

Morning Services, March 29, 2009

Opening Prayer: Dud Owens
Reading: Travis Kimberling (Lk. 23:44-48)

Closing Prayer: Jamey Felkins
Communion Prayer: Bill Swindle

Table-East
Lorne Hazlewood
Carroll Thetford
Tony Sauser
Lanny Shirley

Table-West
Danny Blalock
Shawn Gott
Bill Keith
Kenny James

Evening Services

Opening Prayer: Dale Moody
Foyer and Halls: Wilson Lane

Closing Prayer: Bill Keith

Morning Services, April 5, 2009

Opening Prayer: Brad Martin
Reading: Darrell Parks (Matt. 25:31-40)

Closing Prayer: Lanny Shirley
Communion Prayer: Bill Keith

Table-East
Donnie Brooks
Len Sharp
Lester Wilson
Rick Thomas

Table-West
Robin Castleberry
Bill Inboden
Ronnie Norman
Michael Owens

Evening Services

Opening Prayer: Donald Jones
Foyer and Halls: Tommy McElrath

Closing Prayer: Kenny James

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SERVICES SCHEDULE: SUNDAY: Classes, 9:00am, Worship, 9:50am and 5:30pm, WEDNESDAY: Classes, 6:45pm
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Follow the Leader by David R. Mains has a wonderfully profound chapter in it on ENVY called "Greed or Graciousness." I've lifted a few thoughts from it for your consideration. It has been adapted a tiny bit to fit our space. --RLA

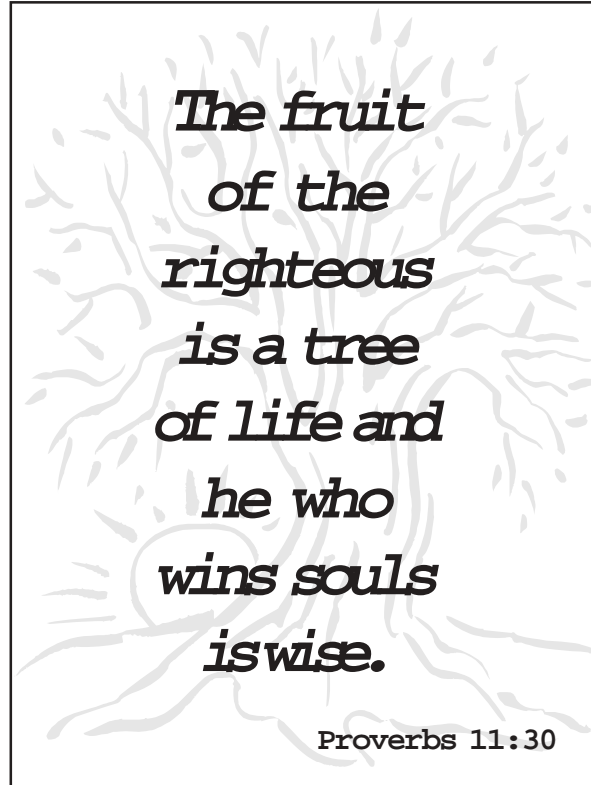
Green-eyed monsters still roam the planet, not content with what they have. Their bones are brittle. At least that is what the Bible says: "A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones" [Prov. 14:30]. How are your bones?

It's important that we attempt to understand what God has in mind because we live in an unfair world that sets people up for this vice.

Have you ever been in a situation where you discovered the playing field wasn't level? Did that make you angry? And what about coming to the realization that there was little you could do about it? That's just the way things are. The world's money isn't shared equally with everyone, or the food, or the houses, or the looks, the talents, the privileges, or the you-name-it. And the response of many, when they figure they have drawn quite a few of the short straws, is jealousy or envy.

God knew this would be a big issue. That's why one of the original Ten Commandments reads, "You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor" [Ex. 20:17]. If you want, you can substitute Mercedes and Lexus for ox and donkey.

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Next Week's Sermon:
Powerful Compassion

"Come, follow me... I will make you fishers of men..." [Matthew 9:19]

NEWS & NOTES—March 29, 2009

HOSPITAL/SICK: Genevieve Brandon (Earvin's sister)--moved to HealthSouth; **Linda Inboden--SB-2115** (rehabbing from knee surgery); **Nettie B. Shirley** (HS-229); **Shannon Reed** (fellow soldier with **Dustin Stinson** in Iraq)--motorcycle accident (may lose a leg); **Kelly Henderson**; **Allen Williams**.

