

"herald the good news" Romans 10:15

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RUNNING THE RACE

Today is our annual homecoming and I am so thankful that you chose to be with us. Over the years we have met so many people who have been a wonderful influence for good in our lives. Some of them have gone on to their reward while others remain to keep up the good work. Many are like those Paul spoke of in many of his letters – Onesiphorus:...he often refreshed me, and...many ways he ministered to me in Ephesus" (2 Tim. 1:16,18); Mark: "...he is useful to me for the ministry" (2 Tim. 4:11); Phoebe "...our sister, who is a servant of the church in Cenchrea...indeed she has been a helper of many and myself also" (Rom. 16:12); Priscilla and Aquila: "...fellow workers who risked their own necks for my life" (Rom. 16:3-4); Persis: "who labored much in the Lord" (Rom. 16:12). We need to be complimentary of those who have been such blessings to us. After all as Christians we are in the race of our lives. The following article by Ken Joines is a great reminder. (Gary Puryear)

A couple of years back, at the Special Olympics in Seattle, nine competitors-all mentally or physically challenged-were standing at the starting line for the 100 m race. The gun fired and the race was on. Not everyone was running but everyone was participating. They ran in 3s, when a boy tripped and fell hitting the cinders, and started crying. Everyone slowed down and looked back-all 8 of them. A girl with Down Syndrome sat down beside him, hugged and patted him and asked, "Feeling better now?" Then all nine of them walked together shoulder-to-shoulder across the finish line. The whole crowd stood and applauded. And cried. The applause lasted a long time. People who witnessed this still talk about it. Why? Because deep down inside us every one of us knows that the most important thing in this life is not just winning ourselves. The most important thing is for all of us to win. Even if it means slowing down and changing our plans. A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle. When will we every learn this? (Editors's note - I thank God for the many who are helping me run the race.)

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. I MUST BELIEVE

"But without faith, it is impossible to please Him" (Hebrews 11:6)

2. I MUST REPENT

"Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3)

3. I MUST CONFESS

"And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God" (Acts 8:37)

4. I MUST BE BAPTIZED

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." (Mark 16:16)

5. I MUST LIVE RIGHT

"We should live soberly, righteously, and Godly in this present world" (Titus 2:12)

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Worship at 10:30 am & 6:00 pm
Bible Class at 9:30 am

WEDNESDAY

Bible Class at 7:00 pm

ELDERS

Fred Barnett, Mark DeLong,
Rodney Newton, Ray Poston, Stephen Stilwell

DEACONS

Micah Busbey, Brad Carter, Karl Dawson, John Heldreth,
Michael Lloyd, Bob McIndoo, Jeff Morris, Juan Nunez,
Mark Springer, Leland Steely, Tim Tapp

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, October 10

Devo at Clay City Park
Hosted by John & April
Heldreth
4 to 7 pm

Saturday, October 17

Modest is Hottest Girls
Convention
Benton, KY (MCHS Arts
Center)
Check bulletin board for
details!

Saturday, October 24

Trip to Garden of Gods
Cave-In-Rock, Illinois
Bring \$10 for fast-food meal

Friday, October 30

Devo at Dawson's House
Bring \$10 for trip to Haunted
House

High School Class Topics

Wed, September 30
Auditorium - Meeting

Sunday, October 4
The Junkyard of Life



Fall Service Projects

OCTOBER

College Packages

NOVEMBER

Leaf Raking

DECEMBER

WKYC Canteen

Remember that the collection for our annual Toy Drive will start the 2nd weekend of November. Details will be coming soon about our plans for the College Care Packages and Toy Drive!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY (9/30)

Opening Prayer: Jeff Morris
Closing Prayer: Gary Puryear
Devotional: David Leigh
Song Leader: Neal Mathis

SUNDAY (10/4)

AT THE TABLE

*Fred Barnett John Heldreth
*Kenny Brantley Jerry Whitley
Jim Hayes John West
Greg Warmack Barney Shockley

*Denotes those to serve communion Sunday night

AM Worship

Announcements: Rodney Newton
Opening Prayer: James Thomason
Scripture Reading: Jeff Morris
Closing Prayer: John West
Ushers: Jim Burke
Karl Dawson

DOOR GREETERS

Russ Barker
Becca Barker
John Barfield

PM Worship

Opening Prayer: Greg Shepherd
Scripture Reading: Mark DeLong
Closing Prayer: Bud Simons

FOR THE RECORD (Sept. 20):

Sunday Morning Worship: 217
Sunday Morning Bible Study: 140
Sunday Evening Worship: 139
Wednesday Bible Study: 121
Contribution: \$6295.50

NEWS AND NOTES

Prayer Request: Ann Eddins, Debbie Newman, Carolyn Clevenger, Kathy Riggs, Tommy Jenkins, Barbara Barr, Adam Perez, Debbie Hein, Marcus Shepherd, Buck and Wanda Gish, Joann Hayes, Greg Tapp, John Kavanaugh, Jenny Revlett, Robert Simpkins, Wayne Moore, Terry Thurston, Jim Meadows, Cindy Embry, Arnie Daniels, Madison Hutson, Louise McIlwain's brother.

Sympathy: To Louise McIlwain and family in the death of her aunt. To the Tapp family in the death of Norma.

Baptism: Tommy Jenkins was not certain of his motivation when he was baptized years ago so he desired to be immersed again. May God give him many more years to serve in the kingdom.

Meal schedule: Potluck today following our A.M. services. Monday 5:45 in the basement (Gary's bible class); Tuesday 5:45 (Fred and Mark's classes); Wednesday 5:45 (Youth and Ladies classes.) Anyone else is welcome to come any night. Just bring a dish and we can enjoy more time together.

On the road again: Jim and Jackie Hayes are heading back to Florida in a few days. We will miss them but wish them well.
(G.P.)