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PROGRAM OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2004

Announcements……..…Jesse Adkison
Song Leader AM……..... Bill McCallon
Morning Prayer.....…Henry Champion
Speaker…..……..……..…Mike Tucker
Dismissal……..……..…Van Padgett

USHERS

Fred Kirby……..……..Allen Padgett
Hugh Kirby

PRESIDING AT TABLE

Kim Stewart…….....Ray Edwards

ASSISTANTS

Bob Holland…….....……...Russ Kirby
Wade Barton.....Jacob Carter
Boone Barton.....Cody Burgess
Michael Roberts….....Matt Burgess

Scripture Reading….....…Milton Cochrum
…….....Acts 2:29-36

Song Leader PM.....Andrew Herndon
Evening Prayer.……Tom Payne
Speaker…….....……Justin Morton
Dismissal.....…… Chris Green
Lord's Table….....Bill McCallon

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Rita Stewart.……..…….....Dean Wyatt

EVANGELISTS – Office 247-5634

Mike Tucker……....247-8574 or 251-2899
Justin Morton……..247-5634 or 623-8730

ELDERS

Don Canter — George Glover
Tim Stark — Jerry Steele

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY:
Bible Study….....9:30 AM
Morning Worship….....10:30 AM
Evening Worship….....6:00 PM
WEDNESDAY:
Bible Study….....7:00 PM

BUS DRIVER

Week of July 4, 2004
John Dunn……..……..……..……...247-0304

CAN'T SERVE?

Ladies call …….. 247-5634
Men call Hugh Kirby……..623-8730
or Larry Rhea…….....……..247-6955
Song Leaders call Bill McCallon…….....247-6466

STATISTICS- JUNE 27, 2004

Bible Study……..……179
Worship AM……220
Worship PM……143
Mid Week (06/23)……....……..284
Contribution……..……$4,392.48
Weekly Budget…….....……$5,303.00
Under Budget……..……..…$9,354.92

NEWS *from* NORTHSIDE

June 29, 2004

ISN'T IT STRANGE?

- Isn't it strange how a 20 dollar bill seems like such a large amount when you donate it to the church, but such a small amount when you go shopping?
- Isn't it strange how two hours seems so long when you're at church, and how short they seem when you're watching a good movie?
- Isn't it strange that you can't find a word to say when you're praying, but you have no trouble thinking what to talk to a friend about?
- Isn't it strange how difficult and boring it is to read one chapter of the Bible, but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a popular novel?
- Isn't it strange how everyone wants front-row-tickets to concerts or games, but they do whatever is possible to sit at the last row in Church?
- Isn't it strange how we need to know about an event for Church two to three weeks before the day so we can include it in our agenda, but we can adjust it for other events in the last minute?
- Isn't it strange how difficult it is to learn a fact about God to share it with others, but how easy it is to learn, understand, extend, and repeat gossip?
- Isn't it strange how we believe everything that magazines and newspapers say, but we question the words in the Bible?
- Isn't it strange how everyone wants a place in heaven, but they don't want to believe, do, or say anything to get there?
- Isn't it strange how we send jokes in emails and they are forwarded right away, but when we are going to send messages about God, we think about it twice before we share it with others?

IT'S STRANGE ISN'T IT?

There may be those who receive this bulletin who are searching God's Word to see what they must do to be saved. If you are searching for salvation, we encourage you to turn and study these Bible references:

One must **HEAR** the gospel plan of salvation (John 6:45; Revelation 1:3)
One must **BELIEVE** (have faith) in Christ (James 2:24; Mark 16:16; John 6:29)
One must **REPENT** of sin (Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38; 3:19)
One must **CONFESS** Christ deity (Romans 10:9,10; Matthew 10:32,33)
One must **BE IMMERSED FOR FORGIVENESS OF SINS** (1 Peter 3:21; Acts 22:16)
One must **BE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH** (Revelation 2:10)

Need help with life's problems? Contact the Christian Counseling Center "A Professional Caring Ministry"
Located at 2840 *Jefferson, Paducah, KY (270-442-5738)*

CALL NORTHSIDE'S *NEWS LINE*...247-2498____ ***FAX*** us...247-5634____**E-Mail Address**…nscoc@ethixs.com

PULPIT PREVIEW – JULY 4, 2004
Worship AM – *Free Indeed*
Worship PM – *Let Freedom Ring – Romans 6:18-23*

GREETERS – JULY 4, 2004
Bobby & Dean Wyatt, Mike & Loretta Tucker

SUNDAY – JULY 4, 2004

- **George Glover** will be the speaker for the auditorium class. His topic is Colossians 4.
- **Flower Fund Sunday.** The baskets will be out in the foyer.
- **Visitation Team #1** will meet after the morning services.
- **Pew Packers** will meet at 5:40 p.m.
- **Sr. Youth Devotional**
- **General Business Meeting** after the evening services.

