

**ELDERS:**

	Cell:	Home:
Joe Rigby	393-1959	968-2116
Paul Springer	525-2091	994-6648
Larry Thompson	393-5043	479-4619
Johnny Waldroup	982-5524	995-5161

**MINISTER:**

	Cell:	Home:
Kyle Rye	207-0089	477-5582

# A VIEW FROM THE CHURCH OF CHRIST AT SCENIC HILLS

**DEACONS:**

	Home:
Darrel Bishop	484-7933
Michael C Brown	686-1364
Jerry Caine	968-5680
Rich Dodd	937-0366
John Loanzon	453-8143
Michael Peters	665-3619
Eric Smith	587-2729
Herb Smith	587-4025

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**"Fifty-Two Days"**

Fifty-two days after Nehemiah initiated the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem they were completed (6:15). In fifty-two days Nehemiah examined the walls, planned a reconstruction effort, recruited workers, and built a wall nearly two miles in length. In fifty-two days this was accomplished despite fatigue (4:10) or the threat of attack from neighboring enemies (4:7-8, 13-23) or repeated attempts to taint the character of Nehemiah (6:1-14). How was Nehemiah able to accomplish such a great task in such a short period of time? Enemies of the Jews knew how. "So the wall was finished on the twenty-fifth day of Elul, in fifty-two days. And it happened, when all our enemies heard of it, and all the nations around us saw these things, that they were very disheartened in their own eyes; for they perceived that this work was done by our God" (Nehemiah 6:15-16).

As we face the process of rebuilding the walls of our lives, let us never think they are impossible to rebuild. Limitations do exist when we utilize our own abilities but limitations are removed when we rely on God's abilities. As Jesus said in Matthew 19:26, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." If God rebuild the walls of Jerusalem through Nehemiah in fifty-two days then what do you think He can rebuild through you in fifty-two days?

~Kyle Rye~

**New Prayer Requests**

**Jerry Ard** is having health issues and needs our prayers.

**Ashley Springer** and **Tyler Rhodes** have recently responded to the invitation and asked for prayers for their spiritual lives.

**Continue to Remember in Prayer****Our Members**

Wayne Born, Roger Ellis, Fletcher Hinote,  
Dale Hobbs, Elmer Jensen, Beau Kelley, Verna Mack,  
Charlotte Quinn, Cindy Taylor, Juanita Taylor and  
Brooks & Maxine Ward

**Our Shut-Ins**

Myrtle Potter and Fred Strasser

**Friends and Family**

Ilene Danley (John Waldroup's mother-in-law)  
Jill Heddy (former member)  
Kristy Gray (Eric Gray's sister-in-law)  
Bev Key (Kelly Hinote Key's mother-in-law)  
Doyce McKerlie (Florence Crosthwaite's sister-in-law)  
Wilma Moring (friend of Betty Brown)  
Josh Norris (Brent and Lisa Missildine's son-in-law)  
Jean Parsons (David Parsons' mother)  
Emmett Phillips (Betty Brown's brother-in-law)  
Lois Phillips (Carolyn Hatton's sister-in-law)  
Dominique & Carson Whitters (former members & son)

**Known Travelers This Week**

Jerry, Twila and Bradley Ard  
Greg, Missy, Kaleigh, Logan and Kendall Blackmon  
Roger and Kathy Ellis  
Jeff and Faye Messenger

**Week at a Glance**

**Sunday**

Bible Classes.....	9:00 AM
Morning Worship.....	10:00 AM
Evening Worship.....	6:00 PM

**Ladies Bible Class**

Tuesday Mornings.....	10:00 AM
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**Wednesday**

Bible Classes.....	7:00 PM
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**Working Women Walking With God**

1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month.....	6:30 PM
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**Last Week's Attendance**

Sunday Morning Bible Class.....	109
Sunday Morning Worship.....	165
Sunday Evening Worship.....	118
Tuesday Ladies Bible Class.....	8
Wednesday Bible Study.....	150

**The Next Fifth Sunday Service  
Will be observed on  
January 31, 2010**

**Pantry Item for This Week**

Our pantry is running short in a few areas.  
Please consider bringing the following...



