

**CONTRIBUTION GOAL: CONGREGATIONAL AVERAGE OF 5%
(EVENTUAL GOAL 10%) OF OUR GROSS INCOME, \$3,622/WEEK!**



Sunday, May 17, 2009

TO OUR VISITORS:

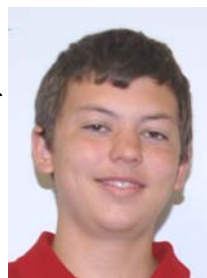
We welcome you as our honored guests and pray that you will come and see us again soon. If you have any needs that we can assist you with please let us know and we will do our very best to see to them. If you would like to add any names to the prayer list write them on the back of your visitor's card and we will be glad to pray for them.

YOU ARE INVITED



Kyle Hopkins

*Marshall County High
School Class of 2009
Commencement Exercises
Friday evening, May
twenty-second
Seven o'clock
Reed Conder Memorial
Gymnasium*



Keaton Guthrie

Today's Memory Verse:

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

(Last Week: Proverbs 1.7)

ESV **James 1:5**

Prepare for Next Week:

AM: How Awkward! (Luke 15.11-32)

PM: Advice From the Wise Man Series:

"Listen to Your Parents" (Proverbs 1.8-9)

CALENDAR

(Hardin Activities)

TONIGHT: Singing night & Finger Food Fellowship

May 31: Potluck lunch & early afternoon service

June 9: Hardin hosts SYS (Cliff Goodwin will speak)

June 15-18: Joint VBS Union Hill—Hardin, @ U. H.

Aug 28-30: Fall Meeting (David Powell)

(Other Activities)

May 26: SYS at Union Hill

June 3: SYS at Northside

July 24-26: Meeting at Sharpe (John T. Polk)

July 26-28: Area-Wide Gospel Meeting, Four Rivers Center (Pad.), 6pm

Sept 19: Fall Festival at Potter Children's Home

Bus Drivers:

May 17, 20—Neil V.
 May 24, 27—Bill D.
 May 31, June 3—Greg N.
 June 7, 10—Mason T.
 June 14, 17—Mark R.

MISSION WORKS

CHINA \$300/month
 AFRICA \$300/month
 T.R. WEBB (MSOP) \$200/month
 NEW PATHWAYS \$150/month
 GBN-TV \$100/month

Record

	Actual	Goal	Last Yr
Sunday School	92	125	103
Worship AM	149	150	145
Worship PM	76	125	90
Midweek	98	125	106
Offering	\$2326	\$3000	\$2605
<i>Weekly Budget:</i>		\$2550	

Workers of the Week

WHO: Erick & Trish Mackie

WHAT: helps bus driver attend to children who ride the bus on Wednesday nights AND MUCH MORE



THANK YOU!!!

(We don't see everything...To suggest someone for worker of the week talk to Daniel)

Scrambled Letters Puzzles

Proverbs 10: 14 ___ ___ ___ (isew) men lay up knowledge: but the ___ ___ ___ ___ (tounh) of the foolish is near destruction.

Proverbs 18: 22 Whosoever findeth a ___ ___ ___ (eiwf) findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favor of the ___ ___ ___ (ordL).

Proverbs 18: 24 A ___ ___ ___ (amn) that hath friends must show himself friendly: and there is a ___ ___ ___ ___ (iefrnd) that sticks closer than a brother.

Proverbs 21: 13 If a man ___ ___ ___ ___ (hutss) his ears to the cry of the ___ ___ ___ (oopr), he too will cry out and not be answered.

Proverbs 24: 33-34

33.A ___ ___ ___ ___ (ttllie) sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to ___ ___ ___ (estr)

34.and poverty will come on ___ ___ ___ (ouy) like a bandit and scarcity like an ___ ___ ___ ___ (rmdea) man.

Graduation: More Than a Ceremony

Graduation season is in full swing. Many of us will attend several ceremonies in which the achievements of family members and friends will be recognized. No doubt, many graduation speakers will give voice to the familiar words, "Graduation is not the end of your education. It is the beginning. That's why this ceremony is also called a commencement exercise."

Graduation at any level marks the transition from one phase of life to another. How well we do in the next phase is usually tied to how well we did in the previous phase. In many respects this is a true measure of potential success. The person who struggles to make the grade in basic mathematics courses is probably not going to be the best candidate for engineering school.

However, predicting how well a person will do in the next leg of the journey based on performance in the last is not always accurate. Ralph Waldo Emerson may have had something like this in mind when he wrote: *"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."* Life consists of much more than scoring high on a battery of tests. A person's worth is measured by something more than whether or not she has letters after her name, whether or not the establishment permits her to climb one more rung on the "ladder of success."

Given Emerson's views regarding Transcendentalism, I don't believe he would completely agree with my application of his point. Still, I believe he expresses an idea that merits consideration. What matters most is what lies within us! The Apostle Paul affirmed this when he stated that he considered everything that he had by virtue of his birthright, family pedigree and as a result of his personal prowess and accomplishment were worthless, when contrasted with the value of knowing Christ Jesus. (See Philippians 3:7-9) Clearly, Paul's heart for God prompted him to do many things. But, it all started with that which was within him, a willingness to discard everything in order to gain Christ.

