

NEWS & NOTES—April 19, 2009

HOSPITAL/SICK: **Patricia Bales (Connie Stevenson's** sister in Dallas)--diagnosed yesterday with invasive breast cancer; **Alice Baugh** (had surgery Thursday on her broken wrist), **Carrie Smith** (recuperating from torn ligaments at home), **Wilson Lane**--had a minor surgical procedure Monday and is doing well.

PRAYER LIST: Earl Baker, Juanita Baugh, Helen Brochey, Bill Cullen, Eva Cullen, Shawn Gott, Pauline Grissel, Jerry Houston, Linda Inboden, Nelma Kent, Glenda Lane, Tommy McAdams, Bryan Nichols, Josephine Pearce, Maxine Rose, Jewel Watkins, Earl Whittingham, Freida Williams, and Earvin & Nettie B. Shirley.

NEXT WED. (4/22): Terry Steveson, speaker, Meal: Pizza

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- TODAY--Wedding Shower for Amanda Cooper, 1:30-3:00pm (FH)
 - TODAY--Elders & Deacons meeting at 4:00pm (L)
 - 4/25--McDaniel/Griffin wedding at Southwest CoC, 3:00pm.
 - 4/26--Wedding Shower for Mallory Flemon, 1:30-3:00pm (FH)
 - 4/26--VBS meeting at 4:00pm (L)
 - 5/3--Potluck for Graduates after morning services
- Announcements of local church events (Meetings, Singings, Ladie's Days, Youth events, etc.) can be seen on our main entrance bulletin board.*

GRADUATES: Please turn in a framed graduation picture and a baby picture by April 26. Please leave photos on Hope's desk.

PANTRY ITEM: Peanut Butter and Jelly

COIN CANS... have arrived for the Children's Home and are available to be picked up on a foyer table.

APPLICATIONS... are in for Crowley's Ridge Youth Summer Camp. You can pick one up in the foyer.

*Mr. & Mrs. Douglas D. Cooper
request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Amanda Leigh Cooper
to
Wesley Joseph Minnear
on Saturday the second of May
two thousand nine
at two o'clock in the afternoon
Bono Church of Christ
101 Craftsbury Lane
Bono, Arkansas*

Next Sunday Morning's Sermon:

In Search of Wonder

*Mr. & Mrs. Charles Griffin
and
Mr. & Mrs. Kent McDaniel
request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their children
Melissa Marie
and
Ven Alan
on Saturday the twenty-fifth of April
two thousand nine
at three o'clock in the afternoon
Southwest Church of Christ
A reception will follow in the
Better Life Center*

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the speak and lead singing (there is a corresponding Barti-maeus program for Leaderettes). We don't think our handicapped folks want to be or could be a part, but obviously they *do* and *can*. Probably the best speech I heard while there was delivered by a teen with spina bifida.

My friend believes this is the best program going to teach our young people the Bible. Hard to argue.

The Lads to Leaders / Leaderettes program has been around now for forty years. Leaders of the program are now boasting that they are being told by our Bible universities that the majority of Bible majors are coming from the Lads / Leaderettes program.

Along with five Bono members, I journeyed to nearby Hoxie CoC to preach and make a request for aid for the campus ministry work at ASU. Thanks to **Tony Sauser** for preaching here in my stead.

Still about **Tony**... this church greatly enjoys **Tony's** preaching, and rightfully so. So it seems like a good idea to me that you should prevail on him to preach on a regular basis, say once a month, Sunday morning or Sunday night. Accuse me of trying to shirk my preaching responsibility if you want, but what I really believe is that it does a church good to hear a different voice in the pulpit occasionally. If you want to see me at work, I will happily lead singing.

Preaching plans over the next few weeks are a Sunday morning series on worship I'll entitle "In Search of Wonder." Our worship is excellent, but it can be improved. Sunday nights, we'll leave the Corinthian letters for a while—we've finished 1 Corinthians. Tonight I'll start a series we'll call "The Gospel of Isaiah;" Isaiah is the most-often quoted Old Testament prophet, especially by Jesus and the gospel writers.

Preacher Joe Barnett tells a story in one of his tracts of a conversion that occurred because a Christian woman, working in an office, noticed a new girl seemed embarrassed about her wardrobe—not as fancy as the other women's—and took her shopping at lunchtime *at her expense* her second day on the job so her clothes wouldn't present a problem. Of course, the new girl asked, "Why would anyone be so kind? And the answer she heard was, "Because Jesus is kind." I've already told you where things went from there.

I love and appreciate the Bono church for being filled with concern and compassion for our neighbors *to the point of sacrifice*. God will not allow your goodness and grace to go unseen and unrewarded. It's a great way to fish!



They will be available for pickup in the Fellowship Hall immediately after morning services and before and after worship this evening.

