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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 ..... 503  
 Bible Class..... 406  
 Sunday Evening..... 158  
 Wednesday Evening ..... 128

**Contribution Last Week**

Contribution Last Week ..... 12,830  
 Weekly Budget..... 12,542  
 Total Contribution Through May ..... 277,713  
 Expenditures Through May ..... 293,541



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

⇒ **Refuge Family Worship:** Refuge students and families are invited to the home of the Hoffmanns at 5 p.m. today for worship and fellowship. Bring finger foods, snacks, and lawn chairs. Drinks will be provided.

⇒ **Pizza Pro/Wiffle Ball: Thursday** we will meet at Pizza Pro for lunch at **11:30 a.m.** and play wiffle ball at the Harding Academy playground until **2 p.m.**

⇒ On Friday, July 9, we will take a road trip to **Silver Dollar City** in Branson, Mo. Cost is \$50 (does not include meals). Sign-up begins today and ends with money due on Wednesday, July 7. Please note the change in date, as this was originally set for July 10.

**Let's Get Involved!**

Freedom does *not* permit us to do anything we wish. Liberty, in any area—political, social, and in matters of faith—requires us to be mindful of others. True freedom is *not* absolute, but relative. The first century church needed direction on how to handle something as simple as eating meat that had been offered to a pagan god before it was taken to market in order to be sold.

Because some had knowledge (understanding) that "... there is no such thing as an idol... there is no God but one" (I Cor. 8:4), eating such food would neither help nor hinder their relationship to God (I Cor. 8:8). Paul reminded them that "... not all men have this knowledge..." (I Cor. 8:7). Such brothers are regarded as "weak"—not in a physical sense, but in their lack of maturity of knowledge (understanding) in this particular matter. They needed further growth (Phil. 2:12).

Even if some of us have more knowledge than others, our freedom demands choices. To go forward with what we know is acceptable to God in the name of being free, to the "ruining" and "wounding" of a weak brother, is a "... sin against Christ" (I Cor. 8:11-12).

In doing so, our clarity of knowledge, then, becomes arrogance. A better trait to exhibit is love that builds others up (I Cor. 8:1). Although Paul understood his freedom in Christ and had no problem with eating meat offered to an idol, love for his weaker brothers made him choose: "... if food causes my brother to stumble, I will never eat meat again, that I might not cause my brother to stumble" (I Cor. 8:13).

Today, may God help each one combine our knowledge with a love that always edifies. In so doing we may then exercise our freedom in Christ responsibly.

~ Larry Moran



*Cloverdale Family News*



Cloverdale Church of Christ ♣ Searcy, Ark. ♣ June 27, 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. "The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body."*

*~ 1 Corinthians 6:13b*

**Order of Worship**

**PREACHING:** Karl McLarty  
**SONG LEADER:** Scott Carrell

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Gilbert Lay

Song # 4..... To God Be the Glory  
 Song ..... Blessed Be Your Name  
 Song # 71..... As the Deer

**PRAYER**  
 Jo Pat Black

Song ..... Be Thou My Vision  
 Song # 315..... When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

**COMMUNION:** David Mayes  
**OFFERING:** Jerry Bunn

Song # 671..... Purer in Heart, O God

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Philip Baird

**TODAY'S MESSAGE:** "DECENTLY AND IN ORDER"

Song ..... Create in Me a Clean Heart

**SHEPHERDING and PRAYER:** Ken Graves

Closing Song ..... Lord, Reign in Me

- ♣ 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 June

Kendall Lowe	Jordan Smith
Carter Lowe	Wyndham O'Neal
John Reid	Zach Smith
Patrick Baird	Ben Buterbaugh

### Activities Today - -

♣ Men and women are invited to a **wedding shower** honoring **Justin Pruitt** and Erin Tillet from 2-4 p.m. in the annex. They are registered at Walmart.

#### Wedding Invitation

Dr. and Mrs. Mark Borsheim request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Vanessa, to Andrew Graves, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Graves, on Saturday, July 10, at 11:30 a.m. at the Dalton Gardens Church of Christ, Coeur D'Alene, Idaho.

#### NURSERY WORKERS

<b>Today</b>	<b>Infants:</b> Alison Baird/Brenda Breezeel
	<b>Toddlers:</b> Fredese Wheatley/Brittney Winner
<b>Next</b>	<b>Infants:</b> Yarbrough family
<b>Week</b>	<b>Toddlers:</b> Jamie, Brittny & Caitlin Winner

### Future Activities - -

- ♣ All men are invited to the monthly **men's fellowship breakfast** at 7 a.m. Thursday in the annex.
- ♣ July is Cloverdale's month to lead services at **Harding Place**. Small groups are encouraged to volunteer to take one Sunday evening that month. Please see **Rocky Cooper** if you can help.
- ♣ The nursing mothers room needs a love seat or small sofa. If you have one you can donate, please contact **Diana McAdams**.
- ♣ **Jerry Collins** needs old sheets and towels for a July 4 weekend outing. If you can donate any, please see Jerry.
- ♣ **Secret Sisters Revealing:** All secret sisters are invited to the annex at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, July 7. Bring a card or gift to let your secret sister know who you are!
- ♣ A **baby shower** honoring **Ben and Tara Bruner** will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 8, at Doc's Grill. It's a boy! Ben and Tara are registered at Target and Babies R Us.
- ♣ **Shorts for Kids:** Thank you to all who helped sew over 200 dresses! We sent 50 to Haiti last week and will send more with the D.R. group. We have 75 pairs of shorts to make now! Pick up packets in the breezeway. The deadline to have them ready to go to the D.R. is July 15.

