

# Weekly Newsletter

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## *An Unheralded King*

In the late hours of last Tuesday night, Barry Bonds hit home run #756, unseating Hank Aaron as baseball's all-time homerun king and claiming the most hallowed of sports records. Unfortunately, this new record will never be as heralded as Aaron's or the records of his predecessor, Babe Ruth. As Bonds climbed closer and closer to the homerun record, more and more evidence suggested that he used steroids and other illegal substances to enhance his abilities. Bonds has yet to be officially convicted of any wrongdoing, but few believe his records are the pure product of natural ability mixed with hard work.

Sadder than the shadow cast over "America's pastime" is the reaction among some over Bonds' achievements. There are those who accept Bonds' use of steroids because other players are using steroids. Their suggestion is that one person's infractions legitimizes the wrongdoing of another. *Maybe two wrongs do make a right.* Others defend Bonds' actions because the substances he allegedly used were not specifically banned by baseball. What they foolishly and conveniently overlook, though, is that these substances are illegal. Would these same people defend a player for committing any other crime, as long as it was on the baseball field?

Regardless of Bonds' guilt or innocence, many in our world obviously have exchanged ethics for entertainment. Whatever happened to "it's not whether you win or lose but how you play the game?" The fame and fortune of professional sports have evidently caused many to excuse a multitude of sins.

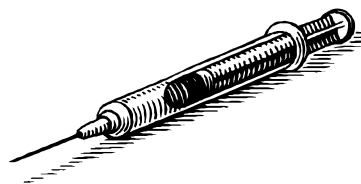
For both our society and our children, let us remember that winning should never come at all costs, that the luster of accomplishment appears rather dull when gained by cheating, and that a winner who cheats is the lowest of losers. - Blaine

## CHRIST IN Youth

### Coming Up . . .

Here are some upcoming events to keep in mind:

- There will be a **Family Meeting** with all families of preschool and elementary-age children after evening services on Sunday, August 26 in the annex.
- The High School class will begin an overview of the Old Testament on Sunday, Sept. 2. Please read Genesis before this first class. If you start now, this will be about 3 chapters per day.
- Starting on Wednesday, Sept. 5, the High School and 7th & 8th Grade classes will meet together on Wednesday nights in the annex. Our theme will be "What Would Jesus Do . . . In My World?"



### Some Facts about Steroids

- Nearly 5% of high school students have used steroids without a doctor's prescription.
- Over 40% of twelfth-graders say that steroids are either "fairly easy" or "very easy" to obtain.
- Side effects of steroid use include severe acne, stunted growth, infertility, irritability, aggression, depression, cancer, and heart attack.

Source: [www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov](http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov)

# Glasgow & Alcohol

by Steve Higginbotham

I want to begin this article, thanking everyone who was able to remain after services last Sunday Evening to discuss the Wet/Dry issue that seems to be coming to Glasgow (By the time you read this bulletin, we will know for sure whether it will or will not be on the ballot). Many good ideas were shared as we brainstormed together about ways to effectively oppose this issue.

The promotion of the “Wet” side of this debate has changed since the last Wet/Dry vote. In the year 2000, the proponents of the Wet side of this debate argued that they should have the right to go to a local restaurant to have a drink with their meal. As you know, this argument was defeated by more than a 2 to 1 vote...(69% against and 31% for). This time around, the argument is different. It’s not about having a drink with your meal, but it’s about bringing jobs to Glasgow. The reasoning that is being used this time is that if we will go “Wet” as a community, we will be the recipients of an economic boon!

However consider the following points.

1. For the child of God, moral issues should never be decided upon the basis of whether something is financially advantageous or disadvantageous. Hopefully, the convictions of those in our community who are trying to be conformed to the image of Jesus are not for sale. We cannot do evil that good may come (Romans 3:8).
2. Consider the foundation of the argument that is being advanced by the proponents of alcohol. They are in essence arguing that alcohol will better our community. Now friends, when have you ever know alcohol to “better” anything? Really now. Alcohol costs the U.S. 100 billion dollars annually, and it costs about five times more to address the abuse of alcohol than the money generated by its sales. Alcohol is involved in 70% of all murders, 41% of assaults, 50% of rapes, 60% of sex crimes against children, 55% of all arrests, 66% of fatal accidents, 56% of assaults in the home and is the #1 killer of people 25 and under and the #3 killer in America for all ages. Is this really what some what to argue will better our community?

And remember this. We live in the world, and the world will always be the world. Frequently, we may find our society unwilling to raise to the moral and ethical standards of Jesus. We should rejoice when it does, but when it doesn’t we shouldn’t be surprised. I certainly hope that Glasgow will remain a “Dry” community. However, if it doesn’t, our mission remains the same. Our goal is not defeated by a “Wet” outcome, neither is our goal accomplished if the “Dry” side of this issue prevails. Our goal is to glorify God in all things and to bring souls to Christ.

