



Cloverdale Family News



Cloverdale Church of Christ ♣ Searcy, Ark. ♣ January 10, 2010

Welcome! Guests, please take a few moments to fill out one of the visitor cards. All, please note any special need or prayer request that you or your family may have. "These have come so that your faith... may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed." ~ 1 Peter 1:7

Order of Worship

PREACHING: *Chris Boyce*
SONG LEADER: *Jeff Woods*

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS: *Rocky Cooper*

Song # 773 Again the Lord of Light and Life
Song # 227 On Zion's Glorious Summit
Song Here I Am to Worship
Song # 62 I Exalt Thee

PRAYER

James Wilhite

Song How Deep the Father's Love

COMMUNION: *Jerry Bunn*

OFFERING: *Scott Rose*

Song # 250 How I Love the Great Redeemer

SCRIPTURE READING: *Chance Snider*

TODAY'S MESSAGE: *"HOPE FOR WHEN LIFE HURTS MOST"*

Song # 18 Faithful Love

SHEPHERDING and PRAYER: *Shawn Daggett*

Closing Song # 448 The Greatest Commands

- ♣ An **attended nursery** for children birth to 12 months is located in room 104; ages 12-24 months in room 109.
- ♣ A **nursing mothers room** is located in room 107.
- ♣ **CDs of today's message are available to our guests at no charge.**
- ♣ **Members** may order, pay for, and pick up **CDs of today's message** in the library.

All items for the bulletin are due in the church office no later than noon Thursdays and should be placed in Carol's tray in the library or e-mailed to: cjsmith1983@sbcglobal.net or cloverdale@sbcglobal.net.

Family Matters

Serving Today - -

Serving at the Lord's Table in January

Dylan Treadwell	Bobby Swindle
Jared Mayes	Lee Flieg
David Reese	Bobby Winner
Byron McKean	Jon Holman

Activities Today - -



♣ **Chris Boyce** will speak at our morning service. A fellowship potluck will be held following morning services in the annex in honor of **Chris, Teresa and Sara**.

♣ **Bible Bowl is coming!** A meeting will be held at 5 p.m. today in the loft for those who would like to participate. Bible Bowl will be held March 27 in Heber Springs, covering the books of Ruth and Esther.

♣ **Small group Bible studies** will resume today at 5 p.m.

MNFTM will resume tomorrow at 5:45 p.m. The menu will be pancakes and sausage. Come join us!



Future Activities - -

♣ **Brenda and Gary Peebles** lost their home in the recent flooding. If you wish to donate to a fund that has been established to help them recover from the loss, please bring checks, made out to Cloverdale, to the office.

♣ A **baby shower** honoring **Ashlee Beauchamp** will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, January 17, in the annex. She is registered at Target and Walmart. It's a girl!

♣ **Catie Holman** will be honored with a **baby shower** from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, January 23, at the home of Amy Cox. Catie is registered at Target and Everett. It's a boy!

♣ **All ladies involved in the secret sister ministry:** The secret sister **reveal** will be held at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, January 20, in the annex. Please bring a little homemade "something" to give your secret sister when you reveal yourself. Anyone interested in participating in secret sisters for February through July may come also to fill out a form. See Kim Cooper or April Butler if you have questions.

♣ **"South of the Border":** The quarterly fellowship for January has a new theme. Please bring Mexican-type meals and desserts to the annex on Sunday, January 31, after evening services. Drinks will be provided.

The Ministers' Corner

Formation of Imagination

God created us as imaginative beings, with some more imaginative than others. Some can read fantasy books where writers weave worlds that look, sound, and smell like nothing on planet earth. I admit that this section of the library leaves me a bit confused, but I do enjoy good fiction that is situated in history or the present and imagines "what if" as the basis of the story. Some of you, insisting on "just the facts," avoid that section of the library as well, and that is your right as an American. Yet, even the fiercest proponent of a dry, hardened, scientific approach to life must admit to the fact that all people live out of stories, images, and self-perceptions that frame our understanding of who we are and how we are supposed to act. As Christians we are given a measuring line or a ruler (i.e. canon) called the Bible that helps us to know which of these imaginations are godly and which are not. The Bible doesn't kill imagination; instead, it helps us to use it accurately to direct our thoughts and actions toward Christ. The psalms are a great example of how we can imagine in godly images and, as a result, act in godly ways. Listen to the images that naturally motivated the psalmist to read the Word of God on a regular basis:

"Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long." (119:97)

"How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" (119:103)

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." (119:105)

"Your statutes are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart." (119:111)

Have you reflected on images of the word of God that draw you to your Bible study each day like the psalmist did? Is God's word an object of love and constant attention? Can you taste the sweetness of the truth in a world full of bitter half-truths and sour lies? Do you long for a light to help you walk around the traps and drop-offs that lead to shame, ridicule, and death? Is the word of God the greatest treasure that you possess in this life?

The imagination is a powerful tool given by God to inspire, focus, and motivate. There is one more rule of imagination that each of us should consider: *What we imagine has a way of forming who we will become*. Thus, it can work for evil as well as good. If you fail to imagine toward God's word, you will move in directions that you only intended to travel to in your mind. How you imagine is a matter of life and death! Don't just decide to read through the Bible this year, but decide to imagine all the ways that it will be your object of affection, your delight, your light, and your treasure. Let God form your imagination in the direction of His Heart.

~ **Karl McLarty**

From Here & There

Local Area Meetings and Activities:

“Who Is Your Pilot?” is the theme of the WINGS 2010 conference, scheduled for February 26-27 at the Heritage Center on the Harding campus. Cost is \$20, which includes babysitting, printed materials, Friday night coffee house, beverages on Saturday morning, and a luncheon on Saturday. See the office board for more details.

“Thank You” Notes - -

Dear Cloverdale family and friends,

I thank everyone for the plates of goodies, flowers, cards, phone calls, visits, and Rod Smith’s group of singers—it was beautiful. Most of all the prayers. I wish I could name everyone that came through during the holidays and each one who worked on the plates and delivered them; I would probably leave someone out. I enjoyed every one. Thanks for taking time out from a very busy time to spend some time with me. The word “thanks” is very small for all the love I felt from my church loved ones. Thanks to Larry and Artie (McCain) for the communion. May God bless each of you.

Myrtle Lee Barker ~

Thank you for the luscious goodies from the elders’ wives, ministers’ wives, and sweet girls. You are so caring and loving. Also thanks to the two groups of carolers that treated me to their lovely singing and “goodies.” You mean so much to me! May the Lord bless you.

Love,

Lois Lemmons ~

NURSERY WORKERS

Today Infants: Pruitt family
 Toddlers: Diana McAdams/Cyndi Matthews

Next Week Infants: Stacie Smith/Krista Springfield
 Toddlers: Rachel Myhan/Angela Sivia

Birthdays

1/10 Claudine King	1/16 Bindhu Barnett Bob Spiker
1/11 Chris Boyce Fredese Wheatley	1/17 John Boone James Wilhite
1/12 Noah Barnett (1) Krista Springfield	
1/13 Louise Shelton	
1/15 Devon Newburn	



Prayer Concerns

Our Nation, Our Leaders, Our Armed Forces Personnel, and Our Enemies

- ♣ **Sick:** Chris and Tricia Kauffman’s foster baby, C.E., is seriously ill in a hospital in Amarillo, Texas. The Kauffmans have been in Texas visiting family.
- ♣ **Prayer Request:** Paul Crites requests prayers for his aunt, Dorothy Hillis, who has been diagnosed with cancer. Clay and Shirley Powell request prayers for their son, Derrick Niemi, and his family concerning a health issue and a job issue.
- ♣ **Sympathy:** Chris Matthews’ grandmother, Vera Matthews, passed away last week. The funeral was held Thursday in Hoxie, Ark. Joseph Singleton, husband of Melinda Singleton, died last Wednesday in Mississippi.
- ♣ **Extended Care:** Faye Housley, Temple Jordan & Lillian Robertson (Byrd Haven); Frank Younger (Searcy Healthcare)
- ♣ **It’s a Girl!** David and Jenna Reese are the proud parents of Ruby Joelle, born January 2, weighing 8 lbs. 8 oz.
- ♣ **Missions:** Please sign up in the breezeway if you would like to host Chris, Teresa and Sara Boyce for a meal while they are here on furlough. Manly Gilpin will be leaving for a mission trip to India on Wednesday. Please pray for him and for the success of the trip. If anyone would like to help with his expenses, please see Manly or bring contributions to the office.

