

## THANK YOU!

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make this year's VBS such a success! There were so many people involved in making VBS happen and I was delighted to be able to work with all of them. The people that helped decorate, led singing, taught class, assembled crafts and provided snacks did such a wonderful job and it made my job directing VBS a joy. Again, thank you from the bottom of my heart. In Him, Bryan

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## Transformed by the Word

By Bryan Kirby

The Dangers of Legalism... The idea of legalism is as old as mankind itself. People throughout the ages have been trying to get to heaven by thinking that if they just “follow the rules” everything will be just fine. It is possible to follow the rules, stay out of trouble and live a good, quiet life, but is that enough when it comes to spiritual things? What exactly does it mean to be “legalistic” and how does that affect our relationship with God? Who is a legalist?

The definition of legalism is (1) an overly strict adherence to the law (2) in order to be saved by good works. Legalism is not a faithful following of the will of God. We must at this point determine the difference between faithfulness and legalism. Faithfulness is obedience to the will of God based on a belief in God and a humble submission to His divine authority; good works will naturally follow (Ephesians 2:8-10). Legalism, on the other hand, is an attempt to be saved by rigid adherence to the Law. Faithfulness is based on a broken heart which sorrows over sin. Legalism has no heart and no conscience that is touched by sorrow of sin. Faithfulness is brought about by a life filled with love for God and a desire to serve Him. Legalism is brought about by a desire to say “look at me God, I did all this and now you owe me!”

Bargaining with God is never going to work. Thinking that if you “just follow the rules” you will make it to heaven is absolutely wrong. A good example of legalism is a man I once met in Mississippi. He never came to church on Sunday or Wednesday night. When asked about why he didn't come to those evening services, he said “You show me in the Bible where I **have** to come, and I'll come.”

That man didn't understand that trying to find a loophole in the attendance policy of the Church reflected a legalistic attitude. Sure, there might not be a “THOU SHALT MEET ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT” in the Scriptures, but why would you NOT come unless you were trying to just get by with the minimum. How many people do you think will get into heaven by saying, “Well, God, I at least made it on Sunday mornings.” The problem is not only in the attendance, but also in the legalistic attitude behind the person's actions.

The Pharisees also exhibited a legalistic attitude, but they carried it one step further. They bound heavy burdens from a misinterpretation and legalistic application of the Law of Moses and laid those burdens squarely on the shoulders of the people. They taught as the Law of God the traditions of their fathers, and Jesus condemned them for that (Matthew 15:9 & Mark 7:7). The Pharisees were happy just “following the rules” obsessively without following the spirit of the Law and overlooking the important things like justice and mercy. There is always more to God's will for mankind than just “following the rules,” even under the Old Testament. (Continued on page 2)

In Isaiah 1:11-20, we find that the nation of Israel had quit following God, although they continued to “worship” Him. They were still bringing their offerings to the temple and making their sacrifices. They were still keeping the Sabbaths and feasts, but their hearts were far from God. God tells them that He is sick of their sacrifices and was no longer going to hear their prayers. Why? Because their hands were covered with blood (sin) and their hearts were far away from Him. What did God want from them? He wanted them to purify their hearts and cleanse their hands (repent). Only then would He accept their worship.

Coming to worship God on Sunday morning is a good and necessary thing. God wants us to do that. Having the attitude that Sunday morning only will get us to heaven is legalistic and damnable. Thinking that if you just come whenever the doors are open is no better. It takes an attitude of willing service and love for the Lord to save. It takes total submission and faithfulness in all things to save. Going through the motions of worship is an abomination to God; we must dedicate our hearts to the Lord first and foremost. Brothers and sisters do not fall into the legalists trap.



## Our Prayer List

### Our Members

\***Wilma Henderson** will have an outpatient procedure on August 9th.

\*Please continue to remember **George Rush**.

Calvin & Hazel Aucoin, Rose Bearden, Marcelle Brian, Charles & Edwina Boozer, Caleb & Sharon Eaves, Bernadine Franklin, Randall Guitreau, Gloria Hall, George Hallum, Dalton & Mattie Hanks, Johnny Hayden, Wayne Kendrick, Ann Lyles, Steve Mills, Annie Mae Moreland, Bryan Plunket, Alice Reece, George Rush, Monroe Smith, Bradley & Kanika Vessel, Buddy & Iness Watson, Sarah Wilde

### Our Family & Friends

\***Mario Chivleatto**, Mike Chivleatto’s son, is facing some personal issues at this time.

\***Scott Crowe**, Jerry Sistrunk’s friend, is having additional health problems.

\*Buddy Watson’s brother was recently involved in an automobile accident.

