

NEWS & NOTES—March 8, 2009

HOSPITAL/SICK: Lillian Bittle (SB 3012), Jerry Craft recovering from surgery, Walt Sauser--recuperating at home; H. P. Jennings--pneumonia; Nettie B. Shirley (broken shoulder and collarbone)--at home; Kelly Henderson--surgery; Roger Presley (motorcycle accident).

PRAYER LIST: Earl Baker, Xander Bratten, Juanita Baugh, Bill Cullen, Eva Cullen, Aunean Etter, Jerry Houston, Kale Joplin, Nelma Kent, Glenda Lane, Josephine Pearce, Maxine Rose, Jewel Watkins, Earl Whittingham, Freida Williams, and Bryan Nichols.

WED. (3/11): Wilson Lane, speaker,
Meal: Chicken (please bring side items)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Today--Men's Business meeting; 4:00pm
Tuesday--Nursing Home Birthday Party, 2:00pm
Saturday--Ladies' Spring Luncheon, 11:00am
3/15--Elders & Deacons meeting at 4:00pm

PANTRY ITEM: Spagetti and sauce. We also now have a "Pantry Donations" box in the foyer.

DONATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE... to the Building Fund in memory of Glen Craig by Naomi Bales; ...to the Building Fund in memory of J.B. Wallis, Ruby Allen, Doug Puckett, Rhomas Felts, Glen Craig, and Kennedy Doyle by Wayne & Selma Tate.

THANK YOU NOTES:

I am very grateful for all the calls, cards, and hugs given to me since the recent deaths of my mom and dad. Your love and support for me and my family is priceless, and much appreciated.

--Larry Felts and Family

Our hearts runneth over with gratitude for the kindness shown during Walt's recovery. Love to all and thank you.

--Walt & Jackie Sauser

HELP PLEASE!

The Sunday Night Youth Class will be putting snack baskets together for our home bound members. Please bring snack items for us to use in putting these together--some examples would be: Popcorn, Cheese & Crackers, Cocoa Mix, Hard Candies, nuts, etc.

Men's Business Meeting Today at 4:00pm

All men of the church are
encouraged to attend.



This evening at 5:30pm.

LAST DAY...

...to fill out and turn in a Youth & Family Minister survey form and/or a pledge form. Forms are on a table in the foyer. Please place them in the box on the same table.

RECORD / Week of 3/01/09

AM Class -----	cancelled
AM Worship -----	cancelled
PM Worship -----	111
Wed. Class -----	110
Contribution -----	\$3644

The Seed

A successful business man was growing old and knew it was time to choose a successor to take over the business. Instead of choosing one of his Directors or his children, he decided to do something different. He called all the young executives in his company together. He said, "It is time for me to step down and choose the next CEO. I have decided to choose one of you." The young executives were shocked, but the boss continued. "I am going to give each one of you a seed today—one very special seed. I want you to plant the seed, water it, and come back here one year from today with what you have grown from the seed I have given you. I will then judge the plants that you bring, and the one I choose will be the next CEO.

One man, named Jim, was there that day and he, like the others, received a seed. He went home and excitedly, told his wife the story. She helped him get a pot, soil and compost and he planted the seed. Everyday, he would water it and watch to see if it had grown.

After about three weeks, some of the other executives began to talk about their seeds and the plants that were beginning to grow. Jim kept checking his seed, but nothing ever grew.

Three weeks, four weeks, five weeks went by, still nothing. By now, others were talking about their plants, but Jim didn't have a plant and he felt like a failure.

Six months went by—still nothing in Jim's pot. He just knew he had killed his seed. Everyone else had trees and tall plants. Jim didn't say anything to his colleagues, however. He just kept watering and fertilizing the soil—He so wanted the seed to grow.

The year finally passed and all the young executives brought their plants to the CEO for inspection.

Jim told his wife that he wasn't going to take an empty pot. But she asked him to be honest about what happened. Jim felt sick to his stomach, it was going to be the most embarrassing moment of his life, but he knew his wife was right. He took his empty pot to the boardroom. When Jim arrived, he was amazed at the variety of plants grown by the other executives. They were beautiful—in all shapes and sizes. Jim put his empty pot on the floor as the others laughed. A few felt sorry for him.

When the CEO arrived, he surveyed the room and greeted his young executives. Jim just tried to hide in the back. "My, what great plants, trees, and flowers you have grown," said the CEO. "Today one of you will be appointed the next CEO!"