Building Christian Families

Joe Brumfield, Harding counselor and Bible professor, will teach a series of classes on Wednesday nights from January 13-April 7 here at Cloverdale. Topics will cover marriage, parenting, and purity in the home. **This week’s topic:** What wives/husbands really long for from their spouse. Please come and invite your friends!

Cloverdale Missions Connections

Jeff & Tia Brauer	Jim & Grace Scudder
Tony & Lucy Console	Steve & Deborah Stamatis
David & Linda Gregersen	Brian & Tammie Wallace
Virgil & Jackie Jackson	Charles & Pam White
Eddie & Pam Mosby	

Continue in Prayer for ...

Denise Mosby Agin	Dale & Alene Martin
Mildred Alexander	James Milner
Myrtle Lee Barker	Gifford & Earline Myhan
Worley & Ruth Ferguson	James Spaulding
Temple Jordan	Aubrey Dean Wilson

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Please help fill the pantry!
 Items Needed:
 raisins (small boxes)
 apple sauce

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Schedule of Services

Sunday Worship.....	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Bible Class	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Our Records

Attendance Last Week

Sunday Morning.....	443
Bible Class	419
Sunday Evening	238
Wednesday Evening.....	n/a

Contribution Last Week

Contribution Last Week	12,510.00
Weekly Budget.....	12,482.00
Total Contribution Through December....	612,715.00
Expenditures Through December.....	659,758.00



(Events listed here are for students in grades 7-12)

⇒ **CLIMB:** We will resume our study on Tuesday from 6:30-8 p.m. at the home of the McLartys.

⇒ **Area-Wide Youth Weekend:** Here are the *tentative* plans for the youth weekend on **February 5-7. Friday night**—skate night & IHOP. Cost is \$12, plus money for IHOP. Sign-up ends and money is due on Wednesday, February 3. **Saturday night**—movie night. Location is TBA. **Sunday night**—“Souper Bowl” party at the Downtown Church. Time is TBA. Everyone should bring two canned good items.

Let's Get Involved!

With the combination of the recent holiday season and the colder weather, families have had a chance to come together within the warmth of our homes; warmth generated not only from our central heat and fireplaces, but also from the love and renewed interest in and caring for one another as kin.

Although the various children, grandchildren, and parents have all returned to their individual homes, jobs, and routines, memories of our gatherings continue to glow bright and to generate loving thoughts that warm the heart, even on the coldest day. I know that this sentiment may appear a bit sappy. Yet, I was genuinely aware of the blessing of family and of what God meant for the singular family to represent.

There is probably no greater threat seen on a daily basis than the assault on the home. We are being encouraged to make room for many alternative representations of that which constitutes a family. Some options are beyond our control, such as in the case of an unwanted divorce or the death of a spouse. Other choices being presented as acceptable are clearly in violation of the will of God as revealed in the Bible. We know that, and we do not agree with such attacks being made on the proper plan of God as initiated in the garden.

In spite of our commitment against such deviations to the Christian home, they continue to have negative repercussions on our lives. The “cold” of the spirit of this age continues to lash its frigid blasts against our godly families. We may shiver against the onslaught, but we must continue to “stoke” the home fires of wholesome and spiritual virtues and benefits that undergird the family.

That is why we are encouraging each one of you to be present and to invite your friends and loved ones to attend the marriage series that will begin Wednesday night with Dr. Joe Brumfield. All will be blessed and, in turn, be a blessing to others. This will take place in the auditorium starting at 7 p.m.

Our nation and the nation of God, the church, will stand firm when the Christian family is made up of men and women who are confident in their resolve to be faithful to God, to one another, and to the training of children to seek God in all their ways. May God keep us all in this most important goal. Such a renewal starts with your plan to join us on Wednesday.

~ *Larry Moran*