Condiments

Matthew 25:35

'for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in;

**What Must I Do To Become A Christian?**

The plan of salvation is given to us in the New Testament. We must:

Hear.....	Romans 10:17
Believe.....	Mark 16:15-16
Repent.....	Acts 17:30
Confess.....	Matthew 10:32-33
Be Baptized.....	Acts 2:38
Live a Christian Life.....	2 Peter 1:4-11, 2:20-22

**Privileged to Serve December 20, 2009**

**Morning**

Welcome & Announcements.....	Paul Springer
Song Leader.....	Michael C Brown
Scripture Reading/Opening Prayer.....	Johnny Waldroup
Communion Leader.....	Justin George
Communion Servers	
Left Outside.....	Paul Brown
Left Middle.....	Jeremy Caine
Left Inside.....	Eric Smith
Right Inside.....	Dan Buckner
Right Middle.....	Jeff Messenger
Right Outside.....	Michael T Brown
Closing Prayer.....	Travis Thompson
Sound/Computer.....	Corky Berry/John Loanzon
Greeters.....	Beverly Springer/Betty Graves
Nursery Attendants.....	Barbara Moses and Sue Smith

**Evening**

Song Leader.....	John Loanzon
Scripture Reading/Prayer.....	Jerry Caine
Closing Prayer.....	Johnny Waldroup
Communion:	
Bread & Offering (left).....	T.B.A.
Cup (right).....	T.B.A.
Sound/Computer.....	Corky Berry/Rich Dodd

**Wednesday – December 23**

Song Leader.....	Justin George
Closing Prayer.....	T.B.A.

**Sunday – December 27**

Prepare Communion Trays.....	Kay Whitson
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## College Students Who Are Away

Courtney & Michael Andry - University of Florida  
Abby Avery - Florida Gulf Coast University  
Lacey Brown & Kayla Springer - Harding University  
Kristian Gardner - University of South Alabama  
Kristi Kilpatrick - Auburn University  
Savannah Morris - Florida State University

## Pray for Military Personnel Who Are Deployed

Tanya Mixon.....Afghanistan  
Steven Schaff .....flies in and out of Iraq  
Jason Whitson.....Okinawa

## Missions Supported

Franklin County Florida (James Lee)  
Gulf Coast Bible Camp (Lucedale, Mississippi)  
Miami Spanish for Christ (Luis Estrada)  
Pacific Islands Mission Work (Randy English)  
Thailand Mission Work (Kim Voraritskul)

## House to House, Heart to Heart

The latest edition of House to House, Heart to Heart is available in the lobby or at [www.housetohouse.com](http://www.housetohouse.com).

## Children's Homes Supported

Childhaven - Cullman, Alabama  
Christian Home & Bible School - Mount Dora, Florida  
Potter Children's Home - Bowling Green, Kentucky  
Rainbow Omega - Eastaboga, Alabama

## Birthdays This Week



Angela Brown (12-22)  
Chase Tolbert (12-22)

## Anniversaries This Week



Kevin & Kristy Goodson (12-17)  
(Information was unavailable last week)

## Thought for the Day

"He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good:  
and whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he.  
~ Proverbs 16:20 (KJV) ~

## Christmas Gifts

We have a family in the congregation who is in need of help for Christmas. A list of clothes needed was given to the elders and the gifts have already been purchased. (They were paid for by one family.) If you would like to help defray their cost, you may donate by giving money to Sharon. If you write a check, make it payable to Scenic Hills Church of Christ and in the note section make a note as to what it's for.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Karen Kilpatrick. She received an AA Degree in business from PJC (with highest honors). She plans to continue her education for a higher degree. The actual graduation will be in May.