PRAYER LIST: Earl Baker, Juanita Baugh, Xander Bratten, Helen Brochey, Bill Cullen, Eva Cullen, Pauline Grissel, Jerry Houston, Kale Joplin, Nelma Kent, Glenda Lane, Tommy McAdams, Bryan Nichols, Josephine Pearce, Maxine Rose, Jewel Watkins, Earl Whittingham, Freida Williams

WED. (4/1): Darrell Parks, speaker, Meal: BBQ

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Today--5th Sunday contribution (any over budget goes into our building fund)
 Tonight--5th Sunday night singing
 Tonight--Youth & Family Minister Search Committee Meeting (following services in the Library)
 Next Week--Bono Buddies at 5:30pm
 4/12--Elders & Deacons meeting at 4:00pm
 4/14--Nursing Home Birthday Party, 2:00pm

MEAL: Bono will be hosting the ASU Student Center meal on Wednesday, April 1. Please see **Jackie Sauser** if you can help. **Food needs to be at the church building by 10:30.**

PANTRY ITEM: Toilet Paper. A "Pantry Donations" box is in the foyer.

LOST & FOUND... items are in the teacher's workroom.

A THANK YOU: Ladies, Thank you for the wonderful lunch and style show. It was great! We enjoyed it very much. --Esther Barker's friends

Youth & Family Minister Search Committee Update

The Youth and Family Minister Search Committee met last Sunday night and hammered out a job description for our coming minister and devised a plan of operation for the past week. We have posted our job on sites at all our nearer Christian schools--CRC, Harding, Freed-Hardeman, and David Lipscomb.

Tonight, the Search Committee will meet again in the Library to compile a list of interview questions for our candidates when the time comes.

Remember to pray for the search process and for the man God will send our way.

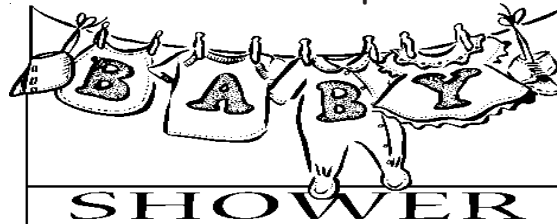
If any Bono member knows of someone we should contact, please tell a member of the committee about him.

Committee members are **Richard Akins, Misty Crabtree, Alan Keith, Bilinda Norman, John Owens, Darrell Parks, and Karen Shirley.**

RECORD / Week of 3/22/09

AM Class -----	134
AM Worship -----	235
PM Worship -----	84
Wed. Class -----	115
Contribution -----	\$4331.75

**PINK Baby Shower
 Honoring Samantha Wilson
 April 5, 2009, 1:30-3:00pm
 in the Fellowship Hall**



Samantha is registered at Wilcoxson's on Church St. and Target

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Are you ever envious of other people? Don't you wonder why rock musicians and Hollywood stars are multimillionaires, while God-fearing people often struggle to make ends meet. Our unfair world prompts us to question what is going on.

What is envy? Envy is often anger toward God because He supposedly has allowed someone else to have something that He has not allowed you to have, at least not yet.

First, envy is often anger toward God. If God is the giver of all gifts, and if we don't receive the gifts we want, who are we mad at? Cain killed Abel because God received Abel's offering, but not Cain's. Cain was actually miffed at God, but he realized that God was probably a moving target, so he murdered Abel instead.

Second, God has allowed someone else to have something that He has not allowed you to have. Do you have Einstein's brains? Solomon's wisdom? Bill Gates' money? Frank Sinatra's voice? When we pout because we covet the gifts that God has granted someone else our eyes take on that fabled green-with-envy shine.

Third, at least not yet. Sometimes God withholds gifts from us because He knows we are not yet ready for them. If you are a parent, did you give roller blades to your six-month-old, or did you wait until he or she was able to walk? Some of us may never receive the gift we want, or think we deserve, but that is God's call.

Maybe it isn't time yet. Do you think when young Joseph was in prison that on occasion he got jealous of those on the outside? Do you imagine Job, who loved God and did almost everything right, was tempted to be jealous of his "boil-less" friends? God had plans for Joseph and Job, but on His calendar, not theirs.

Let's word this more strongly. Envy is telling God that His plan for you isn't a very good one. It's implying that if other people have some things that you do not have (money, possessions, beauty, talent, or certain personality traits), then God must have slipped up somewhere in His grand design. "If the world is so unfair," we are prone to ask, "can't God do more than He already has to fix it?"

Be reminded of Job's attitude about what he had and didn't have: "The Lord gives and the Lord takes away; blessed be the name of the Lord" [Job. 1:21].



For 3-year-old **Mikey Robins** (suffering kidney failure plus other problems)

Blood Drive to be at Allison Insurance Agency, 2005 E. Highland Dr. (across parking lot from old Malco theater)

Thursday, April 9th, 10am until 3pm



**Wedding Shower
 for
 Amanda Cooper
 April 19, 2009
 1:30-3:00
 in the Fellowship Hall**



If you are graduating from high school or college, please leave your name and the school's name on Hope's desk.