



The Lake Harbour Herald

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From Pigg's Pen...

CONGREGATIONAL GIVING, RECEIVING, AND DISTRIBUTION

While reading some of the posts in an internet investment forum that I am a member of relating to my retirement program, one of the frequent posters recently added the following note: "I won the \$15,000 grand prize in our church's pre-Lenten event/raffle. That's been my best investment yet, turned 12 tickets for \$50 into \$15K. Plus another \$500 for selling the winning ticket." Obviously he was elated about his good fortune and was fishing for congratulations, but he got none from me. Perhaps I should have responded with what I am about to share with you in this column, but because they all know I am a preacher, and I have been ridiculed as a religious fanatic several times in the past for offering my Biblical comments, I chose to let it go. This week the Clarion Ledger carried an advertisement of a church conducting an entertaining spring bazaar fundraiser of some type with arts & crafts of various kinds that had nothing to do with Biblical matters. It is a sad commentary on Christianity today that many churches and church members have adapted to a modern market approach to raising money and have totally departed from the commands, apostolic examples, and practices of the Lord's church as found in the NT.

Paul wrote, "Now concerning the collection...as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. On the first day of every week each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come" (1 Cor 16:1-2), and "Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor 9:7). We are told to "excel in this act of grace," to "sow bountifully" by giving "generously," and "if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have" (2 Cor 8:7, 12). Since it is the responsibility of every Christian to contribute of their means by a freewill offering to the Lord's work through the local congregation as an act of worship on the Lord's Day, this provides a strong case for the authorization of a congregation to have a "treasury," along with a "treasurer." According to Acts 11 when there was an emergency benevolent need in the Jerusalem church due to a famine, the members of the church in Antioch "determined everyone according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea. And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul" (Acts 11:29-30). The church in Philippi partnered with the missionary Paul in "giving and receiving" and he referred to it as "a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God" (Phil 4:14-19). In today's economy, it is only sensible that churches have a "bank account" to secure its funds and dispensing them. Christians certainly may contribute of their financial resources at other times other than Sunday to take care of special needs. However, the NT is silent about Christians "eldering" all of their money and churches conducting lotteries, bake and garage sales, car washes, selling chances to win something, or appealing to the general public for contributions. In the NT, churches depended entirely on the individual and sacrificial donations of the Christians to fund the ministries of evangelism, edification and benevolence.

I'm grateful that our elders and members are dedicated to following the pattern of the NT in money matters of giving, receiving and disbursing our freewill offerings collected each Sunday. I am also thankful that we have a trustworthy servant in Johnny Sisco who is in charge of our treasury and provides accurate and up to date monthly reports to our elders and to the congregation. If you have any questions about our finances, please consult with our elders. It is their desire to be fully accountable to God for their oversight and to be faithful to conduct church business in God's approved ways. You can rest assured that when you make your generous contributions in the collection plates each Lord's Day and at other times that they will be used on the basis of the combined wisdom and judgment of our elders, according directions of God's Word and to His glory.

**Attendance & Contribution Record
For The Week of 04-04-10**

A.M. Classes / Avg.	83 / 130
A.M. Worship / Avg.	164 / 196
P.M. Worship / Avg.	NC / 119
Wed. Classes / Avg.	120 / 124
Offering	\$5,064.35
YTD Average	\$5,821.45
Budget	\$6,000.00
Total Commitment	\$539,182.00
Building Fund (TTD)	\$167,307.36

Growth Goal in 2010 is 210

ASSIGNMENTS

Prepare Communion:

April: Bill & Coleen Sowell
May: Eddie & Bevilyn Perkins



Attend Nursery:

April 11: Lori Ivey &
Becky Blalock



April 18: Nicole Claiborne &
Kim Guillory

April 25: Linda Magee &
Dianne Palmer

UMC Playroom:

April 12: Beth Pigg &
Mae Rene Pitman
April 26: Dawn Johnson



MISSIONS

Fishers of Men

MAGNOLIA MESSENGER
San Miguel de Allende, Mexico
Jerry Bates - World Evangelism
J.C. Enlow - Global Missions
Terry Martin - South Africa
Rocco Pierce - Pacific Islands
GOSPEL BROADCASTING
NETWORK GBNTV.org
IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY
Jackson Ch. 18, Sun. 8 a.m. / Tues. 8
p.m.
Act Ch. 98, Tues. 8:00 p.m. / Thurs.
8:00 p.m.

PRAYER REQUESTS



Frank Powell, Chey Johnson, Henry Killeen, Mitch Holloway, Lucy Pate, Geraldene Lambert, Danny Magee, Morgan Jones, Joyce Saucier, Tommie Crocker, Shanna Holder, Richard Brooks' brother, Margaret Mickholtzick's mother, Ashley Grant (Virginia Hamblin's niece), Brad Abbott (Dustin's brother), Jerry Blaylock, Pauline Blaylock (Jerry's mother), & Justin Carter (Iraq)

OUR SHUT INS

Nellie Murray, Lucy Pate, Joy Riggs,
Ronnie Hampton, Frances Stogner, George Jefferson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VISITORS: Please be sure to get your free copies of the two books located in the foyer: *THE GLORY AND AGONY OF THE CROSS* and *INTO THE ABUNDANT LIFE*.

PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, & VISITORS: For your convenience, LHD has prepared a cry room for your babies which is upstairs overlooking the auditorium.

