

NEWS & NOTES

THE SICK OR THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS: A relative of Steve Parker, **Billy Parker** has cancer and is in need of our prayers. ~ **Jack and Onzell Tucker** continue to be confined at home. ~ **G.W. Long**, Tanya Hammond's father has gone into remission. . ~ Eric White's father, **Jim White**, continues his cancer treatments. ~ Judy Williams' mother **Flossie Kizzire**, continues in a nursing facility in Fayette ~ **Jerry Dickey** and his fight with cancer. ~ **Monroe Pressnell's** cancer is back and has begun chemo treatments this week. **C.L Weathers** is home and is recovering. ~ **Helen Trousdale** is home recovering. ~ **Jimmy Glass** is still having difficulty with eye . **There may be others that are sick and need of our prayers, please let us know.**

LET US KEEP OUR EXPECTING MOTHERS IN OUR PRAYERS: *Amy Bassham, Sarah Blakely.*

OUT OF TOWN: **The Andrews** are in Oklahoma today and will return on Thursday. Bro. Cecil Cox will be speaking today.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL: The next Bible drill will be on August 2nd . The memory verse is: *Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. 2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."* **Genesis 12:1-3**

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

FOR THE RECORD	Sunday Bible Class	Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening	Wed Evening
Last Week	105	121	90	85

Schedule of Services

Sunday
 Bible Classes9:45 AM
 Morning Worship10:45 AM
 Evening Worship6:00 PM
 3rd Sunday Worship (Singing) .3:30 PM
Wednesday
 Bible Classes7:00 PM

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Men Serving This Week:

Sunday Before Class
Song Leader – Cecil Cox
Bible Reading – Rocky Rose
(Joshua 23:9-16)
Prayer – Brad Hammond

Sunday Morning Worship
Song Leader – Cecil Cox
Prayer – Michael Clemmons

Lord's Supper
Presiding – Ronnie Phillips
Assisting – Brian Blakely, Daniel Clemmons, Billy Wallen, Rodney McCrary, Michael Word
Closing Prayer – Kevin Chancellor

Sunday Evening Worship
Song Leader – Mark McIntyre
Bible Reading – Andrew Gatlin
(Joshua 24:1-10)
Prayer – Steve Parker
Lord's Supper – Ronnie Phillips, Brian Blakely
Closing Prayer – Phil Pressnell

Wednesday Bible Classes
Song Leader – Jim Phillips
Prayer – Andrew Gatlin
Bible Reading – Brian Word
(Joshua 24:11-18)
Invitation – James Adams
Closing Prayer – Ronnie Phillips



Join Us For Vacation Bible School July 12th – 17th

Howdy Partners! Saddle up and get ready to ride with us as we learn to become good stewards of all that God has given us. "Riders of the Great Roundup" allows us an opportunity to round up all of our blessings and brand them for God's purpose and glory.

By looking at five of Jesus' parables in which he described both a blessing and a responsibility, we will be digging our spurs into the adventurous ride we call Christian Stewardship! The Five Lessons are:

- The Parable of the Talents** – Use God's Gifts
- The Parable of the Soils** - Grow in God's Word
- The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant** – Share God's Love
- The Parable of Salt and Light** - Shine God's Light
- The Parable of the Prodigal Son** - Accept God's Grace

CLASSES FOR ALL AGES!

Adult class will be taught by Brother Cecil Cox.

Monday – Friday 10:00 AM
There will be a Congregational Singing Friday at 7:00 PM

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT?

Bubba Garner

A lady heard “angry, accented” voices coming from her living room. She knew immediately that her husband was being interrogated by terrorists. She hid in the bathroom closet and dialed 911, pleading with the dispatcher to send someone before her husband was killed. State troopers surrounded the house and entered with weapons drawn only to find a frightened man sitting alone in his recliner—watching television. The lady was obviously embarrassed, but she was actually pretty close to the truth. Television does hold a lot of people hostage.

There’s no way to measure how many souls the devil has taken captive through T.V., his most captivating device. He has used it as a way to enter every home, to influence every life. Even those who can’t pay the rent or can’t afford groceries somehow find room in the budget for their cable hookup or satellite dish. And Satan has turned what could have been used as an instrument for great good in spreading the gospel into a channel of slavery for his own kingdom.

I’m not suggesting that all forms of television are evil. But we must recognize its potential to jeopardize our relationship with God and our family, to rob us of opportunities to serve, and to dull our senses that we can no longer distinguish what is real and what is reality T.V. So, please don’t tune me out, but honestly answer these questions about your viewing habits.

What’s on your mind? Whenever I tried to convince my mother to let me watch something I had no business watching, I would always say, “It doesn’t affect me.” My argument was that the bad language, the sexual situations, and the violence just

went right through me and had no lasting power of influence. But is that really something to brag about? Have we become so desensitized to sin that it doesn’t bother us anymore? That alone ought to bother us.

Actually, it does affect you. Recent studies conducted at Stanford University revealed that “what we watch does have an effect on our imaginations, our learning patterns, and our behaviors.” We are exposed to them, then we acquire them, and then we adopt them as our own. If a thirty-second commercial can sell you on a product, what makes you think a thirty-minute sitcom can’t sell you on a lifestyle. If you allow it into your living room, what will keep you from allowing it into your life?

“Finally, brethren, whatever is true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, of good repute, let your mind dwell on these things” (Phil. 4:). How many of your favorite programs would make that list?

Who are you teaching? Are you teaching your children? What are you teaching them? In the comic strip Family Circle, one of the kids ran up to the mother to tattle on her little brother. She said, “Mommy, Jeffrey just said a television word.” We’re naive if we think the only place they’re learning these things are at school. And whoever came up with the idea that it’s alright to watch a bad show so long as you send the kids out of the room first? The disclaimer warns: ‘This program may not be suitable for children.’ Please tell me, who is it suitable for?

When we can’t even enjoy a meal together unless it’s in front of the television, the only lesson we’re teaching our children is that’s it more important for the family to be entertained than intertwined. And think of the damage to our credibility when we tell our neighbors and friends that we ought to abstain from

every form of evil and then make such things the object of our amusement. Remember that television is not the only thing people are watching. They’re watching you.

Who’s in control of your time? My problem with television is not just what it dispenses, but what it takes away. Statistics show that the average American would gain 30 hours a week by utilizing the off button on the remote control. Actually, time is not the only thing you would gain by doing that.

Leisure time often leads to neglect. We all need moments to relax and unwind. But it becomes dangerous when we must constantly have our attention diverted and distracted from serious things onto things which are not so lasting and important. We will be held accountable for much more than that. “Redeeming the time” (Eph. 5:6) involves recognizing where our energies have been misspent in the past and rededicating and refocusing them onto eternal matters in the time that we have left. The best way to make the most of your opportunities is to start watching out for your souls and for the souls of other people.

David said long ago, “I will set no worthless thing before my eyes” (Psalm 101:3). That eliminates most of the T.V. guide. (END)

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Matthew 7:7
"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."

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A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters

