



## THE BULLETIN

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February 7, 2010

No. 6

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**A pastor from another church shared this story with his congregation recently. Something to think about.**

#### **A LITTLE ICE CREAM IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL**

Last week I took my children to a restaurant. My six year old son asked if he could say grace. As we bowed our heads, he said, "God is good. God is great. Thank you for the food and I would even thank you more if mom gets us ice cream for dessert. And liberty and justice for all! Amen."

Along with the laughter from the other customers nearby I heard a woman remark. "That's what's wrong with this country. Kids today don't even know how to pray. Asking God for ice cream! Why, I never."

Hearing this, my son burst into tears and asked me. "Did I do it wrong? Is God mad at me?"

As I held him and assured him that he had done a terrific job and God was certainly not mad at him, an elderly gentleman approached the table. He winked at my son and said, "I happen to know that God thought that was a great prayer."

"Really?" my son asked.

"Cross my heart." Then in theatrical whisper, he added (indicating the woman whose remark had started the whole thing), "Too bad she never asks God for ice cream. A little ice cream is good for the soul sometimes."

Naturally, I bought my kids ice cream at the end of the meal. My son stared at his for a moment and then did something I will remember for the rest of my life. He picked up his sundae and without a word, walked over and placed it in front of the woman. With a big smile he told her, "Here, this is for you. Ice cream is good for the soul sometimes and my soul is good already."

Of all my children, he is by far my most trying. The quickest to anger, the first one to break something, and the last one to do as he's told. None of it matters though, cause like he said, his soul is good already. -Author Unknown

### CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

The pastors and members of Cairo First Church extend their deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Carter Morton and family in the death of his sister, MRS. IRENE M. HAYSE, Milton, FL; to Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Perkins and family in the death of his sister, DR. MARY ELLEN PERKINS, Atlanta, GA; to Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Brown and family in the death of his nephew, MR. SAM BROWN, Ozark, AL.

### FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE-FEB. 6

If you can provide snacks or assist with the dance, please contact Susie White, 378-0999, or sign up on the sheet outside Mike's door. Food items should be dropped off at the Grady Cultural Center by 5:00 P.M. that day.

### SUNDAY, FEB. 14

Make plans for this special Valentine's Day experience. We encourage you to invite someone you love to join you for worship. Use this time to reach out to someone that does not normally attend. Come enjoy His Love for us.

### IT'S A BOY

You are invited to a baby shower for Katie Odum on Sun, Feb. 21, 3-5 P.M. Small Fellowship Hall (Registered at MAMs, Target, Babies R Us, Center Drugs)

### LADIES' MEETING:

The Ladies will meet on Mon., Feb. 22, 6:30 P.M. Following a covered-dish meal, Kelly Milko will present a program on "Spring Craft Ideas". Make plans to attend.

Watch for more info on upcoming Bazaar.

### BUCKET BRIGADE OFFERING:

For February will go to Kids Against Hunger.

### FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER:

Make your plans to attend the Fat Tuesday pancake dinner at the church on Tuesday, February 16, at 6:00 P.M. Call the church to make reservations for the meal.

### CHURCH NIGHT SUPPERS - MAKE RESERVATIONS!

You will need to call the church office to sign up for the meals on a permanent basis or weekly if that is what you choose or you may fill out the form below to make your reservations for Church Night Suppers. Reservations should be made or cancelled by Tuesday noon. The "Family" amount of \$11.00 is for only those living in the household. Program is Newlywed Game.

No. From Age 12 - Adults(\$3.00) \_\_\_\_\_  
No. From 18 months - 11(\$2.00) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Maximum Family Charge \$11.00 - all persons living in same household) \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent  
Week 2/09/10 \_\_\_\_\_ Cancellation 2/10/10  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

### MEMORIALS:

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

#### MR. HUGH GANDY

By: Mr. and Mrs. John Gainous  
Mr. and Mrs. Charlie McBee  
Dr. Doris Elizabeth King

#### MRS. EULA B. MILLER

By: Mr. and Mrs. John Gainous  
MRS. CLIFTON W. QUINLY  
By: Dr. Doris Elizabeth King

### ANGEL FOOD MINISTRY:

To place an order with a credit card on line, go to [www.angelfoodministries.com](http://www.angelfoodministries.com)

Call the church office or Martha Hawthorne if you have any questions.

