



Clowerdale Family News



Cloverdale Church of Christ ♣ Searcy, Ark. ♣ February 28, 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.

"...for they loved praise from men more than praise from God." ~ John 12:43

Order of Worship

PREACHING: *Karl McLarty*

SONG LEADER: *Shawn Daggett*

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS: *Jerry Bunn*

SCRIPTURE READING: *Norbert Flieg*

Song # 77 Glorify Thy Name

Song # 578 We Will Glorify

PRAYER

Gil Lay

Song # 4 To God Be the Glory

Song # 74 Praise the Lord

Song Salvation Belongs to Our God

Song Worthy Is the Lamb

COMMUNION: *Frank Alford*

OFFERING: *David Mayes*

Song # 777 Father, Hear the Prayer We Offer

Song # 846 God of Grace and God of Glory

Song Ancient of Days

TODAY'S MESSAGE: *"FATHER, GLORIFY YOUR NAME"*

Song # 309 In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified

SHEPHERDING and PRAYER: *Ken Graves*

Closing Song # 609..... I'm Not Ashamed to Own My Lord

- ♣ 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

Activities Today - -

♣ The “**Home Builders**” Bible class meets on Sunday mornings in the small fellowship room. **Burt Hollandsworth** is teaching on the New Testament parables.

♣ Men and women are invited to a **wedding shower** honoring Michael Jenkins and Monica Hartsell, daughter of **Skip and Annette Hartsell** and sister of **Nichole Hall**, from 1:30-3 p.m. today at the home of Gary and Pam Stephenson, 147 Casey Lane. The couple is registered at Target, JC Penney, Pampered Chef, Bed Bath & Beyond, and Walmart.

♣ There will be a **Bible Bowl practice** at 5 p.m. in the loft. Come prepared to work on the book of Esther.

Future Activities - -

♣ Beginning March 7, **Larry Moran** will teach a **spiritual leadership class** on Sunday mornings in room 213. Both men and women are invited.

♣ 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.

♣ 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.



Building Christian Families

Joe Brumfield continues his series on marriage and parenting on Wednesday night in the auditorium. **This week's topic: "Instilling Faith in Your Children."** CDs of previous lessons are available in the library for \$1 each.

The Ministers' Corner

Trek of a Lifetime

Twenty years ago my family was on a camping trip in the Rocky Mountains in northern New Mexico. One rainy, cloudy evening I was making my way back to the camp site on foot. It was so dark that I absolutely could not see my way down the path. In the inky dark, the thick cover of pines around me left no point of reference to guide me down the path. The sky was a swirl of opaque shapes dancing above my head so low that I could almost reach up and touch it. With several hundred yards to go, I became worried that I could very easily lose my way. There was one sensory guidepost that did not fail me though: my ears.

Over the base of the path I was attempting to negotiate, the park employees had spread a cover of very fine gravel. Each step I took made a clear, defined, crunching sound like when someone is eating a bowl of Rice Krispies, only under foot. Each time my footprint lacked that distinctly crisp refrain, I instantly froze, carefully backtracking until I was certain to be on the path with that telling “crunch.” I would slightly alter my direction and try it again. Although it took me much longer to spot the campfire of our site than it normally would have, I was so relieved to get back that I did not care how long it had taken.

Thinking on that event always causes me to consider my spiritual path and with what certainty I really have of staying that trek with the hope of ultimately arriving at my destination. The writer of Psalms stated that God's word is “...a light to my path” (Psa 119:105). Of course, what makes these words so special is the fact that they are God's!

It is God who “...leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake” (Psa. 23:3). His path for us is only good. “Show me Your ways, O Lord; Teach me Your paths” (Psa. 25:4). In order to lead us to God, the pathway of our hearts must be clear of all debris, holes filled in, and hills made flat. Before the Jews would be able to accept Jesus among them, John the Baptizer came, among other things to “...prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight” (Mt. 3:3). Every generation of Christians must continually “...make straight paths for your feet...” (Heb. 12:13).

May we never assume nor take for granted a sense of self-security in our path towards heaven. Utilize God's words, our light, to check the boundaries of the path and check for any dangers along the way. Do not ever leave this path for another (Mt. 7:13-14). In humility, reevaluating our course, remain true to what we know is the hope of God for each one of us.

Remember, what God clearly tells us is what is best for us. “Thus says the Lord: ‘Stand in the ways and see, And ask for the old paths, where the good way is, And walk in it; Then you will find rest for your souls’” (Jer. 6:16).

~ *Larry Moran*

From Here & There

Local Area Meetings and Activities:

- ♣ The Robinson and Center St. Church of Christ in Conway will hold a **ladies' day** on Saturday, March 13. Coffee will be served at 8:27 a.m., followed by the first session at 9 a.m. See the office board for details.
- ♣ You are invited to a recital of the Searcy Brass, featuring Cloverdale members **Ashley Veatch, Cindy Carrell, and James Wilhite**, at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 18, in the Reynolds Center Recital Hall at Harding.
- ♣ The **Southern Christian Home** will hold a spring sale March 19-20. Donations of clothes, furniture, and other items would be welcomed. Call Lana Murphy at 501-354-7509 or 501-208-3325 for more information.

