



Clowerdale Family News



Clowerdale Church of Christ ♣ Searcy, Ark. ♣ February 21, 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.

"...not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be..."

~ 1 Peter 5:26

Order of Worship

PREACHING: *Shawn Daggett*

SONG LEADER: *Jon Simmons*

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS: *Chris Lowe*

Song # 794 Unto Thee, O Lord

Song # 555 Seek Ye First

PRAYER

Gary Wainwright

Song As the Deer

Song # 478 Nearer, Still Nearer

Song # 218 Blessed Jesus

COMMUNION: *Steve Celsor*

OFFERING: *Tim Howard*

Song # 155 Highest Place

Song # 676 Living for Jesus

SCRIPTURE READING: *Gilbert Lay*

TODAY'S MESSAGE: *"WHERE THERE'S A WILL, THERE'S A WAY"*

Song Pierce My Ear

SHEPHERDING and PRAYER: *Larry Ford*

Closing Song # 647 Soldiers of Christ, Arise

- ♣ 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 clowerdale@sbcglobal.net.

Family Matters

Serving Today - -

Serving at the Lord's Table in February

Justin Pruitt	J.D. Eddins
Kaleb McLarty	Dennis Jones
Michael Landon	Micah Pruitt
Howard Davis	Rick Butler

Future Activities - -

♣ The **nursery department** needs volunteers for the worship nurseries. If you are interested in helping, please sign up on the board in the preschool hallway or see **Allison Simmons**.

♣ The American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences club at Harding will do a **service project** in April for members of the community. Widows/widowers and/or any elderly members who would like assistance with **yard work** should call the church office to be added to the list.

♣ March is Cloverdale's month to conduct Sunday evening services at **Harding Place**. Any small group desiring to take a Sunday night should contact Rocky Cooper.



Building Christian Families

Joe Brumfield continues his series on marriage and parenting on Wednesday night in the auditorium.

This week's topic: "God's Rules for Raising Children." CDs of previous lessons are available

in the library for \$1 each.

The Ministers' Corner

"FAMILY SUNDAY"

Today is "Family Sunday," a day designated for families to sit together during worship and have an afternoon together without interruptions, homework, work, or church "stuff." I don't need to tell you that we are all very busy, hurried, and overscheduled, and at times feel like we are running on empty, because I know we feel it. I believe our pace of life is causing families to become disconnected, and that is spilling over into our church family. Satan is constantly attacking our families and feeding us the lie that busier is better. But sometimes a day to do nothing is actually doing something. It's in these times that we slow down, hear the voice of God, and reconnect as families. This is why Family Sunday is so important — it is a day for all of us to slow down and reconnect.

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Check out this article from the website "All Pro Dad" (www.allprodad.com):

Shared Activities = A Healthy Family

Dr. Gary Smalley, in his book *The Key to Your Child's Heart*, relates the following: "Several years ago I used to speak to groups of 400 to 2,000 people in 50 cities annually. I began to notice that certain families in the audiences experienced unusually happy interaction among themselves. I was intrigued by this and began to do a study. I would interview the wife, husband and children separately. Each person was asked the same question: What do you believe is the main reason you all are so close and happy as a family? What I found amazed me. Each family member gave basically the same answer: **'We do a lot of things together.'**"

Here are some ideas for families to do together:

- * Take the kids on a mystery trip. Give them clues about your destination as you get closer. It can be something as simple as an ice cream shop or playground, or a trip to a museum or amusement park.
- * Put on a family play.
- * Let your children prepare a meal and serve it to you and your husband restaurant-style.
- * Plant flowers (indoors in a flower pot or outside).
- * Get to know the family of one of your child's friends by having the family over for a cookout.
- * Let your kids take photos, print them, and make a photo album — then have the kids think of captions.
- * Have a fun, free scavenger hunt.
- * Go to a park and take some pictures of landscapes. Develop the pictures, get out the paints and try to paint landscapes by looking at the pictures.
- * Go on a bike ride that ends with a picnic.
- * For girls: have a spa hour — paint each other's nails, do your hair, let them put makeup on you.
- * Play board games.
- * Do a craft (make up your own or a buy a craft kit). Bake cookies, bread or a cake — from scratch.

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All of this said, this is *not* just a day for us to focus on our individual families, but also our church family. This means we need to consider those who don't have family that attend Cloverdale with them and make sure we invite them to sit with us in worship and perhaps join us for the afternoon. I believe that we shouldn't see our families and church as something separate, but as something that should work together for the common goal of sharing the love of God to a broken world. When the world sees the love we have for each other, they will be drawn to God, and the best way to do this is through family.

May God bless this day and our time together.

~ **Brian Williams**

From Here & There

Local Area Meetings and Activities:

♣ **“Who Is Your Pilot?”** is the theme of the WINGS 2010 conference, scheduled for Friday and Saturday 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.