If you can assist with this ministry of the church, please do not hesitate to call. Martha Hawthorne, 872-3500, or Meghan Ridenour at the church office. Pick up for February is Saturday, February 20, 10:30 - 11:30 A.M.

### SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDIES

"Bad Girls of the Bible" at 5:00 P.M.

"Life Changing Letter From Paul" Study by Evelyn Laycock. 11 Sessions facilitated by the Skinners and Winds. Bring your Bible. 5:00 - 6:00 P.M. -Fellowship Hall

"Crazy Love"-God is calling you into a passionate love relationship with Himself. 10 sessions facilitated by Sandy Ford. 5:00 - 6:30 P.M. in Pairs and Spares Classroom.

Confirmation classes - All youth grade 6 and up who have not been confirmed are invited to join Mike in his office for this journey. 5:30 - 6:30 P.M.

Theological & Practical Overview of Confirmation - Adults are invited to learn the fundamentals covered in confirmation process. Beginning Sunday, Feb. 7, 5:00-6:30 Rev. Bass will conduct sessions. (Azalee Wight Classroom)

Parenting Class - Making Children Mind Without Losing Yours facilitated by Karen Mobley. (New Hope SS Classroom)

### SMALL GROUP FACILITATOR

TRAINING, Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:00P.M., Feb. 9 in New Hope SS Classroom.

### UMMEN:

The UMMen will meet Monday, February 8, 7:00 P.M. in the fellowship hall. Following a roast beef dinner, the program will be presented by Steve Godbehere on Agriculture in China. Make reservations for you and your Valentine lady by calling F.L. Perkins, the church office or filling out the form below.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS WEEK'S CHURCH**

**OPPORTUNITIES:**

**Sunday, February 7:**

- \*8:30 A.M. . . . . . Worship Service
- \*8:44 A.M. . . . . . Worship Service
- \*9:45 A.M. . . . . . Church School
- \*11:00 A.M. . . . . . Worship Service
- \*5:00 P.M. . . . . . UMYF/Firm Foundation  
Adult Bible Studies

**Monday, February 8:**

- 9:30 A.M. . . . . . Quilting Group
- 7:00 P.M. . . . . . UMMEN

**Tuesday, February 9:**

- 6:30 A.M. . . . . . Men's Bible Study
- 9:15 A.M. . . . . . Ladies' Prayer Team
- 3:00 P.M. . . . . . Needlework Ministry
- 6:30 P.M. . . . . . Small Group Training

**Wednesday, February 10:**

- 5:00 P.M. . . . . . Prayer Team
- \*6:00 P.M. . . . . . Meal
- \*6:30 P.M. . . . . . Age Level Activities
- 7:30 P.M. . . . . . Chancel Choir

**Thursday, February 11:**

- 8:30 A.M. . . . . . Service on CNS Channel 6

**Friday, February 12:**

- 2:00 P.M. . . . . . Service on CNS Channel 6
- 9:00 P.M. . . . . . Service on CNS Channel 6

\*Nursery for children birth thru three

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:**

**February 8:**

- Lauren Johnson
- Landen Meissner

**February 9:**

- John Hartsfield
- Cole Ridenour
- Marti Womble

**February 10:**

- Bill Harrell, Jr.

**February 11:**

- John Godbehre

**February 12:**

- Al Harrell
- Shirley Womble

**February 13:**

- Samantha Carnline
- Carla Dunn

Please contact the church office if your name has not been listed.

**VOLUNTEER DAY:**

Feb. 14 during the Sunday School hour. Please mark your calendar and make your plans to attend to sign up for the ministries in which you are interested and wish to participate.

