

**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE:**

**Sunday Morning: August 20<sup>th</sup>**

Usher: Jim Moore  
Announcements: Walter Hutcherson  
Song Leader: David Wiesemann  
Lord's Supper – Table: Dean Evatt  
West Side: Gary Brewer & Dwight Duncan  
East Side: Vint Hall & Tommy Dyke  
Opening Prayer: Roger Stephenson  
Second Prayer: David Wiesemann  
Scripture Reading: Tyler Jenkins (John 4:1-8)  
Sermon: Eugene Jenkins  
Closing Prayer: Josh Wiesemann

**Sunday Evening**

Song Leader: Walter Hutcherson  
Opening Prayer: David Wiesemann  
Closing Prayer: Kenny Wyman

**Wednesday Night**

Song Leader: Josh Wiesemann

**CURRENT RECORDS**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9<sup>th</sup>**

Bible Class.....84

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13<sup>th</sup>**

Bible Class.....75

AM Worship.....98

PM Worship.....92

Contribution.....\$1,682.00

**(2006 Weekly Budget Needs.....\$1,771.70)**

**OTHER**

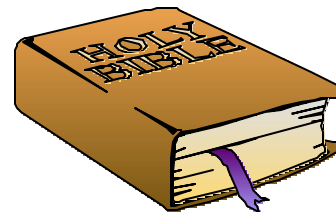
Clean Baptistry: Ken Baxter (Last done: 7/27)

Ladies' Bible Study: (September thru May)

OUR WEB PAGE: [www.ogchurchofchrist.org](http://www.ogchurchofchrist.org)

**KEYS TO SALVATION**

Hear the Gospel (Rom. 10:17); Believe the gospel (John 3:16); Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3); Confess Christ before men (Matthew 10:32); Be



**“THE SWORD”**

**“And take...the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” Ephesians 6:17**

“The Sword” is published weekly by the OAK GROVE CHURCH OF CHRIST, as a teaching and information tool for the congregation. Articles are intended to encourage the study of God’s Word every day! Area wide activities are posted in the foyer; birthdays & anniversaries in the directory. — Eugene Jenkins, editor

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**OUR WEB PAGE**

James Tiensvold set up our web page, [www.ogchurchofchrist.org](http://www.ogchurchofchrist.org), and helped me in my attempts to use it, but due to my lack of knowledge its benefit was limited. Thanks to Jeff Sattler’s expertise and time, as well as his and Jana’s generosity in providing a new computer and other specialized equipment, it has greatly improved!

Jeff is like a child in a candy store when it comes to computers in general and our web page in particular; and that’s a good thing! He has updated our web page, making it more enjoyable and serviceable. It not only looks better, but it also has much more information on it. Thus far he has posted the sermons from last Sunday, the lessons from our Youth Rally and last week’s bulletin. Lessons can be heard, and the bulletin seen, by anyone that has access to the internet. As a matter of fact, any of the audio CD’s can be downloaded by anyone, free of charge, in the following formats; regular (.wav, car CD player format) or compressed (.wma, windows media audio, plays on computer + mp3/wma players). He has even made it easier by making the lessons available in two files, one for those with high speed access and another for dial up access (which is much slower).

A “wifi network link/net access” is available in the auditorium, overflow room and will soon be available downstairs. It is a secure network that allows lessons in those areas to be placed on our web page (if I understand what Jeff said correctly). It is a secure network, so please contact Jeff if you think having access to this would be useful for your class, etc.

**Elders:**

Claude Andrews  
Walter Hutcherson  
Richard Petering  
Lowell Smith  
(Acts 6:1-4)

**Deacons:**

Darrell Andrews  
Dean Evatt  
Vint Hall  
Hershel Hunt  
Leland Reed  
Tim Smith

**Laborers:**

Every Member  
“For we are laborers together with God.”  
(1 Corinthians 3:9)

**Preacher:**

Eugene Jenkins  
Home (816) 690-6073  
Office (816) 690-4599  
(2 Timothy 4:1-5)

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**– Schedule of Services –**

**Sunday:**

Bible Study – 9:30 a.m.  
Worship – A.M. 10:20; P.M. 6:00

**Wednesday:** Bible Study – 7:00

**Bi-Monthly:** “House to House/Heart to Heart”

Please visit our web site and provide feedback to Jeff. Thanks Jeff & Jana!!!

## Huffing and Puffing and Scrambling About

by Michael R. Underwood

**“Our huffing and puffing to impress God, our scrambling about for brownie points, our thrashing about trying to fix ourselves while hiding our pettiness and wallowing in guilt are nauseating to God and are a flat denial of the gospel of grace.”** *Brennan Manning*

What do you think about that statement? My first thought was, **“That’s rude and judgmental.”** How dare Mr. Manning judge my motives for serving God! But, on the other hand, if what he says about people’s motives is true, then his conclusion is right – the gospel of grace is denied.

