions In The Body

Area Events

- Homecoming-Broadway Church of Christ-Campbellsville-Sunday, April 29-Bible Study 10:00 a.m., Worship 11:00 a.m., Eastern Time-Randy Bybee, Speaker-Lunch following services.
- Gospel Meeting-Horse Cave Church of Christ-April 29-May 2-Frank Higginbotham, Speaker-7:00
- Gospel Meeting-Lehman Ave. Church of Christ-April 29-May 2-David Decker, Speaker-7:00 p.m.
- Ladies Day-Fountain Head Church of Christ-May 12- Sheila Butt, Speaker-9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Lunch following.

