

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	463-4101
Eric Smith	587-2729
Herb Smith	587-4025

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Free, But Still Locked Up

(Adapted from
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The great Houdini, a master magician and a escape artist, once bragged that he could escape from any jail cell in the world, provided that he go into the cell dressed in his street clothes and be allowed to work in complete privacy.

A small town in England had built a new jail that they believed to be escape-proof, so they invited Houdini to come and try to break out of it. Houdini accepted the challenge. They placed him in the cell, closed the door, and left him to work alone. Houdini took off his belt and removed from it a tough, flexible steel rod. With this rod, he went to work on the lock. He worked on the lock longer than he had ever worked on one before. As time passed, he became exhausted from his labor and dumbfounded by his inability to unlock the lock.

Finally, after two hours of work, Houdini collapsed from exhaustion. He fell against the door to the cell, and when he did, the door swung open. It had been unlocked the whole time.

Houdini believed he could escape any imprisonment because of his own abilities. What he failed to realize in this situation is that he was already free. Maybe like Houdini you are imprisoned and see no way of escape. Maybe you've failed to recognize sin's existence in your life or you've refused to remove sin from your life or you're just unwilling to change. As long as sin remains, the door to salvation will remain closed. However, the blood of Jesus has unlocked the door to salvation. Romans 8:1-2 says "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death." All you must do is walk through that door by confessing your faith in Jesus Christ, repenting of your sins, and being immersed in water for forgiveness. Don't stay imprisoned behind an unlocked door!

New Prayer Requests

As of Friday, **Jerry Ard** was still in Sacred Heart. He was hoping to go home on Saturday (24).

Al Sheffield had surgery to remove some lymph glands. He is at home and doing quite well. He was to get the results on Friday (23).

Doris Gubitosi, friend of Lola King, is to have cancer surgery. Lola is requesting prayers for her.

Joe Dee Kelley, mother of one of Lacey Brown's friends at Harding, had cancer surgery last Thursday.

Continue to Remember in Prayer**Our Members**

Billy Cook, Roger Ellis, Elvia Bolling, Wayne Born, Curtis Gardner, Fletcher Hinote, Dale Hobbs, Beau Kelley, Chuck Pruitt, Charlotte Quinn, Eddie Scull, Clyde Taylor and Juanita Taylor

Our Shut-Ins

Elmer Jensen, Myrtle Potter, Fred Strasser and Brooks & Maxine Ward

Friends and Family

J.B. Henley (Billy Cook's cousin)
Mickel Kennedy (friend of Billy Cook)
Bev Key (Kelly Hinote Key's mother-in-law)
Dudley Maddox (cousin of Sue Smith)
Doyce McKerlie (family of Florence Crosthwaite)
Emmett & Lois Phillips (Betty Brown's in-laws)
Ray Reynolds (Raina Blanton's dad)
Theresa Sanderson (Libby Coker's cousin)
Randall Smith (Stefanie Jennings' dad)
Carolyn Walker (Eddie Rhodes' aunt)

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 st Thursday of each month.....	6:30 PM
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Men's Breakfast

2 nd Saturday of each month.....	8:00 AM
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Last Week's Attendance

Sunday Morning Bible Class.....	112
Sunday Morning Worship.....	185
Sunday Evening Worship.....	83
Area Wide Devo.....	17
Tuesday Ladies Bible Class.....	5
Wednesday Bible Study.....	113

Weekly Budget - \$6,500

**The Next Fifth Sunday Service
Will be observed on Sunday,
May 30, 2010**

Pantry Item for This Week

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



Cleaning Supplies:
Dish or Laundry Detergent
Laundry Detergent
All purpose cleaner
(spray and floor)

Our pantry is open to the public every Thursday from 10:00am-12:00pm or by appointment.

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 April 25, 2010

Morning

Welcome & Announcements.....	Paul Springer
Song Leader.....	John Loanzon
Scripture Reading/Opening Prayer.....	Herb Smith
Communion Leader.....	Jerry Caine
Communion Servers	
Left Outside.....	Dewayne Porter
Left Middle.....	Jared Criswell
Left Inside.....	Josh Jennings
Right Inside.....	Bradley Ard
Right Middle.....	Paul Brown
Right Outside.....	Austin Dodd
Closing Prayer.....	Vincent Andry
Sound/Computer.....	Corky Berry/Rich Dodd
Greeters.....	Betty Graves/Alesia Andry
Nursery Attendants.....	Tara M Smith and Beverly Springer

Evening

Song Leader.....	Mike Brown
Scripture Reading/Prayer.....	Jeff Whitson
Closing Prayer.....	Nate Bishop
Communion:	
Bread & Offering (left).....	T.B.A.
Cup (right).....	T.B.A.
Sound/Computer.....	Corky Berry/Nate Bishop

Wednesday – April 28

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

Sunday – May 2

Prepare Communion Trays.....	Sharon Blanton
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Month of April

Building Lock-up.....	Eric Smith
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College Students Who Are Away

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

Pray for Military Personnel Who Are Deployed

Afghanistan

John Garrison, Tanya Mixson,
Jeff Powell & Chris Ware

Iraq

Chad Corriveau, Philip Lundy and Chris Morgan

Okinawa

Jason Whitson

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.