RECORD / Week of 4/12/09

AM Class	180
AM Worship	405
PM Worship	107
Wed. Class	112
Contribution	\$6170



Amanda Cooper
TODAY, 1:30-3:00pm
in the Fellowship Hall

Mallory Flemon
April 26, 2009, 1:30-3:00pm
in the Fellowship Hall

Morning Services, April 19, 2009

Opening Prayer: Donald Jones
Reading: Lorne Hazlewood (1 Jno. 3:18; Rom. 12:1-2)

Closing Prayer: Shawn Gott
Communion Prayer: Tony Sauser

Table-East
Justin Welch
Mike Tolbert
Travis Kimberling
Nick Tate

Table-West
Gynn Arnold
Michael Montgomery
Cameron Baldrige
Wes McBroome

Evening Services

Opening Prayer: Cameron Baldrige
Foyer and Halls: Darrell Parks

Closing Prayer: Donnie Brooks

Morning Services, April 26, 2009

Opening Prayer: Bill Lane
Reading: Travis Kimberling (Isa. 6:1-8)

Closing Prayer: Dale Moody
Communion Prayer: Wayne Tate

Table-East
Jesse Tate
Aaron Tate
Randy Statler
Weston Statler

Table-West
Larson Tate
Joel Cullen
Shawn Gott
Robert Douglas

Evening Services

Opening Prayer: Dud Owens
Foyer and Halls: Gynn Arnold

Closing Prayer: Robin Castleberry

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)
MINISTER: Richard Akins (919-8925), e-mail: richakins@yahoo.com
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, 6:45pm
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Bono Church of Christ Newsletter

April 19, 2009 (16/09)

Wow again!!! FOUR-HUNDRED-AND-FIVE!!!! Can we work and pray for the day that's normal attendance? Then on Easter and Christmas we'll be putting chairs in the aisles and talking about expansion! "Farfetched," you might think, but no more farfetched than our building was only a few short years ago. God has done amazing things among us before, why would He not do so again?

You know, some of our Easter "guests" might come back before next Easter if some of us simply made it a point to call them and invite them back. Hope could provide you with a list of who they were. Sic 'em.

Our directories are here. They look great and I have already been matching faces and names. Our intent is that every Bono family unit get one, whether you had your photo made or not. They will be available for pickup at a table in the Fellowship Hall after morning worship ends. Should you have a real need for more than one, you'll have to make a request in the office, simply to preserve as many directories as we can for new members as they come to us—a picture directory is a very valuable tool for them!

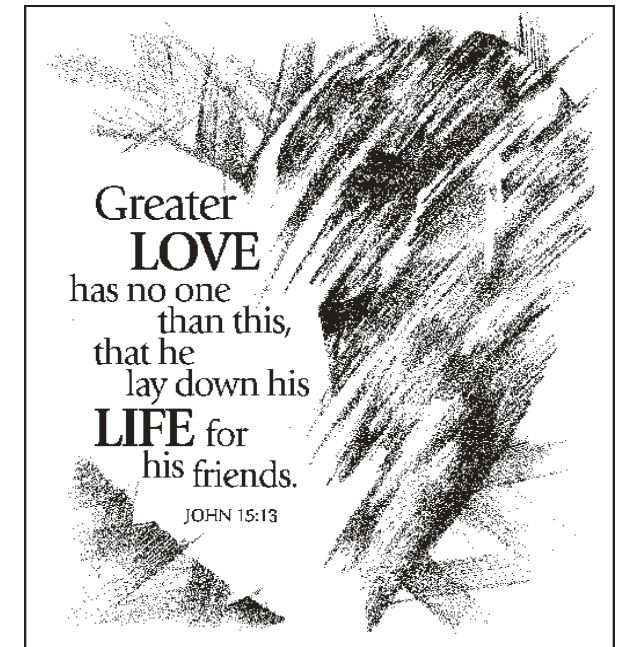
Some of you don't know, but I had a good friend pay all my expenses to travel last Thursday through Saturday to the National Lads to Leaders / Leaderettes Convention at Opryland Hotel in Nashville.

I lack words to tell you how impressed I was with what I saw. Counting both participants, parents, and sponsor/teachers, ten-thousand people were present. Of 2100 hotel rooms, the convention booked all but 70! I saw "Lads" beginning at the age of three quote Bible

verses (or read if they choose when they're able to read), lead singing, and speak. Older boys did all those things and also spoke, debated, and competed in "Bible Bowl" activities. "Leaderettes" teach classes, speak, and lead singing, but I personally saw none of their activities since no men were allowed. From junior high up, both boys and girls competed in presenting puppet skits.

One of the most moving parts was an event called "Bartimaeus" (a blind beggar Jesus healed in Mark 10). It is a special program for handicapped "lads" where

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