Let us keep our mission in mind as we engage in this discussion. In all things, we need to conduct ourselves honorably, and we need to stand for and speak the truth in kindness and love.

# Family Matters

## Sick List

- Brenda Kirk is recovering from out patient surgery at her home.
- Jean Pardue, sister of Annette Simmons, suffered a stroke last week. She was moved to SKY Rehab Center in Bowling Green on Monday.
- Adam Williams, husband of Whitney Turner Williams, underwent surgery last week for a broken hip. He is now recovering at home.
- Patricia Cleary, cousin of Gladys Thomas, is recovering at her home following recent surgery.

## Prayer List

- Lena Britt, sister of Gladys Thomas, has been moved to the Barren County Health Care Center, room 16.
- Marie Denton, sister-in-law of Peggy Adwell
- Alex Strader, brother of Karen Dilley
- Dixie Strode, mother of Charlotte Birge

## Birth

Chris & Shara Page announce the birth of their son, Ashton Tilden on August 6. He weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. Ashton is welcomed home by his brother and sister, Garrison and Acey.

## Visitation

Visitation Team #3 will meet Sunday morning following services for a potluck meal and a meeting. Team members should bring their visitation records to turn in. Team Leaders are Walter Smith and Steve Higginbotham.

## Card Shower

There will be a Card Shower in honor of Edna Groce's 94th Birthday. Edna will be 94 years old on August 19. Cards may be sent to: Edna Groce, 1003B Glenview Dr., Glasgow, KY.

## Thank You

The family of Dorothy Coffey wants to thank all the brothers and sisters at South Green Street for their prayers, visits, cards, phone calls, kind words and other acts of kindness. Words cannot express the gratitude we feel toward all of you.

## Students/Teachers

Sessions are held each Sunday afternoon for children interested in learning the Chronology. Sessions meet at 5:00 in the church basement. Bible class Teachers, from 1st grade-high school, are encouraged to be a part of these weekly sessions. Sessions will be held through the middle of September. Should you have any questions contact Steve or your child's teacher.

## 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.

### For The Record

Sunday Morning Attendance .....	429
Sunday Contribution .....	\$6,333.10
2007 Weekly Budget .....	\$6,700.00
2007 Weekly Average .....	\$6,830.10

**Sunday Morning, August 19, 2007**

Deacons in Charge..... Robert Spear  
 ..... Robbie Fudge  
 Announcements..... Glenn Pitcock  
 Song Leader..... Scott Bradford  
 Opening Prayer..... Walter Smith  
 Lesson..... Steve Higginbotham  
 Presiding at the Table ..... Sam Bulle  
 ..... Glen Birge  
 Serving the Assembly..... Larry Page  
 ..... Ralph Dunbar  
 ..... Mitchell Hare  
 ..... Fred Proffitt  
 Serving the Balcony..... Gary Groce  
 ..... Elliot Bowman  
 ..... Nick Pace  
 Closing Remarks..... Billy Pritchard  
 Dismissal Prayer..... Trent Ferguson  
 Greeters (Front Door) ..... Mark Bowman  
 ..... Nancy Bowman  
 Greeters (Back Door) ..... Jewett Steenbergen  
 ..... Tody Steenbergen  
 Greeter (Side Door)..... Jim Searcy  
 Assistance (Back Door)..... Larry Estes  
 Umbrella (Back Door)..... Scott Fife

Ushers ..... Frankie McCoy  
 ..... Gary Denham  
 Usher & Serve Basement ..... James Williams  
 ..... Rondyl Leftwich  
 Count Contribution..... Hugh England  
 ..... Shannon England  
 ..... John Weaver  
 ..... Basil Surber  
 Nursery Attendant..... Bethany Matthews  
 Bake Bread..... Anna Edwards  
 Bus Driver..... Kerry Dilley  
 Pick Up Attendance Cards..... Chase Watkins  
 ..... Riley Fudge

**Sunday Evening Service**

Announcements..... Glenn Pitcock  
 Song Leader..... Scott Bradford  
 Opening Prayer..... Darrell Pitcock  
 Lesson..... Blaine Kelly  
 Presiding at the Table ..... Leslie Wilson  
 ..... Kevin Redford  
 Dismissal Prayer..... Ronnie Turner

**Wednesday Evening Service**

Song Leader..... Jackie Perkins  
 Prayer..... David Gray

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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David Gray	678-8824	Leslie Wilson	678-3692
Chrs Page			

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