When I see some of the things done in the name of religion, in the name of doing right, I, too, am nauseated. The gospel of grace, what is it? It is the idea that our God in mercy saw our pitiful condition and rather than give us what we justly deserved, He gave us a gift. That gift, if we will but receive it, saves our souls. It was a costly gift. The blood of God was offered as an atoning sacrifice for us . . . “He paid a debt He did not owe; I owed a debt I could not pay.”

As a culture, we don’t like the gospel of grace. We are taught to make our own way. We are taught not to depend on anybody. Charity is a nice thing to do, but it is a blight on my pride if it is offered to me. But the gospel of grace as revealed in the Scriptures teaches that we are absolutely dependant upon the grace of Another. We are not self-sufficient! No, not even Ted Turner, Donald Trump, or any number of professional baseball players with all their money are self-sufficient. It is by the grace of God that we have air to breathe and the lungs with which to breathe it. It is by the grace of God that we have food on our tables, the hands with which to hold our forks, the teeth with which to chew and the biological process by which to digest it and use its energy. The gospel of grace taught in the scriptures, however, focuses not so much on our physical needs, but our spiritual needs.

We are given by God a desire to live forever. Satan tempts us to fill this life with whatever will bring us physical pleasure. That, according to the lie of Satan, is the whole of man . . . your reason for being. God says your reason for being is to reverence Him as your God and keep His commandments. Doing this is often referred to in the Scriptures as “walking with God.” Those who walk with God, even though they stumble and sin from time to time, find favor (grace) in God’s eyes. All of us have fallen away from God’s glory (His holiness) by listening to Satan rather than God. This is called sin. Its penalty is spiritual separation from God, i.e., spiritual death. Those who remain guilty of sin cannot live forever. In fact, rather, the Bible indicates that they will die forever. But God offers a gift. He will remove the guilt. No matter the sin, no matter the gravity of it, no matter how long you have been plagued by it, no matter whatever . . . if you will repent of it and submit to the cleansing power of God through Jesus Christ, He will lift the guilt from you and remember the sin no more and because of that gift you are able to live with God . . . forever. But you can’t pay for this act of charity. You can’t do enough good deeds to reimburse God for it. God doesn’t even want reimbursement. He simply wants your love and your willingness to tell others about this gift that God gives to all humanity.

Why do you do what you do in religion? Are you trying to impress God? Are you looking for brownie points? Are you thrashing about trying to fix yourself because you don’t want to be dependent? Do you hide ungodly and evil thoughts and actions behind a veil of religious correctness? Or do you in awe and reverence for a grace-giving God submit your life to Him that He might use you in some way, great or humble, to show His grace to another sinful creature?

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(Taken from the July 30, 2006 issue of Chestnut Drive Investment [Vol. 09, No. 31], Doraville, Georgia.)

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## OUR PRAYER LIST:

**CONGREGATION:** Marjorie Alley...Lloyd Cooper...Gertie Hackley...Irene Jennings is doing better...Tom Newberry remains in MCI due to complications. Tests show one of his heart valves has only one third of the normal blood flow. He will be seeing a surgeon soon to determine the needed course of action...Shirley Munson will have a double hernia in her stomach repaired tomorrow (Thursday), at St. Mary’s Hospital...Pat Reddell continues to struggle...Opal Reed.

**FAMILY & FRIENDS:** Abby Austin...Jim Bentley, Freda Bentley’s brother-in-law...Jeb Burrow...Joe Fullbright, Hershel Hunt’s brother-in-law...Deloros King, Leland Reed’s cousin...Brian Richardson, six month old nephew of Andrew & Rebecca Richardson, will have exploratory surgery tomorrow (Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>) in Birmingham, Alabama...Betty Newberry is

doing much better and will be returning home soon...**Jennifer Waters**.

**MILITARY:** (1) Men and women serving our country in dangerous places, and their families. (2) Families who have lost loved ones! (3) Those in Iraq, and other places, who are aiding our soldiers as they strive to win their freedom.

## CONDOLENCES

Our Condolences are extended to the Nield family, in the passing of **Mark Nield**, Shirley Nield’s brother-in-law. His funeral was Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, at Royers Funeral Home.

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**Youth Rally Lessons are available!** As noted in the article elsewhere in this bulletin, they are available at our website for free download. You can burn your own CD or you can have Jeff Sattler do one for you. They are available in two formats at a cost of \$2.50 per CD (to cover cost). A sign up sheet is posted in the foyer. See Jeff if you have any questions.

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**Copies of “A Study That Concerns Your Soul,”** written by Michael R. Underwood, are on the table in the foyer. It is an excellent tool for personal study and to teach others. You are encouraged to take as many copies as you will use. Many have come to a knowledge of the truth by using this “little white book”! Let us spread it far and wide with the prayer that many more will also learn and obey!

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**Our monthly Youth Bible Study** will be Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, in our basement.

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**Our regularly scheduled men’s business**