Then, the CEO spotted Jim at the back of the room with his empty pot. He ordered the Financial Director to bring him to the front. Jim was terrified. He thought, "The CEO knows I'm a failure! Maybe he will fire me!"

When Jim got to the front, the boss asked him what had happened to his seed. Jim told him the story.

The CEO asked everyone except Jim to sit down. He looked at Jim, and then announced to the young executives, "Gentlemen, greet your next Chief Executive Officer, Jim!" Jim couldn't believe it. Jim couldn't even grow his seed. "How could he be the new CEO?" the others said.

Then the CEO said, "One year ago today, I gave everyone in this room a seed. I told you to take the seed, plant it, water it, and bring it back to me today. But I gave you all boiled seeds; stone cold dead—it was impossible for them to grow. All of you, except Jim, have brought me trees and plants and flowers. It's plain that when you found that your seed would not grow, you substituted another seed for the one given you. Jim was the only one with the courage and honesty to bring me a pot with my seed in it. Therefore, he is the my choice to be the new company leader.

MORAL: If you plant honesty, you reap trust.

--copied from internet (no authorship given)

One-Sentence Sermons

The best things in life aren't things.

The man who plans for the moment and not for eternity is wise for a moment and a fool forever.

Some people aren't happy unless they aren't happy.

Morning Services, March 8, 2009

Opening Prayer: Perry Jones
Reading: Carroll Thetford (Jno. 4:34-38)

Closing Prayer: Alan Keith
Communion Prayer: Gynn Arnold

Table-East
Bill Swindle
Jimmy Felkins
Ken Jones
Floyd Howard

Table-West
Dale Moody
Don Coggin
Kevin James
Jamey Felkins

Evening Services

Opening Prayer: Arvis Shirley
Foyer and Halls: Rick Griffin

Closing Prayer: Lanny Shirley

Morning Services, March 15, 2009

Opening Prayer: Tony Sauser
Reading: Shawn Gott (John 15:1-5)

Closing Prayer: Lorne Hazlewood
Communion Prayer: Donald Jones

Table-East
Justin Welch
Mike Tolbert
Travis Kimberling
Nick Tate

Table-West
Gynn Arnold
Michael Montgomery
Cameron Baldrige
Wes McBroome

Evening Services

Opening Prayer: Donnie Brooks
Foyer and Halls: Kenny James

Closing Prayer: Cameron Baldrige

ELDERS: Danny Blalock (935-7693), Donald Jones (932-7654), Arvis Shirley (935-7574), Carroll Thetford (935-3269)
DEACONS: Gynn Arnold (972-0305), Rick Griffin (932-2724), Kenny James (932-5975), Alan Keith (932-5075), Wilson Lane (935-7649), Tommy McElrath (935-9707), John Owens (935-5857), Darrell Parks (935-4664), Gaylon Tate (972-1252)
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MISSIONS: CCCM-ASU, Families First, Africa, and Church Of Christ Disaster Relief.
SERVICES SCHEDULE: SUNDAY: Classes, 9:00am, Worship, 9:50am and 5:30pm, WEDNESDAY: Classes, 7:00pm
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Bono Church of Christ Newsletter

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I can't remember in my lifetime ever taking the Lord's Supper collectively at a Sunday night assembly. Bet I'm not alone! Unusual Sunday last Sunday!

We had a tough time getting the notification about morning services cancellation on KAIT and then didn't get it communicated exactly right. They broadcast "Bono CoC services cancelled" when we had no intent to cancel evening assembly; we knew we'd have sunny weather all day to clear roads and parking lot. I now know KAIT requires internet notification of cancellations and even doing that requires registering with them as the church's "authorized" person to communicate with them. We'll get up to speed on that to be more prepared when the next such circumstance arises.

We got accurate information on the website and our telephone message system. Remember to use those things as we have easier access to getting quick information on them.

We are purposely leaving copies of last week's bulletin about so, if you missed last Sunday night and Wednesday night, you can grab one and be able to catch up on the info in it. Last week's are the white ones.

Next Saturday will be busy for Bono. We'll have some students and members at CCCM's retreat at Walcott for the whole weekend. And we'll have a Spring Banquet for our ladies and guests here at 11:00.

Bring someone you really love to church!



"Don't be afraid,
from now on
you will catch
men."

Luke 5:10



Next Week's Sermon:
**The Rewards of
Contagious Christianity**



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