

NEWS & NOTES

THE SICK: *Jack and Onzell Tucker* continue to be confined at home. ~ Buffy Wallen's grandmother and James McConnell's aunt, **Nadine Thompson**, is in the Lauderdale Christian Nursing Home in Killen. ~ Eric White's father, **Jim White**, continues his cancer treatments. ~ Judy Williams' mother **Flossie Kizzire**, continues in a nursing facility in Fayette ~ **Jerry Dickey** is continuing to receive cancer treatments. ~ **Frances Resse**, Aric Butler's grandmother, in Brookings, Oregon is very sick with lung cancer. ~ **Others on the sick list include: Virginia Lovell, Joshua Andrews, Ronnie Phillips ~ Helen Trousdale**, is in rehab in Athens. ~ **Sanda Martel** broke her leg in two places. She is home recovering.

Other News: There is a directory update on the table in the foyer.

COMMUNICATIONS GROUP: Tonight after our evening service will be the meeting time for "Group C". If you are in this group, be sure to attend this meeting.

FOR THE RECORD: (Week of January 4th)

Sunday:	
Bible Classes	94
Morning Worship	108
Evening Worship	76
Wednesday:	
Bible Classes	77

Thoughts To Ponder

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled. - **Matthew 5:6**

Schedule of Services

Sunday
 Bible Classes9:45 AM
 Morning Worship10:45 AM
 Evening Worship6:00 PM
 3rd Sunday Evening.....3:30 PM

Wednesday
 Bible Classes7:00 PM

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Men Privileged To Serve For the Week of Jan 11th

BIBLE CLASSES

Song Leader – Kevin Chancellor
Bible Reading – Steve Parker
Deuteronomy 33:1-7
Prayer – Brian Word

MORNING WORSHIP

Song Leader – Kevin Chancellor
Prayer – Jimmy Glass
Lord's Supper
Presiding – Rocky Rose
Assisting – Eddie Hammond
Serving – Jerry Dickey, Corey Goode, Aric Butler, Mark McCrary
Closing Prayer – Mark McIntyre

EVENING WORSHIP

Song Leader – Phil Pressnell
Bible Reading – Rodney McCrary
Deuteronomy 33:8-12
Prayer – Brian Blakely
Lord's Supper – Rocky Rose, Eddie Hammond
Closing Prayer – James Word

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASSES

Song Leader – Jim Phillips
Prayer – Andrew Gatlin
Bible Reading – Brad Hammond
Deuteronomy 33:13-17
Invitation – Michael Clemmons
Closing Prayer – Ronnie Phillips

FATAL RICHES

Aaron C. Andrews

"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows." (1 Timothy 6:10)

There was a story in the news about a German Billionaire who threw himself in front of a train last week. The family confirmed that he took his own life. They said, "The distress to his firms caused by the financial crisis and the related uncertainties of recent weeks, along with the helplessness of no longer being able to act, broke the passionate family businessman, and he ended his life."

After reading the article I thought about how sad it is to be in a frame of mind that says. "Because of the loss of riches, and without the ability to change that, the next best solution is to take my own life." Paul tells us that those who seek after riches, "pierced themselves through with many sorrows." This man could not live with the fact that he had lost so much money in the markets, as well as his standing in financial circles. While striving for prosperity and great riches he lost everything. He had pierced himself with many sorrows.

If only he would have learned the lesson Paul gave in 1 Timothy. "Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content." (1 Timothy 6:6-8) Contentment does not come by having more and more stuff, for surely the loss of it would be great. Contentment is a frame of mind. We are commanded in Hebrews 13:5 to "be content with such things as you have." Surely if we put money

in its proper place, and are content no matter what happens in life, we can keep ourselves from the many sorrows that people of the world find while chasing the "almighty dollar."

One of the tragic things about this story is that he was survived by children and grandchildren. What great lessons he could have taught them about succeeding and rolling with the punches, about getting up when you are down, about learning to be content with whatever you have. Instead the lesson he left them was – "when all seems lost, it really is."