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



Ron Fradejas (04-25)
Fletcher Hinote (04-26)
Vincent Andry (04-27)
Michael Andry (04-28)
Ty Smith (04-28)
Maxine Ward (04-29)
Bobbie Hinote (04-30)

Anniversaries This Week



Dale & Barbara Hobbs (04-28)

Campaign and Gospel Meeting

We are blessed to announce that a group from the Roebuck Parkway Church of Christ in Birmingham, AL will be coming to work with our congregation this summer. They will be here from June 18-26 with a group of approximately 70 people (primarily teens) to conduct a door knocking campaign and Gospel Meeting. Jerry Jenkins, minister from the Roebuck congregation, will be the guest speaker at the Gospel Meeting which will run from Sunday through Wednesday of that week. In order for this campaign and meeting to be a success we will need the support and involvement of the entire congregation. We will need members to participate in the door knocking campaigns, to prepare meals for the group from Birmingham, to help conduct a VBS during the Gospel Meeting, and much more. Please pray for this campaign to be a success and please mark it on your calendar so you can be a part of this great opportunity!

Directory Updates

Please update your directory:

Dewayne and Leilani Porter and their sons are returning to worship with Margaret Street Church of Christ.

Empty Nesters

The Empty Nesters will have an outing to the Chumuckla Farmer's Opry House on Friday, May 21st. We will attend a gospel singing with dinner at 6:00 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer. If you have further questions, please see Vincent Andry.

Summer Series

Our Summer Series will begin on Wednesday, June 3rd and last until Wednesday, August 25th. Our lineup of guest speakers has already been established and the schedule will be printed in the near future. This summer we will be studying the book of Ecclesiastes.

Once again we will be providing meals each Wednesday prior to our Bible Study. A sign-up sheet for those willing to prepare these meals is on the lobby table in the near future.

Thought for the Day

"If you want to see the true measure of a man,
watch how he treats his inferiors,
not his equals."
- J. K. Rowling

Thank You Notes

Dear Church family,
Thank you for all your prayers for my recovery. They have helped very much. I appreciate all your cards and phone calls and the nice fruit basket. I have missed being at worship and I love all of you.

Fletcher Hinote

Dear Scenic Hills Church,
We want to thank all the ladies who brought food for the dinner after the funeral of our Aunt, Zelma Vogt. Also, thanks for the flowers and cards and words of comfort.

All the Hinote family,
Children and grand kids

Youth Minister Candidate

Cody Bearden and his wife, Scarlett, will visit next weekend. Cody is another candidate for the Youth Minister position. He is presently attending the Chattanooga School Of Preaching Chattanooga, TN.

Friday, April 30:

7:00pm - Dinner and Meeting with Search Committee

Saturday, May 1:

3:00pm - Fellowship & Activities for Teens & Parents

5:00pm - Meeting with Parents

6:00pm - Dinner

7:00pm - Youth Group Devo

8:00pm - Meeting with Youth Group

Sunday, May 2:

9:00am - Teach Youth Group Bible Class

10:00am - Worship

11:30am - Congregational Potluck

Please note that the potluck on Sunday afternoon will be voluntary. If you plan on attending please bring a dish. This will be an opportunity for the entire congregation to visit with Cody and Scarlett.

Other Happenings

Gospel Meeting

Baker Church of Christ
May 2 thru May 7, 2010

Ladies Day

Susan Street Church of Christ
Saturday, May 15, 2010
Sign-up sheet in the lobby

Youth Ministry

Graduation Reception: Our annual reception for our senior class will be Sunday, May 23rd following the evening worship service. At this time we request that all parents of seniors begin selecting pictures to go in the video slideshow and submit them to Kyle or Sara by Sunday, May 2nd.

Ultimate Faith Challenge: A Youth Rally will be held at the Leonard Street Church of Christ on Saturday, May 1st. Activities will begin at 9:00 and continue until 4:00. The guest speaker is Reed Swindle. Due to afternoon activities with Cody Bearden, the youth minister candidate, we will **not** take a formal group to Leonard Street.

Mark Your Calendar:

June 13-18 - High School Week at GCBC

June 18-23 - Gospel Meeting & Campaign with
Roebuck Parkway Church of Christ

June 26-July 2 - Middle School Week at GCBC

July 9-16 - Arkansas Mission Trip

August 6-8 - Conquerors

August 11-14 - White Water Rafting Trip

College Ministry

Bible Study: Our weekly bible study will meet on Thursday night's at 7:00 p.m. in room 272 of the U.W.F. Commons. Our meeting on April 29th will be the last meeting before the summer break.

Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes

The Lads to Leaders recognition day is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, May 2nd. Plans are still being finalized but will include a potluck and early afternoon worship service followed by our Lads to Leaders presentations. More details will be provided in the near future.

Softball



End of Season Tournament
Tuesday, April 27th
N. E. P. Softball Complex

A copy of the bracket is on the table in the lobby.
6:00 p.m. - White team on field 4
7:00 p.m. - Black team on field 2
Single elimination tournament