

PULPIT PREVIEW – APRIL 15, 2007

Worship AM – *The Fullness of Christ*
(Ephesians 1:22-23)

Worship PM – *What Are We To Do?*
James 5:13-18

GREETERS

Gayle & Donna Russell
Allen & Avella Padgett

PICK-UP CARDS

Konor Copeland, Jordan Meeks
Jake VanCleve, Wes Carter

SUNDAY

- **Youth Fund Sunday.** The baskets will be out in the foyers.
- **Visitation Team #7** will meet after the evening services.

SICK LIST

Harold Hendley is now at Heritage Manor.

Charlotte Terrell has been dismissed from the hospital.

Bill Smoot fell and sprained his ankle, he is recuperating at home.

Jerry Gream will be entering Lourdes Hospital on Wednesday for a procedure on Friday. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

In Jackson Purchase Medical Center:

- **Della Satterwhite**, Billy's mother, is in room 309.
- **Hugh Washam** is in room 324.

Jerry Williams is in Lourdes Hospital in CCU.

*It was good to see **Elizabeth Hargrove** back with us on Sunday.*

AREA EVENTS

GOSPEL MEETING:

- **Walnut Grove**, April 15-18 with David Williams. Services will begin at 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday.
- **Green Plain**, April 15-18 with Kyle Butt. Services will begin at 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday.
- **Lebanon**, April 22-25 with Don Canter. Services will begin at 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.

SINGING:

- **Glendale Road**, Friday, April 27 at 7 p.m.

RALLY:

- **“The Battle Belongs to the Lord” Youth Rally at Spring Creek** on Saturday, April 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with Will McSweeney.

THANKS

Ladies of Northside church of Christ, Thank you all so much for the glasses, dish towels, ice cream bowls, bread basket, monogrammed towel set, and decorative pedestal bowl. We greatly appreciate all of it very much.

Love,

Marcus & Kelly

I received so many cards on my 90th birthday. Thank you all so much. They were beautiful and made my day very special.

In Christian Love,
Kathryn Foster

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Wade Smith** for receiving the sophomore academic award for the 2006-07 season at the GCHS bas

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However, dancing that calls for close bodily contact between unmarried males and females is wrong. Dancing that involves indecent and suggestive bodily movements is wrong. And dancing that involves impure handling of a dance partner is wrong. The kind of dancing that God's word condemns is the kind of dancing that stirs one to have impure thoughts, and act in impure ways. That is the problem with most of the dancing that takes place today. Its appeal is sex. Now, there is nothing wrong with sexual attraction. In fact, sexual attraction is a perfectly healthy matter that God created and put within us. However, that attraction must be kept within proper bounds. It should not be tantalized or it will very likely get out of hand. Unmarried people who have no legitimate means to fulfill their sexual desires need to be extremely careful to avoid any situation that could feed or flame such desires. While it is true that the Bible does not say, "Thou shalt not dance," it does say that those who practice "reveling" and "licentiousness" shall not enter the kingdom of God (Galatians 5:19-21). Dancing is included in all the definitions of "reveling" that I have consulted. Let your decision in this matter reflect the Lordship of Christ in your life.

To be perfectly honest, I fear for those who go to a dance, spend all night with their date, come home the next morning (which happens to be the Lord's day), and find themselves too exhausted, because of their carousing, to go to worship or to truly worship in spirit the one who shed His blood for their redemption. Do we really think that such actions will simply be pardoned or excused because, after all, "It's the Prom?"

In years past, there was hardly any Christian who would openly defend dancing. The preachers of times past taught that it was sinful, and the congregations concurred with their sound doctrine. So, what has happened? Are things different today? Has dancing cleaned up its act? Were the preachers of yesterday all wrong about dancing? Had God's moral standards changed some over the years?

Well, dancing certainly has not become any more moral over the years. If anything, the modern dance is more sensuous today than it ever was. Furthermore, preachers of the past were correct in preaching and warning against dancing (Galatians 5:19-21). And of course, God's moral law has not changed (Matthew 24:35).

The intent of this article has not been to make a decision for you. I haven't the desire nor the power to do this. The decision must be yours. God has given you intellect and the power of discernment. But I will make this recommendation. Young people, keep the commitment that you made to the Lord, and make no decisions that would challenge that commitment. "Guard your heart and mind from the fleshly lusts that war against your soul" (1 Peter 2:11).

BREAD OF LIFE

The following items are needed for infant kits: bibs, toy, wash cloths, baby powder, bottles, soap, pacifiers, baby shampoo, blanket, socks, and diapers. We will be collecting through April.

YARD MOWING

There is a sign up sheet in the foyers for anyone interested in mowing the church yard.