

# Weekly Newsletter

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## The Sanjaya Principle

For those of you unfamiliar with the television show “American Idol,” here is how it basically works: Everyday people like you and me audition to become music’s next sensation. A panel of judges narrows the field from tens of thousands to a dozen contestants. Among that final group, the television audience selects the ultimate winner by phoning in and voting for their “favorite” singer. The process has produced some very successful singers over the years.

This year, however, revealed a flaw in the system. You see, one particular contestant named Sanjaya Malakar remained among the final eight, but nearly everyone watching the show agreed that he did not belong. While Sanjaya might be a better singer than most of us, his fellow competitors were clearly more talented, including many who were eliminated before him. His survival was probably the result of an elaborate hoax among those who wanted to make a mockery of the show by producing an inferior winner. Regardless of the cause, Sanjaya’s success on the show revealed a very important principle—majority rule is not always the best means for arriving at some conclusions.

Do we not see similar mistakes in religion today? Consider the following: Do the majority of people’s lives reflect the fact that there is a God? Do the majority accept the authority and instruction of His Word? Do the majority live with regular consideration of Jesus’ sacrificial life and the example He left for us? Do the majority of us spend daily time in prayer and study?

Unfortunately, the majority sometimes gets it wrong. Take a look at Matthew 7:13-23 and I Corinthians 1:18-31. Regardless of what the world might say or do, let God be true, and let us be found living for Him.

- Blaine

## CHRIST IN *Youth*

### News & Notes

Here are some activities and other events coming up for this summer.

- On Friday, July 13, we will travel to Chattanooga for a youth rally at which Blaine will be speaking. We will be back in Glasgow on the evening of Saturday, July 14. Please let Blaine know by the end of this week if you plan to go.
- On Monday, July 16, Bobby Steenbergen will be taking us on a special after-hours lantern tour at Mammoth Cave. We will leave the church building at 5 pm. Blaine needs to know who will be going and how many have gone on the tour in past years. Thanks, Bobby, for inviting us for this special event!
- The Elizabethtown church of Christ will be hosting a youth rally on the weekend of July 27-28 with Jerry Elder as the featured speaker.
- Upon return from Etown, the Youth Group will host its annual Seniors Appreciation Banquet on Saturday evening, July 28. Stay tuned for more details.
- DON’T FORGET—The Youth Center will be open on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons throughout the rest of summer. Calendars for July’s activities will be available at the building this week.

With all of the upcoming travel, we need emergency contact information and parental consent for all children who will be travelling with us. Parents, please pick up an information form from Blaine. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

# God Bless America

By Steve Higginbotham

As we approach the fourth of July, I have noticed how many times recently I have seen or heard the title of this article, "God Bless America." I have seen it in newspapers and on billboards. I have heard it spoken by politicians and citizens alike. I have heard it sung at ball games and heard it spoken inside the capitol building of the United States. "God Bless America," seems to be a rather popular sentiment right now. Especially in the past several years since the terrible attacks of September 11. In light of that tragedy, many people have forgotten about "political correctness" and have blatantly called upon God for help.

But why does it have to take a tragedy for us to acknowledge our need and dependence upon God. Well, I think the answer to that question is that we tend to forget and even ignore God, save in times of trouble. When our daily routine is uninterrupted by tragedy, we often fail to recognize our need for God. We find ourselves doing very well by ourselves, thank you. But when the bottom drops out; when we're thrust in life and death situations, we suddenly realize how powerless we often are to control our own destiny. Thus we call upon God for his help and blessings.

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**"Maybe what is needed as much, if not more, than for "God to bless America" is for "America to bless God!"**

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This certainly isn't an easy thing to say, but maybe our ease and comfort need to be disrupted if it will cause us, as a nation, to acknowledge God in our lives. That certainly doesn't mean that I would want tragedies to befall us. There is no question about it, the actions of September 11th were evil, and there is no way for anyone to justify them. However, if such evil actions will cause us to rely more closely upon God and acknowledge his presence, maybe some good can come from this evil.

And one more thought before I'm done. As we ask "God bless America," during this fourth of July holiday, maybe it would be better to take a little time to thank to acknowledge and show a little gratitude by thinking God for blessing America.

"If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).

## Looking For Feedback

As you know, in the month of June we aired our commercials on SCRTC. If you have heard any comments, good or bad about these commercials, (Including your own thoughts) please forward that to the office.

During the month of July, our commercials will air over 220 times on the EPB. Keep your eyes and ears open, and share any feedback with the office. The comments you hear, or if you hear any at all, will help us to evaluate whether we want to make additional commercials in the future.

# Family Matters

## Sick List

- Frenchie Belcher is recovering from outpatient knee surgery at her home.
- Julie Groce was injured in a four wheeler accident on Monday, June 25. Julie suffered a compression back fracture. Julie is the daughter of David & Debbie Gray. Please continue to keep Julie in your prayers.
- Frank Stewart, grandfather of Frankie England, is in the Jewish Hospital. Please continue to keep this family in your prayers.

