

PULPIT PREVIEW – OCTOBER 1, 2006

Worship AM – Revived!

Worship PM – We will meet at Seven Oaks for their meeting with Sellars Crain

GREETERS – OCTOBER 1, 2006

Vickie Adams, Russ Kirby
Tommy & Susan Barton

SUNDAY – OCTOBER 1, 2006

- **Flower Fund Sunday.** The baskets will be out in the foyers.
- **Visitation Team #5** will meet after the morning services.
- **Timothy & Tabitha Classes** will begin at 4:30 p.m. This is for boys and girls in 1st through 6th grades.
- We will be worshipping at Seven Oaks for their gospel meeting for our evening services.

SICK LIST

Jim McGill has received a bad report and has requested our prayers.

In Jackson Purchase Medical Center:

- **Doc Locke** is in room 430.
- **Ruby Wilson** is in room 412.

BRIDAL SHOWER

You are invited to a bridal shower for **Ryan Wilson and Kara Adair** on Sunday, October 1st from 2 to 4 p.m. at New Bethel Baptist Family Life Center, 4045 Mayfield Hwy, Benton, KY. Ryan and Kara are registered at Wal-Mart, Bed, Bath & Beyond, and Pier One.

THANKS

Thanks to everyone for all the birthday cards, gifts, and visits on mother's 90th birthday. The love and concern you show to her is greatly appreciated.

Louise Jones family

AREA EVENTS:

GOSPEL MEETING:

- **Lebanon**, October 1-4 with Billy Smith. Services will begin at 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.
- **Seven Oaks**, October 1-4 with Sellars Crain. Services will begin at 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.
- **Smith Street**, October 1-4 with Roy Sharp. Services will begin at 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.
- **Spring Creek**, October 1-4 with Barry Grider. Services will begin at 7 p.m. each evening.
- **Highway 45 E.**, Sunday, October 8th. Morning worship at 11 a.m. and afternoon service at 2:30 p.m. with Mike Tucker speaking.

FRIENDS' & FAMILY DAY:

- **Lynnville**, October 1 with Richie Spann. Bible study at 10 a.m. and worship at 11 a.m.

BULLETIN

For some reason, last week's bulletin was lost in the mail and you did not receive it before Sunday. I am sorry for any inconvenience that this has caused.

Kara

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Jack & Sue Haley** and **Bill & Shirley Satterwhite** on the birth of a great-grandson, **Jared Chase** on Monday evening. Jared weighed 7 pounds 5 ounces and was 18 ¾ inches long. The proud parents are Justin & Nicole Satterwhite and the grandparents are Rick & Brenda Satterwhite.

**A Successful Church
By Steve Higginbotham**

No matter what the undertaking may be, we desire to be successful. That can be no more true than when it comes to the success of the Lord's church. There is no more important task that we can put our hands to than to work for the success of the church.

That being said, some apparently do not fully understand what makes a church successful. In the minds of most people, a successful church is measured in size, numbers, facilities, and reputation within a community. People often point to the mega-churches within our society as examples of successful churches.

While there is nothing wrong with size, numbers, facilities, and reputation within a community, not a single one of these characteristics is essential or integral to having a successful church. A church can be successful without possessing a single one of the above qualities.

So just what does make a church successful? While I cannot offer an exhaustive list, below are some of the qualities that make churches successful.

- Christians who humbly and quietly try to live out the Lordship of Jesus in their lives every day.
- Christians who unceasingly pray, every day for the strength and stability of the Lord's church.
- Christians who love the truth supremely; who will not allow their own personal desires or situations to skew their perception of God's revelation.
- Christians who are committed to moral living and whose goal is not to fit it with society, but whose goal is purity and godliness.
- Christians who love peace more than they do a fight; who love the calmness of unity more than the rhetoric of a fuss; and who love words of edification more than the allure of gossip.
- Christians who support the weak, restore the fallen, and who re-affirm their love and commitment to those who have stumbled.

Now those characteristics would make a successful church! And take note: It's not about numbers, size, or facilities. It's about inward transformation, a renewing of the mind, conforming one's life into the image of Jesus. And here's the best news – it's within the grasp of everyone of us. You see, it matters not whether we can or cannot grow to great number, or build some huge facility, or have a multi-million dollar budget, because those are not the things that make great churches. The qualities that bring success and constitute greatness in God's eyes are qualities that are within reach, that each one of us, if we choose to embrace, will make, and will continue to make the church at Northside a faithful and successful congregation of the Lord's church.