

PULPIT PREVIEW – MAY 21, 2006

Worship AM – *When Duty Becomes*

Desire – Hebrews 8:8-10

Worship PM – *Going Home – Ezra 10:4*

GREETERS – MAY 21, 2006

Tommy & Susan Barton, Gerald & Phyllis Canter

SUNDAY – MAY 21, 2006

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

SICK LIST

Jeanette Chandler, Bill Smoot, and Lucille English have been dismissed from the hospital.

Erma Murdock, a former member here, is now in Martin Healthcare in Martin, TN, she would appreciate cards.

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Linda Gough** on her death on Sunday. Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday at Byrn's Funeral Home.

PRAYER REQUEST

Please remember **Zach Baldwin** in your prayers this week. Zach has gone on a mission trip with a group of students from Freed-Hardeman to Honduras.

THANKS

A special thanks to the 8 men who came to the building last Wednesday to work in the basement after it flooded.

CARDS

We'd like to thank everyone for the beautiful flowers, cards, and prayers during Bill's recent stay in the hospital.

Bill & Evelyn Smoot

Thanks for the flowers, visits, phone calls, and food while I have been in the hospital and getting over foot surgery.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Chandler

Thank you for the delicious meal. We especially want to thank Marsha's class for preparing the great meal. We enjoyed the fellowship with the members of the class.

Sojourners

AREA EVENTS

GOSPEL MEETING:

- **Fairdealing church of Christ**, May 21-24, with Jim Faughn. Services will begin at 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.

SINGING:

- **Central church of Christ**, Friday, May 26th beginning at 7 p.m.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

You are invited to a birthday celebration for O. D. McKendree's 88th birthday on Sunday, May 21st from 2 to 3:30 at the Stillely House Assisted Living (corner by the hospital), 971 Birch Street, Benton, KY. No gifts please.

PRAYER

It's amazing that while praying we usually ask God to change our circumstances instead of asking him to change us.

GRADUATE BANQUET

The graduate banquet will be on Wednesday, May 24th after the evening services. This will be a dessert fellowship. Please bring desserts and 2 liter drinks. Our graduate this year are **Laura Stark** and **Wade Barton** from GCHS.

DIRECTORY

The new directories are now in. You can pick one up from the office. Only one per family, please. Also, the insert sheets for the directories are available for pick up. They are located on the stage and in the front foyer.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will be Sunday, June 11th through Wednesday, June 14th from 6 to 8 p.m. at Northside. We are still in need of teachers from the following age groups: Cradle roll and 2-year olds. If you would like to help with VBS or could teach a class, please let Mike or the office know as soon as possible.

ATTENTION YOUTH

- A sign up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for bus drivers to drive to the Summer Youth Series. The first SYS is May 30th at 9th Street in Paducah.
- A sign up sheet has also been posted on the bulletin board for Thursday evening devotionals. Our theme is "Know God". The first devotional is June 1st.
- Junior Youth Activity days have been planned and are posted on the Jr. Youth board. Please check that. The first day will be June 9th at 10 a.m.

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I thought of this story for the first time in years when recently I looked at the information boards in our auditorium. You know, the boards that show attendance and contributions. It appears that on a typical Sunday there are upwards of 500 in the congregation that attend morning worship services but somehow have other priorities for their time on Sunday night.

On the board recently there were 1,172 of all ages at the two morning worship services. I am very poor at math but after finding my calculator I determined that 463 didn't come back for worship that night. Sure, some of those missing at sundown are elderly members who are afraid to be out after dark or scared of inclement weather—particularly the possibility of ice and snow. And there is illness to consider.

Most of the missing, however, are not unlike my old neighbor. There is just something else to do and they have closed the door on worship until the following Sunday morning. It is possible that sports TV is responsible for some of the absentees, the telecasts of football games and golf tournaments ending invariably after the 6 p.m. time for worship. But how great would it be for at least 1,000 to fill the auditorium on Sunday night to praise God, leaving Tiger Woods' final golf score for *Sports Center*?

~THE CREIVE HALL FAMILY
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