



**PULPIT PREVIEW – OCTOBER 29, 2006**

**Worship AM – Focused In On Christ –  
Isaiah 53**

**Worship PM – African Report – Kevin  
Fortner**

**GREETERS – OCTOBER 29, 2006**

Jimmy & Sandra Tidwell

Billy & Shirley Satterwhite

**SUNDAY – OCTOBER 29, 2006**

- **Daylight Savings Time ends.**  
Please set your clocks back one hour.
- **Timothy & Tabitha Classes** will meet at 4:30 p.m.

**SICK LIST**

**Margaret Baldwin** and **Hugh Washam** have been dismissed from the hospital.

**James Haley**, the father-in-law of Julie Haley, is in Western Baptist in ICU.

**Dena Clapp** fell and broke her foot. She is at Green Acres Nursing Home.

**SYMPATHY**

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of **Jim McGill**. Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday.

**PRAYER REQUEST**

**Trevor Youngblood** will be stationed in Kuwait. His family has requested our prayers.

**BREAD OF LIFE**

We will be collecting items for a first aid kit for the Bread of Life Humanitarian Effort. Items needed are a box of band-aids, thermometer, hand wipes, pair of rubber gloves, 2 rolls of bandage tape, washcloth, antibiotic ointment, bar of soap. You may put these items in the bins in the front and back foyers. These items must be here by November 28<sup>th</sup>.

**MISSION REPORTS**

There are new mission reports in the foyer from the Hispanic Ministry and from the Baggotts.

**COSTUME PARTY**

There will be a costume party and fall festival on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> for the kids in 1<sup>st</sup> grade and below. Please wear your costume.

**NEW ADDRESS**

Chris & Rena Holmes and their family have moved recently. Their new address and phone number is

801 Rogers Loop  
Mayfield, KY 42066  
623-6719

**Why is it that our  
children can't read a  
Bible in school, but  
they can in prison?**

***Political Savvy and the Work of the Lord***

The world in which we live thrives on politics. The issue of which I write is not Democrat vs. Republican, but the influence of personalities upon people and their decisions. People admire those who are ambitious and manipulative – They watch them as they “climb the ladder” and “come out on top.” I know it is not always true, but in far too many cases, a person’s success comes as a result of “who you know” instead of “what you know.” In short, it seems that people reward political savvy – the resourcefulness one uses to influence and manipulate others for the benefit of one’s cause.

The children of God live in a different kingdom and follow a different ruler (Colossians 1:13). “Success” should not be seen in the terms of the world: money, numbers, and power. I fear these things, however, especially in the lives of the preachers and elders (not because their positions are equal – they are not – but because of their status and influence as teachers in the local churches and their potential to influence the direction of the church). While resourcefulness is not wrong in itself, we must be cautious.

One danger in this regard is the influence of money. Some people have mistaken the “Golden Rule” for the “rule of the gold,” thinking that the one who has the gold, rules. Preachers must make sure that they do not become “hirelings” and compromise the truth because of the danger of being “fired.” Likewise, elders must take care that they do not “wink” at sin or false doctrine for fear of losing those who give large amounts of money to the church. The love of money is still the root of all kinds of evil (1Timothy 6:10).

Another danger is that of poll-driven doctrine. Truth is not settled by a vote – God has already determined right and wrong. The task of the church and its leaders is to glorify God through worship, evangelism, and righteous living. Jesus set for the fact that “many” will be lost and “few” will be saved (Matthew 7:13,14). Truly, we must obey God instead of man (Acts 5:29).

A final political danger to the church is that of power. It has been said that “power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely.” Jesus began the Sermon on the Mount by teaching the necessity of poverty of spirit (Matthew 5:3) and his life ended just a few hours following his powerful display of humility in washing the feet of his disciples (John 13:1-14). Christianity, by its very nature is contrary to the spirit of power. We are to submit ourselves as servants to the Almighty God (Romans 6:16; 1 Peter 5:6). Concerning such political power, Jesus said, “It is not this way among you” (Matthew 20:28).

~Lance Cordle