

PULPIT PREVIEW – MARCH 11, 2007

Worship AM – *The Key To A Changed Life*

Worship PM – *Mexico Report – Justin Carr*

GREETERS

Bobby & Dean Wyatt
Ashley Kirby, Kayla Lamb

PICK-UP CARDS

Jake VanCleve, Taylor Ballard
Sidney Herndon, Koby Lamb

SUNDAY

- **Daylight Savings Time begins.** Please turn your clocks forward one hour.
- **Morningside Devotional** at 2 p.m.
- **Visitation Team #2** will meet after the evening services.

SICK LIST

Bobby Holland has been dismissed from the hospital but is still undergoing tests.

In Jackson Purchase Medical Center:

- **W A Cochrum** is in room 310.
- **Hugh Washam** is in room 330.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to **Brittany Holmes** on the arrival of a baby boy, **Eian J Brooks** on Friday, March 1st. Eian weighed 10 pounds and 3 ounces and was 22 inches long. The proud grandparents are Chris & Rena Holmes and the great-grandparents are Ray & Faye Sanderson.

BIBLE BOWL

A special thank you to **Wayne & Musette Gupton** for writing questions for the Bible Bowl and to **Hannah Tucker** and **Ashley Kirby** for designing the t-shirts.

CARDS

*Northside church of Christ,
Thank you for your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We truly appreciate you!*

Sincerely,

**The family of Anna Faye Hamilton:
Nita & Dwain Overby
Stacy, Steph, and Ryan Overby
Jeff, Heather, and Shelbe Overby**

*Dear Brothers & Sisters,
Thank you so much for the many ways you have shown your love to our family over the past few days. The flowers, visits, cards, and food were all appreciated so much.
Please keep us in your prayers. We are all feeling such a loss right now.
Mama loved all of you.*

Love,

The family of June Harper

AREA EVENTS

SINGING:

- **Central church of Christ**, Friday, March 16th beginning at 7 p.m.
- **Southwind church of Christ**, Memphis TN, Friday, March 23rd from 7 to 10 p.m.

RALLY:

- **“Senior Moments with the Master”** at **Henderson church of Christ** on Saturday, March 31st from 9:30 to 1:30 p.m. with Winford Claiborne.

VISITATION IS GOD’S IDEA

Visitation originated in the mind of God. It began in the Garden on Eden. There God walked “in the garden in the cool of the day” (Genesis 3:8). Notice that the God of heaven chose to commune with those that he loved by personal visitation. God loves visitation. He visited Abraham to prepare him to become the father of a great nation (Genesis 12:1-4). He visited Moses in a burning bush, and again at Mt Sinai (Exodus3:4; Exodus 19-31). In the darkness of night He visited the boy Samuel (1 Samuel 3:1-14). He visited Isaiah with word of the coming Messiah.

The arrival of Jesus on earth was the visit of all visits. By this, God gave His Son to save the world (Hebrews 1:1-2). From that amazing event, visitation has been inseparably associated with salvation.

Visitation was the primary method of Jesus. He visited in the homes of people. He performed His first miracle when visiting in a home during a wedding (John 2). While visiting in Peter’s home, He healed Peter’s mother-in-law who was sick (Luke 4:38-39). In the home of a Pharisee, a woman found Him and washed His feet with her tears (Luke 7:38-50). He sent His disciples into homes in the limited commission (Matthew 10:6-12; Luke 10:5). He made wayside visits. As He traveled, He healed two blind men sitting by the way (Matthew 20:29-34). On His way to visit Jairus, He paused to heal a woman who had a persistent hemorrhage (Matthew 9:18-22). He visited specific individuals. He visited a Samaritan woman at Jacob’s well (John 4) and Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-9). He visited family groups. He made frequent visits to the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus (John 11,12). He visited crowded places. He went where people were.

Visitation was practiced by the early church. The Jerusalem church had such a program (Acts 2:46). The church in Antioch was established as a result of the visits of Christians (Acts 8:4; 11:19-21). It was so important to God that He had James write, “Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world” (James 1:27).

Isn’t it time you were involved in visitation? A great way to start is to become a part of the Northside visitation program. You’ll love it and so will God!

Bill Watkins, Crieve Hall church of Christ
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