♣ A wedding shower honoring Michael Jenkins and Monica Hartsell, daughter of **Skip and Annette Hartsell** and sister of **Nichole Hall**, will be held from 1:30-3 p.m. Sunday, February 28, at the home of Gary and Pam Stephenson, 147 Casey Lane. Men and women are invited. They are registered at Target, JC Penney, Pampered Chef, Bed Bath and Beyond, and Walmart.

“Thank You” Notes - -

Cloverdale family,

Thank you very much for all the cards and calls sent during Frank’s illness and passing. We deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness and love.

Sincerely,

The Frank Younger family ~

Words can never express the deep feelings of thankfulness I have for the family of God at Cloverdale. The way you have cared for me and my family after my recent surgery has been a great blessing. Thank you for your calls, your visits, your kind notes and cards, and the wonderful food. Most of all, thank you for your prayers and for your constant encouragement. I am mending well.

Love,

Tim Baird ~



Dishes from the Birmingham funeral, as well as many other dishes, are on the table in the breezeway. Please pick up any that belong to you.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

2/21
David Breezeel (9)
Addison Williams (10)

2/22
Braxton Bennett (19)
Kerry Mayes

2/24
Brenna Guillo
Ken Hourt

2/25
Ashley Harrington (17)
Kaleb McLarty (17)

2/26
Shane Ford
Taryn Sheets

2/27
J.D. Eddins

2/28
Chance Gowan (14)
Jon Wrye



Prayer Concerns

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

- ♣ **Sick:** Gary Peebles had back surgery Tuesday in Batesville.
- ♣ **At Home:** Tim Baird is home recovering from triple bypass surgery. Dortha Bone is home after being hospitalized with bronchitis.
- ♣ **Sympathy:** Aaron Shaffer, nephew of Joyce Wrye and cousin of Jenna Reese, died last weekend in Sparta, Tenn., after a car accident.
- ♣ **Extended Care:** Paul J. Haynie, Faye Housley, Temple Jordan & Lillian Robertson (Byrd Haven)
- ♣ **Missions:** Brent and Sandy Rogers are looking for a kindergarten teacher to work in Kojima, Japan. Please see David Burt if you are interested. Please see the display in the breezeway for the latest updates from our missionaries.

NURSERY WORKERS

- Today** Infants: Stephanie Gill/Leota Hamill
Toddlers: Christi Reeves/Debbie Stanley
- Next Week** Infants: Becky McCown/Brenda Miller
Toddlers: Betsy Tankersley/Nathalie Wilhite

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

Backpack Buddies Backpack Buddies

Please help fill the pantry!

Items Needed:
pudding cups
graham crackers

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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	602
Bible Class	526
Sunday Evening	375
Wednesday Evening	404

Contribution Last Week

Contribution Last Week	11,882.00
Weekly Budget	12,482.00
Total Contribution Through January	59,848.00
Expenditures Through January	57,844.00



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

⇒ **Family Sunday: Today** is an intentional day for families to spend time together. Families are asked to sit together during worship and spend the afternoon together without work/school work or church “stuff.” If you know of anyone whose family does not attend here, invite them to sit with your family. This is also a day for the Cloverdale family to grow together.

⇒ **CLIMB:** 6:30-8 p.m. on Thursdays at the McLarty's.

⇒ **CHRISTeens:** Dates—February 26-28. There will be a meeting for all students going and at least one parent on Wednesday following Bible class. Please plan to be there, as we will discuss the details of this event.

⇒ **Spring Break '10:** This year we head to Bayou LaBatre, Ala., March 20-26. Cost is \$50. Sign-up ends with money due on Sunday, March 7. Sign up TODAY!!

Let's Get Involved!

I know a couple of people who, when they enter a room, take charge of just about everything: the topic of conversation, everyone's attention, and the very mood of all present. My first reaction to such a personality is that he is arrogant or cocky or covering for some emotional deficiency by forcing others to lend him their full allegiance, even if but for a few minutes. On a rare occasion, I am correct in my summation.

But, in more cases than I would like to admit, I was simply in the room with a very confident individual. Abraham Lincoln once said about a political opponent, “I don't like him very much...I must get to know him better.” Why is it difficult to recognize the difference between a person who is confident and a person who is a braggart? More importantly, why do we—I—become so rigid and “bristly” when we find ourselves confronting this genuinely self-assured type?

Although we are called on to share in the rejoicing and successes of others, no one appreciates a person who can only talk about himself—his talents, victories, and luck. It grows old very quickly.

I believe the difference is in the acknowledgement of the source of one's glory. Brother Paul wrote that our confidence lies in the faith we have in Christ Jesus (Eph. 3:11-12). The author of Hebrews called on the reader to remember how much he had willingly given up at first coming to faith and how he should not throw away that confidence now (Heb. 10:32-35)! This confidence not only directs us in how we conduct ourselves with others, but also in how we approach God (I Jn. 5:14).

How do you score on the “confidence scale” with 10 being excellent and 1 being nonexistent? Let us labor in such a way that we can repeat with confidence the words of Paul, “...*Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day*” (II Tim. 1:12). In Jesus we live the blessed assurance here and into eternity.

~ Larry Moran