**Bible Studies**

See list elsewhere in the bulletin for location and time.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**OUR KNOWN ILL: (As of Tuesday)**

Please remember those of our membership:

**Dothan, AL**

- Mr. Harry Sexton  
(Grandfather of Amy Amaro)

**At Home:**

- Mrs. Annette Andrews
- Mr. Tom Allen
- Mrs. Janet Griffin
- Mrs. Sammie Harper
- Mrs. Virginia Maxwell
- Mr. and Mrs. Carter Morton
- Mrs. Mary Frances Prince  
(Mother of Gail Godwin, Robin Prince)
- Mrs. Carolyn Trawick

**Donalsonville, GA**

- Mr. Howard Rathel  
(Brother of Mr. Billy Rathel)

**Thomasville, GA**

- Mrs. Julia Harper  
(Sister of Mrs. Ellen Cox)

**Atlanta, GA:**

- Mr. Mike Davis  
(Son of Sara Davis-Merriman)

**Columbia, S.C.**

- Ms. Marty Jernigan  
(Sister of Anne Richter)

**Tallahassee, FL:**

- Mr. Joseph D. Persons  
(Brother of Virginia Pitchford)

**Sidney, OH:**

- Mr. Samuel Hughes  
(Step-father of Brenda Sharpless)

**Autumn Care, Waynesville, NC**

- Mr. Ben Beasley

Please remember those in assisted living and nursing homes and also those serving in the military and on the mission field.

Visitors, January 31, 2010

Paul, Carol Dupree

Please sign the attendance register each week!

It is important for the records that are kept in the office for reporting to the conference.

**ADDRESSES NEEDED BY FEB. 8**

For college students and military persons to receive a Valentine box. Items will be needed for the boxes also.

**AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP**

January 31, 2010

Combined Worship . . . . .	200
Budget need for the week . . . . .	\$11,688.00
Budget receipts for the week . . . . .	\$6,154.00
Designated . . . . .	\$675.00
Bucket Brigade . . . . .	\$94.60

**CHILDREN, Sunday, February 7, 9:45 A.M.**  
All children should come to the Education Building. Preschool children should meet downstairs. Children Pre-K through 4<sup>th</sup> grade should meet in the Upper Rooms Bible Village. The children will continue the "Respect" rotation today. The scripture memory verse is "In everything do to others as you would have them do to you." Matthew 7:12

Remember to bring your recyclable items for Sunday School. The children will be making sculptures out of them in art.

This week's CNS helpers are Nathan, Stuart, Hanson Higdon and Savannah Rhue.

**Firm Foundation**  
Begins at 5:00 P.M. and runs until 6:30 with a snack supper provided! This week's assistant is Pearce with Sheffield providing food. If you are providing supper, you are needed as the second assistant.

**February 14, 8:44 A.M. WORSHIP**  
The children will participate in 8:44 worship. They need to be here ready to go at 8:40 as they are on the agenda immediately following the announcements. We will sit together until they complete their portion of the worship and then join their families.

**VOLUNTEER DAY:**  
Is going to be held on Feb. 14 during the Sunday School hour. If you are considering helping with VBS, Children's SS or any area of Children's ministry, please come by and sign up!

**EASTER EGG PLANNING MEETING ON Thursday, Mar. 4, 6:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendar and plan to attend!**

**YOUTH**  
Sun., Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:45 A.M.  
5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> grades - Truth or Dare  
8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades - Friends

Sun., Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, No evening UMYF  
Confirmation class after Paint ball at 5:30 P.M.

Sun., Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 - 6:30 P.M. UMYF  
Supper provided by Pyrz family

**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
See Meghan for more information . . .

Sun., Feb. 7, 11:00 A.M.  
The youth will leave after Sunday school to have lunch in Thomasville followed by an afternoon of Paintball in Pavo. The cost is \$30.00 plus money for lunch. No evening UMYF.

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**Sunday, February 7, 2010**  
**8:30 Worship**  
Message **Rev. Henry Bass**  
"Where Do We Go From Here?"  
Acts 2: 42-46

**8:44 Worship**  
"Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you."  
Psalm 84:4

Message **Rev. Henry Bass**  
"Where Do We Go From Here?"  
Scripture: Acts 2: 42-46  
(Pew Bible Page 772)

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**REGULAR SUNDAY WORSHIP CHOICES:**  
Our congregants have the opportunity to choose between three different worship services each Sunday morning. Choose the one that works for you!

