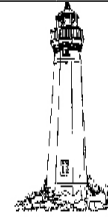


THE BEACON

The Hardin church of Christ
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Sunday, August 3, 2008



**Visitors, you put a smile on our faces!
 Come back as often as you can**

Youth Devotional (Adults invited, too)

Daniel and Ruia will host a youth devotional at their house this Friday night beginning at 6pm. Sandwiches will be served by the hosts and boys are asked to bring chips and girls bring cookies (or brownies). This is a fellowship opportunity for anyone who is interested with a brief devotional, as well. See you Friday night!

Care Groups

Don't forget the elders' request for feedback on the care group program announced two weeks ago today. If you were not here the past two weeks and want information about it, see Daniel, David, or Dennis. We want to know your thoughts about it!

Children's Devotional Today
For youth 2nd-5th grade youth after this morning's services. Lunch will be served.
Children should be picked up at 1pm.
See Christie and Dwayne O. for details.

Prepare for Next Week:

AM: "Count" Carefully (Philippians 3.1-11)

PM: Words of Encouragement: Forgiveness (Heb 9.1-28)

CALENDAR

(Hardin Activities)

Aug 8: Youth Devotional at Daniel & Ruia's, 6pm

Aug 10: Elders/Deacons Meet after pm services

Aug 16: Home-made ice cream fellowship, 6.30pm

Aug 17: Singing night with finger food fellowship to follow

Sept 27: Hardin Fish Fry

Oct 4: Hay Ride at the Jim & Carol Holland's

Oct 10-12: Fall Retreat (more info to come)

(Other Activities)

Aug 5: Summer Youth Series at Fulton

Aug 12: Summer Youth Series at Calvert

Aug 14: Blood Drive at Briensburg church building, 1.30-6.30pm

Bus Drivers:

Aug 3, 6—Mason T.
 Aug 10, 13—Mark R.
 Aug 17, 20—Trice D.
 Aug 24, 27—Jim H.
 Aug 31, Sept 3—Neil V.

BENEVOLENCE

"...let us do good to everyone"

In July we helped families with groceries, utility or medical bills, etc with approx. \$501. Who knows the impact it will make for the Lord!!!

Record

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Last Yr</u>
Sunday School	105	125	89
Worship AM	129	150	129
Worship PM	86	125	
Midweek	101	125	89
Offering	\$2146	\$2500	\$1682
<i>Weekly Budget:</i>		\$2362	

The Secret to Winning

It was basketball's golden age, and the two men most responsible for the game's new heights featured a "hick from French Lick", and a kid from the streets of Detroit. Fans crowded into arenas like dancers on a disco floor, and whenever the ball came into these two players' hands, they held their collective breath. What would they do next? Something extraordinary would happen, they knew!

Magic Earvin Johnson and Larry Bird between them made the NBA an international sensation. Kids in playgrounds from Paris to Pittsburgh wore their jerseys, and practiced

their moves. But what made these men so special? Why did their play elevate an entire sport? Weren't there players before them who could soar in the air, put up rainbow jumpers, and fly down the court?

Of course there were. There was Wilt and West, Bradley and Dr. J. They were all great players in their own right. So what set Magic and Bird apart? Sure, they could shoot and dunk. If you're young and six foot nine, you ought to be able to do that!

But their secret was their team play. They actually wanted to pass to team mates. And the amazing thing was that the team game was not only the way to win championships, but it was fun! It was fun to watch, and fun to play.

How long does it take to learn that life is a team sport? Marriages, churches and the work place stutter and choke until the members learn this. Selfishness always leads to heart-break. Some players in the NBA never learned that, and they won neither championships nor friends.

The secret to life, you see, is not to get all the applause, but to make people around you better!

Stan Mitchell
 Forthright.net

"Man From the Roof"

Mark 2.1-12

Miracle	d	h	a	a	f	g	u	l
Jesus	e	l	c	a	r	i	m	i
Roof								
Friends	z	p	r	a	i	s	e	p
Teach	y	l	o	w	e	r	e	d
Paralyzed	l	d	o	g	n	t	j	e
Heal								
Lowered	a	p	f	c	d	e	l	w
Walk	r	t	r	u	s	t	a	j
Trust								
Praise	a	a	t	u	k	l	e	a
God	p	p	s	w	k	e	h	n

Indian Territory

Since few permanent records exist, it is difficult to research the methods used in evangelizing Indian Territory. However, the work of Robert Wallace Officer is an exception. R.W. Officer was born to Alexander and Francis Officer in Murray County, Georgia, on August 18, 1845.¹ Little of Officer's early life is known except for the fact that as a teenager he served as a private in the Confederate Army and was wounded in battle.²