"Thank You" Notes - -

Dear Cloverdale family,

Once again you have ministered to our needs. You surrounded us with your love and care, which helped sustain us and which demonstrated to others the love of Christ living in you. Each card, phone call, word of sympathy, prayer, dish of food, and other acts of kindness were so helpful and very much appreciated.

Mary Birmingham, Brian and Barry and families ~

Ken and Terri Graves will leave Friday for Brazil to represent Cloverdale at the inauguration of the church in Niteroi and will be taking a care package to **Ben and Juliana Roberts**. Lists of requested items are on the welcome center tables. Please place items in the tub in the foyer by Wednesday night.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

2/28

Chance Gowan (14)
Jon Wrye

2/29

Tom Buterbaugh
Barbara Milton

3/1

Deanna Bain
Tim Bennett
Brian Wilson
Brittney Yarbrough
Tim Yarbrough
Vernon & Viola Reames-14th

3/2

Debbie Treadwell

3/3

Steve Breezeel
Catie Clark (10)
Alivia Mayes (7)
Emma McKean (15)

3/4

John Calloway
Rachel Fisher (4)

3/5

Rocky Cooper

3/6

Mary Ellen Baird
Jasmine Lee (7)
Chris Matthews

Clay & Shirley Powell -29th

3/7

Debbie Baird
Harold & Paula Moore -18th



Prayer Concerns

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

- ♣ **Sick:** **Alycia Vinsant** is in St. Vincent Infirmary Medical Center after suffering burns and smoke inhalation when her apartment burned last Monday night. **Tyler Yarbrough** had an emergency appendectomy last weekend but is doing well. **Viola Reames'** niece, Tabitha Espenschied, a Harding student, has a benign tumor and may require surgery.
- ♣ **At Home:** **Ellen Scudder** is home following a heart catheterization at WCMC.
- ♣ **Prayer Requests:** **Gayla Pruitt** requested prayers last Sunday for the family of her friends Udawak and Mfong, whose father had been kidnapped in Nigeria. He has since been released.
- ♣ **Extended Care:** **Paul J. Haynie, Faye Housley, Temple Jordan & Lillian Robertson** (Byrd Haven)
- ♣ **Missions:** See the display in the breezeway for the latest updates from our missionaries.

NURSERY WORKERS

- Today** Infants: **Jean Tate/Lori Shelton**
Toddlers: **Betsy Tankersley/Nathalie Wilhite**
- Next Week** Infants: **Becky McCown/Brenda Miller**
Toddlers: **Lacinda Anderson/Judy Wells**

Cloverdale Missions Connections

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| 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 ...

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| 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

The Backpack Buddies staples list has been updated. Please make sure to get a new list before filling your packs this week!

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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 639
Bible Class 573
Sunday Evening 381
Wednesday Evening 380

Contribution Last Week

Contribution Last Week 12,088.00
Weekly Budget 12,482.00
Total Contribution Through January 59,848.00
Expenditures Through January 57,844.00



My Shelter My Fortress My God Psalm 91:1&2

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

⇒ **CLIMB:** 6:30-8 p.m. on Thursdays at the McLartys.

⇒ **Spring Break '10:** This year we head to Bayou La-Batre, Ala., March 20-26. Cost is \$50. Sign-up ends with money due on Sunday, March 7. We will be collecting shoes, khakis, and jeans of any size or type to take along with us. There will be a can by the Board for you to place these items. There will be a meeting on Sunday night, March 14, for all students and chaperones going to discuss plans for this trip. On Wednesday, March 17, we will have a meeting with all students who are going and at least one parent to discuss details. Please let me know if you have any questions. ~ **Brian**

⇒ **Seniors:** We need to begin making plans for the senior service. Here are some dates to note:

~ **Sunday, April 4:** Six pictures (a baby, a senior, and four others) for the slideshow and an additional senior picture with a name card for the composite are due. Please submit these to Fran.

~ **Wednesday, May 5:** Senior Information Sheet is due.

~ **Sunday, May 9:** Senior Service

A letter with details was mailed out this week. Let me know if you have any questions.

Teen TALK!

Things like video games, iPods, and the Internet are all wonderful ways to enjoy oneself, but they can distract from more important things like school and God. We must choose what is most important to us. To me, God, school, friends, and family are what matter most. Teens must focus on what is most meaningful, because what happens during our teen years will affect the rest of our lives. The “fun stuff” in this world can easily keep us from reaching our future goals, no matter what our aspirations. We all need to evaluate our motives and actions in order to shape our future in the way God intends. I encourage each of you to give up or put aside a particular pastime, hobby, or worldly item for a certain amount of time: for a week, a month, or whatever time frame you choose. I guarantee that if you give up, or “boycott,” your “distraction” in life and you try to see beyond the present and look into your future, you will see what matters most and what is shaping your future. In all of the accounts of Jesus healing the blind, there is a common end: Every one of the healed either followed Jesus from that point or instantly went home to share their story and to spread the word of Jesus’ miracles. Let our eyes be opened by God so that we may see what lies ahead in order to realize his plan for our lives.

~ **Ethan Carrell**