Theodore Roosevelt approached this topic from a different angle when he said, *"A man who has never gone to school may steal from a freight car; but if he has a university education, he may steal the whole railroad."* Diplomas and degrees don't shape our core values. They are neutral in and of themselves. Granted, much of what we experience during the course of our education does shape our core values. However, having a diploma or a degree does not automatically make us ethical, even if we have taken courses in ethics. What matters most is what lies within us.

So, as we embark on another graduation season, my hope is that this year's graduates will have someone who cares enough for them to speak lovingly and directly to them about this. I hope that each and every graduate will be encouraged to go forth and do great things. But, I hope each one will also be made aware of the fact that the greatest thing any person takes into the world is a heart that is so full of God that he or she can't help but yield his or her life to God's will...that he or she can't help but care for others along the way. With this in mind, it's easy to see that graduation is more than a ceremony. It is also more than a commencement. Graduation is an opportunity for another wave God's goodness and grace to wash over the world, bringing God glory and giving hope to the world.

Bill Williams
<http://spiritualoasis.org/blog/>

PRAYER LIST

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

SHUT-INS

Britthaven:

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

Spring Creek:

Deloris Pritchard (113)
 Perry Cornwell (326)

Stilley House:

Emma Powell (201)

At Home:

Sharon Brewer
 John & Margaret Grogan

Dawn Mays, Antonia Dunn, Junior Cleaver,
 Barry Anderson, Amy Nelson, Jean Ross,
 Darryl Stutler, Marty Johnson, Danny Hop-
 kins, Junior Bell, Sheena Robinson, Judy
 Moore, Jeneane Overby, Pansy Black, Gary
 May, Tim Doom, Evalyn Jordan, Pat John-
 son, Vena Jones, Linda Dean, Willie Eth-
 ridge, Paula Marani, Taylor Grow, Ross
 Reynolds, Ricky York, Lydia York, Adelle
 Ramsey, Jason Morris family

DEACONS

RICKY COLLINS	354-9362
Missions (Africa)/Media/Visitation	
TRICE DUNN	753-9163
Education Ministry/Bldg. Maintenance	
DANNY HIGGINS	474-2728
Worship Ministry/Van Maintenance	
STEVE HIGGINS	527-5752
Fellowship & Functions/Audio & Video	
JIMMY HOLLAND	354-8616
Treasurer/Worship Ministry	
HAROLD JONES	437-4571
Beneficence	
GREG NELSON	527-5870
Pee Wee Camp/Maint. & Insurance	
DWAYNE OAKLEY	437-4314
Youth Ministry/World Bible School	
MARK REYNOLDS	527-2986
China Mission/Van Maint./Disasters	
TIM REYNOLDS	703-4380
Visitation/Education Ministry	
GARY SCHROADER	437-4513
Fellowship & Functions	

Service Times:

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

OVERSEERS

DENNIS REDDEN
 437-4758 (H); 252-5734 (C)
DAVID SMITH
 437-3026 (H); 559-5014 (C)

MINISTERS

DWAYNE OAKLEY (Youth)
 437-4314 (H); 205-1382 (C)
DANIEL WALKER (Pulpit)
 437-4413 (H); 748-6746 (C)

If leading a public prayer, please use the microphone (one in back and one up front).

THIS Week—May 17, 2009:

AM Announcements: Dennis Redden
Song Leader: Jeff Edwards
Scripture Reading: Jordan Holland
Opening Prayer: Louis Hendrickson
Lord's Supper Devo.: Steve Higgins
Lord's Supper:
 Jeff Lofton Joe Redden
 Nicky Smith Kevin Bennett
 Erick Mackie Dale Newport
Rear: Ethan & Keaton Guthrie
Closing Prayer: Charles Bennett
Greeter: Harold & Trish Jones
PM Song Leader: SINGING
Opening Prayer: Erick Mackie
Scripture Reading: Isaac Reynolds
Lord's Supper: Danny Higgins
Closing Prayer: Leon Lovett
Wed Song Leader: Mark Reynolds
Opening Prayer: Greg Nelson
Closing Prayer: Dwayne Oakley
Devotional: Daniel Walker

NEXT Week—May 24, 2009:

AM Announcements: Dennis Redden
Song Leader: Steve Higgins
Scripture Reading: Josh Reynolds
Opening Prayer: Tim Reynolds
Lord's Supper Devo.: Trice Dunn
Lord's Supper:
 Bobby Outland Gary Schroader
 Jeff Lofton Joe Redden
 Nicky Smith Kevin Bennett
Rear: Ethan & Keaton Guthrie
Closing Prayer: Jeff Edwards
Greeter: Emma R. & Terri D.
PM Song Leader: Steve Higgins
Opening Prayer: Ron Owen
Scripture Reading: Bradley Dismore
Lord's Supper: Danny Higgins
Closing Prayer: Mark Reynolds
Wed Song Leader: Steve Higgins
Opening Prayer: Nick Smith
Closing Prayer: Steve Starks
Devotional: Mike Wyatt