## From the Elders Desk



**Parents and Teens Meeting:** The elders will hold a meeting with all the

members of the Youth Group and their parents this afternoon at 4:30 p.m. This will be to discuss the hiring of a new Youth Minister. Please make plans to attend.

## Ladies Bible Class

Many thanks to Theresa Brown who was gracious enough to open her home to the Ladies Bible Class for a Christmas Brunch and gift swap. Everything was beautiful - thanks Theresa!

## Men's Breakfast

In 2010 we will host a monthly men's breakfast at the building on the 2nd Saturday of each month. The breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. and a devotional time will follow. Our first Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. If you plan on attending, please sign the list on the lobby table. The meal being served and the cost per person will be announced beforehand.

## Welcome to our Newest Member

David Parsons, Angie's husband and Kara George's father, has placed membership with us.

His address, phone number, etc., can be found on our website.

We welcome David and hope to have many years of service with him to our Lord.

## 2010 Church Calendar

Kyle is putting together a 2010 calendar for Scenic Hills that displays all of the known events that will be taking place in the upcoming year. Please let him know if you are aware of any scheduled activities, meetings, programs, etc. that should be included.

He is particularly interested in obtaining the dates for

- regularly scheduled meetings (e.g. deacons' meetings)
- activities for our fellowship groups (e.g. Empty Nesters, Forever Young)
- congregational events (e.g. Congregational Cookout, Holiday Party)
- Lads to Leaders events (e.g. Ladybug Day, Recognition Day)
- Stairstackers' events (e.g. Forever Young Banquet, Fall Festival)
- Ladies events (e.g. Ladies Day/Retreat)

## New Year's Eve Singing

Thursday, December 31, 2009 at the  
Scenic Hills Church of Christ  
Sing out the old, sing in the new!

Schedule:

8:00 - 9:50 p.m. Singing

9:50 - 11:00 p.m. Food, Fellowship, Fun

11:00 p.m. - 12:05 a.m. Singing

Congregational singing time will also include prayer,  
scripture readings and invitation  
Nursery facilities available

## Presents for Needy Families

If you are willing to help out this Holiday season with presents for young children of needy families please contact Michael Brown through E-mail or the church office. There are several who have contacted the church or members for assistance and anyone who can help, it would make this time of the year a little better for those less fortunate.



## Youth Ministry

**Exposure:** Exposure Youth Camp (EYC) is the annual Christmas break youth conference we attend in Huntsville, AL. It will take place December 27<sup>th</sup> thru 30<sup>th</sup> and the registration fee is \$100. The registration fee includes your hotel room, meals (supper on Sunday through supper on Tuesday), and a ticket to a hockey game. If you have not paid for Exposure yet please do so immediately.

**Jewels:** Jewels is an annual youth rally hosted at Faulkner University for 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade girls. It will be held January 22<sup>nd</sup> thru 23<sup>rd</sup>. The cost will be \$25 per person. If any girls are interested in this event please let Kyle know by Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Area Wide:** Scenic Hills will be hosting the January Area Wide Devo for teenagers on Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. We will be providing a meal for all Youth Groups in attendance at 5:00 p.m. If you are willing to help prepare and serve food at this event, please let Kyle or Eric Smith know.

## College Ministry

**Bible Study:** Due to the holidays, our weekly college Bible study will be postponed until Thursday, January 7, 2010. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the U.W.F. Commons on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Encounter Campus Challenge:** Encounter is an annual weekend retreat for college students and high school seniors hosted at the Edgewater Beach Resort on Panama City Beach. It will take place February 5-7, 2010 and the cost for attending is \$55.00 per person. For more information visit Encounter's Facebook page or website ([www.ecc2010.org](http://www.ecc2010.org)). If you would like to attend, please sign up on Facebook or the lobby table by Thursday, January 14.

## Bible Bowl

Bible Bowl classes (Hebrews) began Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you are participating, please make **every** effort to attend your class.