## Prayer List

- John Bull and Dorothy Coffey
- Shawn Bryant, family of Dr. Carolyn McKinley
- Doug Burgess, member of the Beckton Church of Christ
- Betty Dunbar, sister of Robbie Pitcock and Mary Taylor
- Herman Hammer, nephew of Robbie Pitcock and Mary Taylor
- Nella Stewart, grandmother of Frankie England, continues to recover from recent by pass surgery.

## Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the friends and family of Harold Pace. He passed away on Thursday on June 28. Funeral services were conducted on Saturday at the Crow Funeral Home.

## Baptism

We are pleased to announce that Clay Ferguson was baptized last week while attending Taylor Christian Camp. We are proud of Clay and his decision to become a Christian. Clay is the son of Trent & Stacey Ferguson.

## Golf Scramble

The Annual Golf Scramble is scheduled for Saturday, July 21, at the Fox Hollow Golf Course. Start time is 8:00 a.m. The cost is \$24.00. Sign-up and pay in advance deadline is July 15, no exceptions. Payment should be given to Darrell Pitcock. Sign-up sheets are posted in the foyer and near the rear entrance of the building.

## Visitation Teams

Visitation Team #1 will meet Sunday, July 8, following the morning worship service for a potluck meal and a meeting. Team members should bring their visitation records to turn in. Team Leaders are Tommy Gumm and Glenn Pitcock.

Visitation Team #2 will meet Sunday, July 8, following the evening worship service for a potluck meal and a meeting. Team members should bring their visitation records to turn in. Team Leaders are Robert Spear and Rollin Simmons.

## 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. We hope that each Senior Member of South Green will make plans to attend this special event!

### For The Record

|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Sunday Morning Attendance ..... | 402        |
| Sunday Contribution .....       | \$7,136.75 |
| 2007 Weekly Budget .....        | \$6,700.00 |
| 2007 Weekly Average .....       | \$6,849.86 |

**Sunday Morning, July 8, 2007**

Deacons in Charge..... Leslie Wilson  
 ..... Robert Spear  
 Announcements..... Tony Shirley  
 Song Leader..... Robbie Fudge  
 Opening Prayer..... Mark Bowman  
 Lesson..... Steve Higginbotham  
 Presiding at the Table ..... Billy Pritchard  
 ..... Ralph Dunbar  
 Serving the Assembly..... Darrell Miller  
 ..... Jim Kessler  
 ..... Allen Peden  
 ..... Jessie Thompson  
 Serving the Balcony..... Wendy Frazier  
 ..... Jimmy Smith  
 ..... David McCracken  
 Closing Remarks..... Rollin Simmons  
 Dismissal Prayer..... Rob Cofer  
 Greeters (Front Door) ..... Dan Button  
 ..... Becky Button  
 Greeters (Back Door) ..... Basil Surber  
 ..... Ann Surber  
 Greeter (Side Door)..... Tina Harlow  
 Assistance (Back Door)..... Larry Baldock  
 Umbrella (Back Door)..... Gary Brownfield

Ushers ..... Gary Denham  
 ..... Kerry Dilley  
 Usher & Serve Basement ..... James Williams  
 ..... Elliot Bowman  
 Count Contribution..... Doug Frasier  
 ..... Guy Simmons  
 ..... Doug Belcher  
 ..... Sam Bulle  
 Nursery Attendant..... Barbara Polson  
 Bake Bread..... Janet Dilley  
 Bus Driver..... Mason Matthews  
 Pick Up Attendance Cards..... Tanner Wright  
 ..... Matthew Higginbotham

**Sunday Evening Service**

Announcements..... Tony Shirley  
 Song Leader..... Robbie Fudge  
 Opening Prayer..... Glenn Pitcock  
 Lesson..... Steve Higginbotham  
 Presiding at the Table ..... Glen Birge  
 ..... Fred Proffitt  
 Dismissal Prayer..... Jim Searcy

**Wednesday Evening Service**

Song Leader ..... David Fant  
 Prayer ..... Kevin Redford

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.

**Worship Times:**

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 Blaine Kelly..... blaine@glasgow-coc.org  
 Secretary's email ..... nancy@glasgow-coc.org

**Church Information**

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|--------------|----------|---------------|----------|
| Mark Bowman  | 678-3632 | Glenn Pitcock | 646-4368 |
| Ralph Dunbar | 678-2075 | Kevin Redford | 646-3260 |
| Gary Edmunds | 678-4576 | Tony Shirley  | 651-5605 |
| Doug Frasier | 678-2330 | Walter Smith  | 427-3178 |
| Robbie Fudge | 651-1062 | Robert Spear  | 678-2319 |
| David Gray   | 678-5602 | Ronnie Turner | 678-6798 |
| Chrs Page    | 678-8824 | Leslie Wilson | 678-3692 |

**Deacons**

Steve Higginbotham 590-8785  
 Blaine Kelly 404-2684

**Ministers**

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|-----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| Scott Bradford  | 651-7244 | Billy Pritchard | 651-3304 |
| Tommy Gumm      | 678-3957 | Rollin Simmons  | 678-4854 |
| Darrell Pitcock | 678-4333 |                 |          |

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