I am certain that this billionaire now knows the tragedy of what he has done. He ended his life because he thought he had lost everything, but by ending his life he truly did lose everything. Certainly we can say that the love of money destroyed this man and destroyed his only chance to learn true contentment in this life and for all eternity. - END

Jesus: The Way Out of Confusion

David Hartsell

The religious world is filled with ideas and faiths. Different "holy books" offer differing standards by which people should live. Some worship one god; others worship many deities. Some emphasize the deity "inside of each of us." Multiplicities of religious beliefs are extremely confusing. Even in the "Christian faith" there are conflicting denominational ideas that often leave our heads spinning. How do we find our way out of this malaise and back on the path toward God? The answer is found in Jesus' life and

teachings. In the first century, great religious divisions existed among God's people. Greek and Roman influences lay behind many of these differences. Alexander The Great had spread Hellenistic customs, practices, and religions over the world. Later, reaction to Rome's rule and its religions caused the Jews to splinter further in their unity of faith. Many Jewish sects developed. Sadducees were willing to compromise some of God's teachings to save the temple and keep their position. They claimed to believe the scriptures but denied that a spiritual realm existed and, therefore, discounted the resurrection of the dead. The Pharisees were opposed to spiritual compromise. Originally, they were determined to carefully keep God's Word. This effort eventually turned into the exaltation of human ideas and traditions – exalting them even above God's revealed Will. Jesus was hounded by Pharisees His entire life. Other groups such as the Zealots, the Publicans, and the Herodians had political agendas as well as religious disagreements. The Essenes avoided it all by withdrawing from society and formed smaller religious communities. Confusion reigned!

How did Jesus deal with all these differences? First, there are several things that He did not do. He did not throw up His hands and say, "I give up! There are so many contradictory concepts. Why should I try?" Secondly, He never implied that truth was not essential. He did not suggest that one idea is as good as another. Finally, though Jesus believed truths found in each of the groups we have mentioned, He refused to join any of

them. Jesus continuously meditated on God's Word. A twelve year old Jesus discussed scripture with Jewish religious scholars. (Lk.2:45-47) Years later, He astounded formally trained Jews with His knowledge of God's Law and His ability to properly use it. Jesus told them plainly, "My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me." (Jn.7:15-16) While denouncing the hypocrisy of the scribes and the Pharisees, our Lord emphasized the necessity of listening to and obeying the Word of God that they taught. (Matt.23:2-3) Like Jesus, we can make our way through the numerous false and confusing ideas by holding to God's Word, the Bible. We can help our family and friends by teaching them to do the same. - *from the Charlottesville Beacon, Vol 2, Issue 16 January 7, 2007*

The Power Is In The Seed

Mary Lou Armstrong

I walked out in my garden
A garden truly rare
For in this garden
I could see Some lessons for me there.
I took a seed and planted it
Along the fertile row
And patiently I watered it
Then it began to grow.
The days went by the plant it grew
From seed, to plant, to flower;
And taught me there the lesson
Of God's almighty power.
It wasn't in the planting
Nor yet the constant care
The life was in the seed
And only God could put it there.
When planting seed that's pure and clean
The outcome then is sure
The plant will be as God decreed
In form and flower pure.
My part in this was planting
And care from day to day

But I did not produce that flower
In any sort of way.
It came from life within the seed
That only comes from God,
And my part was to simply place
That seed within the sod.
It opened up my eyes to see
The truth of God's own word
It is the seed to save the soul
But first it must be heard.
It is my part to place it in
The heart of everyone
By teaching and exhorting
'Til all God's work is done.
The germ of life eternal
Is within God's word contained
And will produce what God decreed
What God hath foreordained.
The pure seed of the word of God
Free from the ways of men
Will grow into a Christian
Into one that's free from sin.
So do not think your part so great
Nor think it yet so small
For if there is no sower
There is no flower at all.
Just do what God has asked you
And trust His mighty power
To turn that seed of His own word
From seed, to plant, to flower.

**Join us for a
GOSPEL SINGING**



**January 18, 2009
at 3:30 PM.**