SICK LIST
Bill Ray has been dismissed from the hospital.

BIRTH
Congratulations to **Larry & Margaret Baldwin** on the birth of a granddaughter, **Alice Mae Baldwin**. Alice was born on Tuesday, June 29 and weighed 5 lbs 15 oz and was 18 ¾ inches long. The proud parents are Shawn and Laura Baldwin.

AREA EVENTS
You are invited to a gospel meeting at the **Paducah church of Christ**, July 7 -11. The speakers are Miles King and Gene Grant. Services will begin at 7:30 p.m. each evening.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS
The speaker for Wednesday, July 7 will be **Gene Gilliand**, from the Benton congregation. His topic is "Run with Fervor and Purpose."

CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK
There will be a congregational potluck on Sunday evening, July 11 in the fellowship building. Zones 1, 3, and 4 are in charge of set up and clean up.

MISSION TRIPS

- **Matthew Taylor** left for Honduras on Monday, June 28th and will be gone for two weeks. Please be praying for Matthew and his mission team.
- **Kevin Fortner** will be leaving on Sunday, July 4th for Ghana, Africa on a three-week mission trip. Please keep Kevin and his family in your prayers.
- **Mike Tucker** will be leaving on Saturday, July 17th for Guyana, South America on a one-week mission trip with several from this area. Please keep Mike and his family as well as the mission team in your prayers.

Youth Activities

Saturday, July 3 – Jr. Youth Movie Day
Sunday, July 4 – Pew Packers at 5:40
Sunday, July 4 – Sr. Youth Devotional
Monday, July 5 – Bible Study for the Sr. Youth
Tuesday, July 6 – SYS at Central, the bus will leave at 6:15 from the church
Thursday, July 8 – BYOL for the Sr. Youth at 12:00

SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT COMING SOON
Jim Wesson

That's what the sign says in front of the church building that is just around the corner from our building. I have no idea what that "something different" is. It may be something that is perfectly legitimate for a "church" to be involved in. What really bothers me, though, is the thinking that this is the way to attract people. You have to offer them something a little different. People today just aren't satisfied with the same old thing. It sounds like what Luke said about the people of Athens when he wrote, "For all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing" (Acts 17:21).

The prophet Jeremiah wrote, "Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein: (Jeremiah 6:16). Many people don't want the old paths. They want something new: "Something A Little Different."

That's pretty much to be expected from those in the world – those who are not true New Testament Christians. What is really troubling, though, is when members of the Lord's church start reasoning the same way. If we just preach the old Jerusalem gospel to people – the same gospel Peter preached on the day of Pentecost – that doesn't appeal to them. If we want to gain numbers, we've got to offer them something "a little different." When members of the church start reasoning this way, it usually isn't very long before truth takes a back seat to whatever will bring in the most people. Whatever fad or gimmick can be used to attract the masses becomes more important than simply preaching to gospel of Christ, the gospel of which Paul said he was not ashamed (Romans 1:16). Sadly, it seems that more and more members of the church are ashamed of the gospel.

If we have to offer "something a little different" in order to reach people, we'll have to continue to offer them "something a little different" in order to keep them. Before long, the message we preach and practice will be so different form the truth that we will no longer be a church of Christ.

While I wish that our building would be filled to overflowing and that we would baptize a dozen or more people a week, to grow in numbers at the expense of truth is not true growth at all. I deny that the way to reach people is to reach them with something other than the Gospel and then just kind of sneak up on them with the Gospel when they're not expecting it. If people aren't attracted to the good news of the death, burial, and resurrection of the Son of God for their sins, we have nothing else to offer them.

Let's do everything we can to preach the Gospel at every opportunity that presents itself, but let's never resort to offering people "something a little different" just to swell our numbers. A building full of people who have not truly been converted to Christ is nothing more than a building full of people who are still lost.

AREA WIDE GOSPEL MEETING – JULY 25-27 AT GCHS WITH DAVID LIPE