MEMBERS: We have a "work day" scheduled for April 17th to clear out the fellowship building. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

There will be a bridal shower for Chris Magee and his bride-to-be Nikki Hooton, Sunday, May 2, from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. at the home of Beth Pigg. Chris is the son of Danny and Linda Magee. The wedding will be on May 22, in Bryant, Ark. There will be flyers on the foyer table with directions to the Pigg's house. Chris and Nikki are registered at Target, Bed, Bath & Beyond, and Wal-Mart.

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

Harold Hall, Sr.-4/11, Aniah Hall-4/16,

Barbara George-4/17, Jasmine Smith-4/18,

Ronnie Hampton, Lisa Miller, Danny Spain-4/19

Beth Tody, Martha Weston-4/23

David Moss-4/24, Curtis Taft-4/25, David Hamblin-4/27

Chey & Dawn Johnson-4/14

Marion & Margaret Freeman-4/16

David & Cassandra Moss-4/22

John & Beth Pigg-4/23

YOUTH NEWS

**Teen Spring Retreat
Sardis Lake Christian Camp
May 7-9
\$15/person**

This is a Friday-Sunday teen (6th grade-12th grade) retreat at SLCC. There is a complete schedule on the Youth Bulletin Board. The cost covers five meals and lodging. Besides hearing great lessons, singing and playing games, we will be completing a major service project - which is getting camp ready for the summer sessions.

***Please sign up by April 25!
Adult chaperones are needed (see Dustin)***

Senior day, May 23, is coming up soon. Parents of seniors, please bring baby-senior pictures of your child to be put into a slideshow for this momentous day of recognition.

YOUNG ADULT NEWS

Today, (Sunday 11) is the last official young adult class in the fellowship hall. We will combine with the "other" adults next week in the auditorium to begin a study on the book of James, taught by Dustin Abbott.

Does this mean no coffee? ...to be continued

Ladies...

Parkview Church of Christ is having their Ladies Day Saturday, April 24, from 8:30 A.M.-Noon. Dr. Beverly Greene is the featured speaker & "Stepping In The Spirit" is the topic. Breakfast & Lunch will be served. Call 601.454.4278 to RSVP.

Kensington Woods Church of Christ is hosting a Ladies Retreat Saturday, May 1, from 9:00 A.M.- 3:00 P.M. at the Paul B. Johnson State Park Retreat Center. Janice McCain is the speaker & her topic will be "Renewing a Steadfast Spirit Within Me". A light breakfast & lunch will be served. Call 601.264.2945 to RSVP. Both flyers are posted on the W.I.N.G.S. bulletin board.

Privileged to Serve in the Assembly

Please meet in the library for prayer and line up by 10:20 A.M.

This Week

Sunday, April 11, A.M.

Announcements: Eddie Perkins
Ushers: Christian Young
Carl Young
Scripture: Trayon George, Jr.
Song Director: Greg Palmer
Opening Prayer: Ollie Hamblin
Lord's Table:
(Presiding) Ron Morgan
Curtis Taft
Tony Wilburn
Andy Tody

Closing Prayer: Morris Houston

Sunday, April 11, P.M.

Announcements: L.C. Reese
Song Director: Greg Palmer
Opening Prayer: David Hamblin
Lord's Table:
(Presiding) Carl Young
Christian Young

Closing Prayer: Ellis Daniel

Wednesday, April 14, P.M.

Song Director: John Proctor
Closing prayer: James Edmon

Next Week

Sunday, April 18, A.M.

Announcements: Morris Houston
Ushers: Trayon George
Trayon George, Jr.
Scripture: Stephen Lum
Song Director: Danny Magee
Opening Prayer: Tony Mickholtzick
Lord's Table:
(Presiding) Danny Spain
Scott Garner
Cedric Beal
Chey Johnson
Bill Underwood

Closing Prayer: Bill Underwood

Sunday, April 18, P.M.

Announcements: David May
Song Director: Christian Young
Opening Prayer: Bill Underwood
Lord's Table:
(Presiding) Trayon George
Trayon George, Jr.
Closing Prayer: Tim Beyea

Wednesday, April 21, P.M.

Song Director: Michael Willis
Closing prayer: Freddie Williams

If you are unable to serve,
please contact Bill Sowell at
601-927-5165 or Johnny Sisco
at 601-941-5139.



A.M. SERMON BY JOHN PIGG

The Courage To Care For Strangers

Acts 28:7-10

I. _____ cared for strangers (v.1-7)

II. _____ cared for strangers (v.8-10)

III. _____ cared for strangers (v.11-15)

IV. Christians today must be “_____.”

PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR CELL PHONE.

P.M. SERMON BY JOHN PIGG

Constructing Christian Character- #1

II Peter 1:1-11

I. God intends for _____ to grow _____.

II. Spiritual growth is a _____ process that_____.

NURSERY AVAILABLE FROM BIRTH-2 YRS OLD.

ELDERS

Marion Freeman 601.859.6836

Morris Houston 601.829.3611

Marlin Ivey 769.251.0136

L.C. Reese 601.832.2004

Bill Underwood 601.992.5167

DEACONS

Tim Beyea (Buildings & Grounds)

Terrance Freeman (Ladies' Ministry)

Trayon George (Bereaved / Greeters / Hospital / Sick)

Danny Magee (Young Adults / Singing Emphasis)

Eddie Perkins (Evangelism / Missions)

John Proctor (Senior Saints)

Bill Sowell (Worship / Nursery)

Freddie Williams (Care Groups / Fellowship / Library)

TIMES OF SERVICE

Sunday Classes 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Classes 7:00 p.m.

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