At the age of twenty-five, he was living in Winchester, Tennessee, where he heard a sermon by a Methodist minister on the resurrection.³ Standing at the close of the sermon, he said, "I believe with all my heart that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and I want to be baptized." Bringing out the Methodist manual of discipline, the preacher intended to teach Methodist doctrine, but Officer refused, insisting that the example he wished to follow was the conversion of the Ethiopian in the book of Acts. The minister denied his request, and six months later Officer was immersed by Dr. Barris.⁴

After his conversion, Officer preached for the Liberty Baptist Association of Tennessee. Because of his conviction to the New Testament and his preaching, he was charged with heresy. It is not known at what point Officer transitioned to the Restoration Movement,

but Michael Slate describes it this way, "It is probably true that Officer's transition to the disciples occurred not so much because he came to stand behind the Restoration Movement as because many people appreciative of the Restoration ideal came to stand behind him, due to his influential and strong character."⁵

G.H.P. Showalter gives the following description of Officer in 1905:

"Bro. Officer is of rough build and possesses a sturdy constitution. He has light blue eyes, fair complexion and dark hair, just turning slightly grey. He is about six feet in height, and would, in my judgment, weigh one hundred and eighty pounds. There is no doubt that nature has gifted him with more than ordinary powers of endurance. He has traveled much, preached much, endured much. He has worked hard, studied closely and labored successfully. He is an independent thinker, and is little affected by positions taken by men, unless they can be shown to be reasonable or scriptural."⁶

Paul Goddard
Forthright.net

More to come on Officer and the evangelizing of Indian Territory next week.

¹Interview with James Marvin Cluff, Genealogical Department of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Salt Lake City, Utah. (March 5, 1982). 1850 census of Murray County, Georgia.

²Tennesseans in the Civil War (Nashville, Tennessee: Civil War Centennial Commission, 1965), 307.

³Michael D. Slate, "R.W. Officer: An Example of Frontier Individualism," Restoration Quarterly 22 (Third Quarter 1979), 144.

⁴F.D. Srygley, Srygley's Biographies and Sermons (Nashville: Srygley, 1898), 309, and Laurence W. Scott, Texas Pulpit (St. Louis: Christian Publishing Company, 1888), 384-385.

⁵Slate, 146.

⁶G.H.P. Showalter, "Tidings From Texas," Octographic Review 48 (January 17, 1905), 8.

PRAYER LIST

"The prayer of a righteous person has great power..." (James 5:16)

SHUT-INS

BRITTHAVEN:

Pauline Shepherd (100)
Patsy Farris (111A)
Erlene Higgins (220B)
Nadine Peck (126B)

Spring Creek:

Margaret Grogan (311)
Perry Cornwell (316A)

At Home:

John Grogan
Sharon Brewer

Gunner Gillespie, Steven Jones,
Nancy Black, Mamie Harper,
Frances Hendrickson, Olan Webb,
Amanda Clevenger, Linda Hargrove,
Bill Finch, Kenneth Dean,
Elaine Hopkins, Jerry Jackson,
Gene Henderson, Judy Moore,
Pat Ealy

God's Plan For Your Salvation

1. Hear and understand the Gospel of Christ (Rm. 10.17).
2. Believe Jesus is the Son of God (John 8.24; Heb. 11.6).
3. Turn away from your sins and former life (Luke 13.3; Acts 3.19-20).
4. Confess to others your belief in Jesus (Mt. 10.32-33; Rm. 10.9-10).
5. Be baptized to have your sins forgiven (Acts 2.38; 22.16).
6. Remain faithful until death for an assured reward (Rev 2.10).

Service Times: Sunday School - 9.15am;
Sun Worship - 10am, 6pm; Wed. Bible Class - 7pm

Call 437-4413 if you need a ride.

Today's Worship

Morning Service

764—Teach Me Lord to Wait
Announcements
608—He Gave Me a Song
606—Remind Me Dear Lord
Scripture & Prayer
797—Lord We Come Before...
Offering
369—It is Finished
Lord's Supper
650—Send the Light
Message: Phil 2.25-30
291—The Great Physician
1015—Jesus Loves the...
Dismissal Prayer

Evening Service

144—O Worship the King
Announcements
970—I'm Gonna View that...
732—The Family of God
Opening Prayer
589—Leaning On the...
Message: Hebrews 9.1-28
951—The Savior is Waiting
709—How Sweet, How...
Dismissal Prayer

**Come Back For Bible
Study on Wednesday**

OVERSEERS

"Shepherd the flock of God...serving as overseers...being examples to the flock." (1 Pet. 5:2-3)

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