## The Shepherds' Corner

I've always appreciated the Restoration Movement and everything its leaders stood for during a time of shifting and confusing religious practices. Of course, the core of the movement was restoring the teachings (doctrine) of the first century church. Not to debate the success of their attempts or the adherence to those ideals by the church today, I want to look at another aspect of the New Testament church – its life.

Acts 2:42-47 and 4:32-35 paint an amazing picture of unity and cooperation among the early church. They did indeed devote themselves to the apostles' teaching, but it went way beyond that. They met constantly and shared everything, to the point of not even considering their possessions as being their own. And, God added souls to their numbers daily.

I think we should rightly be concerned about restoring or maintaining the apostles' teaching, particularly in light of the pervasive religious pluralism in America today. But, what about the life of the early church? Are we concerned about restoring that early church community? Granted, our lifestyles are about as different from the 19<sup>th</sup> century American frontier as they are from the first century. Do we just accept that and conclude that we simply will never have that type of unity again? Surely, that is not what God desires for us.

So, how would we go about restoring that type of New Testament church? Perhaps we would have to rid our lives of the things that take so much of our time. Do hobbies, politics, sports, and entertainment steal the time that we could be devoting to the Lord's body? Would we share our possessions with the church if we didn't owe so much to the creditors that funded their purchase?

Perhaps we have let our wealth and American culture steal an extremely valuable part of what a restored New Testament church should be. Maybe if we, like the Restoration leaders, took radical steps to go back to a way of life that is displayed by the early church, we might also be "filled with awe," and the Lord might add to our numbers daily just like he did with that early church.

~ Chris Lowe

## From Here & There

### Local Area Meetings and Activities:

- ♣ The **Pangburn Church of Christ** will host its 102nd homecoming on Sunday, July 4. The speaker will be Bryan Dill. See the office board for times.
- ♣ **Abundant Living:** A seminar/retreat for those age 60 and older will be held October 5-8 at the Lodge of the Ozarks in Branson, Mo. A quarterly magazine is available as well. Please see the office board for details on both.
- ♣ The **Southern Christian Home** in Morrilton is looking for house parents. See the flier on the office board for more information.

### "Thank You" Notes - -

Dear brothers and sisters,

Thank you for your generosity in giving for the summer packages for our WBS inmates. The packages are ordered and will be delivered at the end of June. You have shown God's love to these men. God bless you.

In Him,

Lois Lemmons ~

#### Wedding Invitation

Mr. and Mrs. Oneal Tankersley and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Sauls invite you to share in the joy of the marriage uniting their children, Karen Tankersley and Jonathan Sauls, on Saturday, July 10, at 6 p.m. at the New Hope Christian Church in Wylie, Texas. Reception immediately following.

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

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|------|-----------------------------|-----|--------------------------|
| 6/27 | Raymond Kelly               | 7/2 | Annette Hartsell         |
|      | Jim & Deanie Wagster -46th  |     | Ashley Veatch            |
| 6/28 | Ben Buterbaugh (18)         | 7/3 | Ashley Brooks            |
|      | Pauline Davis               |     | Brent Earley             |
|      | Keith Feather               | 7/4 | Hallie Roberts (18)      |
| 6/29 | Macy Anne Badger (13)       |     | Brent Rogers             |
|      | Dakota Holmes (16)          |     | Clyde & Laverne Johnston |
|      | Sandy Rogers                |     | -12th                    |
|      | Flora Swartz                |     |                          |
|      | Worley & Ruth Ferguson-70th |     |                          |
|      | Tom & Denise Fisher -25th   |     |                          |
| 6/30 | Kamryn Burton (12)          |     |                          |
| 7/1  | Jarod Smith (13)            |     |                          |
|      | Abi Stone (6)               |     |                          |
|      | Donald & Linda Allee -33rd  |     |                          |
|      | Keith & Sheila DeShazo-21st |     |                          |



## Prayer Concerns

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

- ♣ **Sick:** **Harold Moore's** mother, Linda Moore, had a stroke after having bypass surgery last Wednesday and is in Arkansas Heart Hospital. **LaMonica Young** had surgery last Friday at WCMC.
- ♣ **At Home:** **Howard Froud** is home from the hospital following bypass surgery last week.
- ♣ **Rejoice!** **Abbey Tobin** was baptized last Sunday by her father, Phil, at Camp Tahkodah.
- ♣ **Prayer Requests:** Please remember in prayer those who have been and will be going on mission trips this summer from Cloverdale. **Mark and Flora Swartz** have requested our prayers for Flora's sister, Margie Groves, who is gravely ill in Houston. Flora has returned to the U.S. to be with her. **Kim Cooper** requests prayers for D.J. Trahan, a friend from Louisiana who is in ICU recovering from surgery to remove a large tumor from his chest. **Jeff and Gloria Woods** requested prayers for their daughter Jessica and her husband, Mark, who had a hearing last Friday to finalize the adoption of their foster child, Izaiah.
- ♣ **Extended Care:** **Paul J. Haynie, Faye Housley & Temple Jordan** (Byrd Haven)
- ♣ **Missions:** See the display in the breezeway for the latest updates from our missionaries.

### 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 ...

Mildred Alexander	Jack Mooney
Myrtle Lee Barker	Gifford & Earline Myhan
Worley & Ruth Ferguson	James Spaulding
Dale & Alene Martin	Aubrey Dean Wilson
James Milner	

Please help fill the pantry!  
Items Needed:  
**canned ravioli/spaghetti  
macaroni & cheese**