**8:30 A.M. in the chapel**  
A blended worship service

**8:44 A.M. in the sanctuary**  
A contemporary worship service

**11:00 A.M. in the sanctuary**  
A traditional worship service

**QUILTING/NEEDLEWORK GROUPS:**  
The quilting group meets on Monday mornings at 9:30 A.M. Beginners are always welcome.

The needlework group has resumed on Tuesday afternoons at 3:00 P.M. Anyone is welcome to come to either or both groups.

**SPRING BAZAAR - MARCH 27**  
If you have items that you would like to donate for the "White Elephant" booth, please begin collecting them. Watch for details on when to turn them in.

Crafts items will also be needed so begin your projects now, March 27 will be here before we know it!

**BE GOOD STEWARDS:**  
When you leave your place in the pew each Sunday, please place the hymnal back in the rack and pick up any trash (candy wrappers, used tissue, bulletins, etc.) around your area.

**VALENTINE BOXES- ADDRESSES NEEDED**  
Valentine boxes will be mailed to college students and military personnel if addresses are turned in by Feb. 8. Boxes will be packed on Feb. 10. Individually wrapped food items (cookies, brownies, candy, etc.) will be needed for the boxes.

**STAFF DIRECTORY:**  
Rev. Henry Bass . . . . . Pastor  
Rev. Michael Mobley . . . . . Assoc. Pastor  
Dr. Ed Lyon . . . . . Minister of Music  
Mrs. Katie Odum . Dir. Of Children's Min.  
Mrs. Meghan Ridenour Dir. Of Youth Min.  
Mr. Ed Self . . . . . Organist  
Mrs. Ruth Sims . . . . . Adm. Assistant

If your group is using the church facilities, please be mindful of turning off lights and adjusting the thermostat when leaving the rooms. With the economy as it is, the utility costs are up just like in your homes.

MORNING SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Epiphany III  
The Lord's Day

February 7, 2010  
Christian Color: White

THE GATHERING

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the house of God.

Before the service speak to Him, during the service let Him speak to you,  
after the service speak with one another.

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ..... Rev. Michael Mobley

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR ..... Time for Silent Prayer

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES ..... Acolytes

THE PRELUDE ..... Mr. Self

“Take My Life And Let It Be” - Pethel

\* THE HYMN OF AFFIRMATION ..... No. 185

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

\*THE APOSTLES' CREED ..... No. 881

\*THE GLORIA PATRI ..... No. 70

\* THE RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP ..... The Sharing of God's Love

THE ANTHEM ..... Chancel Choir

“Holy Is He”

THE MORNING PRAYER ..... Rev. Henry Bass

\*THE HYMN OF TRUST ..... No. 451

“Be Thou My Vision”

\*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER ..... Rev. Henry Bass

THE OFFERTORY..... “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” - Haan ... Mr. Self

+\*THE DOXOLOGY..... "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" ..... No. 95

“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below, praise

him above, ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen”

THE MESSAGE ..... Rev. Henry Bass

“Where Do We Go From Here?”

Acts 2: 42-46 (Pew Bible Page 772)

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION ..... No. 12

\*THE HYMN OF INVITATION ..... No. 395

“Take Time To Be Holy”

\* THE BENEDICTION ..... Rev. Henry Bass

\* THE POSTLUDE..... “Postlude on *Ebenezer*” - Young ..... Mr. Self

\*Please Stand

Please sign attendance register

+The children are invited to go for Children's Church

^Please come forward at this time if you wish to unite with this Christian fellowship. The doors are always open for those desiring to become members.

THOSE WHO SERVE:	8:44 A.M.	10:55 A.M.
GREETERS:	Bill Bass, Jr.	Carroll Hopkins, Kenneth Gale
BULLETIN:	Richard VanLandingham	Carolyn, Shirley Brown
USHERS:	Bass, VanLandingham	Herbert W. Wind
CHILDREN'S HELPERS:	Pearce	Hand
ACOLYTES:		Ashley, Jackson Hand
BUCKET BRIGADE:	William Harrell	Casey Hand
	Ashton Pearce	
SS GREETERS:	Dot, Kenneth James	
ALTAR GUILD:	Hope Almon, Kathy Higginbotham	