**Joseph Barrett**(Boozer’s grandson),**Galvin Boozer & Marshall Boozer** (Boozer’s sons), **Beulah Cooper** (Karen Alexander’s aunt), **Scott Crowe** (friend of Jerry Sistrunk), **Joe Dallalio** (Karen Alexander’s uncle), **Lottie Frank** (Josh Frank’s mother), **Frances Gilbert** (Karen Ruckstuhl’s mother), **Cheryl Godfrey** (sister of Gwen Phillips & Donna Anderson), **Pat Hale** (Karen Alexander’s mother), **Karen Hudson** (Nordica Mixon’s sister), **Tameka Jones** (Nordica Mixon’s friend), **Janet Lewenthal** (Larry Lewenthal’s mother), **Tammy Michael** (Revonda Kirby’s sister), **Frances Newman** (Bobby O’Bannion’s sister), **Marty O’Neal** (Karen Lackie’s mother), **Cathy Pearson** (Pearson’s daughter-in-law), **William Perkins** (friend of Mandi Zachary), **Connie Reid** (Terry Peeples’ sister), **Jimmy Roberts** (Rita Cable’s father), **C.B. Russell** (Karen McGibboney’s father), **Marjorie Scott** (Mandi Zachary’s grandmother), **Jay Strother** (Strother’s son)

➔If you have a new status on your friend or family member, please notify the office so that we can update our prayer list.

**In The Military** – Brad Adams, Josh Burleigh, Luke Burleigh, Greg Cunningham, Seth Eaves, John Hale, Brad Hibbard, William Hill, Quinn Kelley, Jonathan Lewenthal, Richard McNaylor, Alex Null, Daniel Pearson, Grant Pinkston, Chris Roberts, Howard Stroud, Blaine Tramel

**Our Missionaries in Honduras** – Santiago Bonilla, Candido Huete, & Fernando Mungia



## Announcements

### Another “Last” Book

**Burt Payne** has provided another “last” book, **Faith Is Not Blind**, to give you a reason why you should believe in God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, and Bible inspiration; and a few other things. Free copies will be available in the foyer after morning worship services this Sunday. A brief history of the Goodwood church is also included.

### College/Young Professional Cookout

The C/YP group will have a cookout at the home of Christi Ruckstuhl **this Saturday, July 31st** beginning at **6:00 PM**. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish to go with the burgers and hot dogs that will be served, a 2-liter drink, and a few dollars to offset expenses. Please sign the list on the C/YP bulletin board if you plan to attend. See Bryan Kirby for more information!

### Young at Heart Luncheon

The Young at Heart group will enjoy a luncheon on **Monday, August 2nd** at 11:30 AM in the BOB. Plan to stay after the meal to play games or work on a puzzle!

### Men’s Breakfast

The next Men’s Breakfast will be **Saturday, August 7th** beginning at **8:00 AM** in the BOB. The study of *Promises to Keep* by Prentice Meador will continue. All men are encouraged to attend!

### Potluck Dinner/Blood Drive

Mark your calendars for our next Fellowship Meal/Blood Drive on **Sunday, August 8th** after morning services. Plan to bring food for your family and our visitors, and enjoy this time of fellowship together. Also, please consider donating blood if you can. There is a sign-up sheet on the hall bulletin board. **There will be an afternoon service following the meal.**

### Church Picnic

Plans are underway for a **picnic** for the whole congregation on **Saturday, August 14th** from **10:00 AM – 1:00 PM** at Sharp Road Park. Bring a lunch and any sports equipment you have for a friendly game of softball. Make plans now to attend!!

### Upcoming Baby Showers

We have two members expecting new additions to their families soon! There will be a Baby Shower for **Geneva Jackson** on **Saturday, August 14th** from **2:00 PM – 5:00 PM** in the BOB hosted by her family. All ladies are invited to attend! Geneva is expecting a baby boy and is registered at Target, Wal-Mart & Babies R Us.

Also looking forward to a new arrival are **Patrick & Kellye McGibboney**, as well as grandparents-to-be Pat & Karen. There will be a special basket in the old fellowship room on **Sunday, August 15th**, for you to place a gift for their new baby. Kellye is expecting a baby boy and is registered at Babies R Us, Ruffles & Britches, and Cullen’s Babyland.

### Ladies Bible Class Fall Coffee

Ladies, mark your calendars now and plan to attend the Ladies Bible Class Fall Coffee on **Tuesday, September 14th** beginning at **10:00 AM**. Look for further details in upcoming issues of the *Family News*!

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### Schedule of Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study – 9:00 AM  
Sunday Morning Worship – 10:00 AM  
Sunday Evening Worship – 5:30 PM  
Wednesday Fellowship Meal – 5:45 PM  
Wednesday Evening Bible Study – 6:30 PM  
Tuesday Ladies Bible Class – 10:00 AM (Sept – May)



## Serving the Lord

### Serving Sunday Morning – Aug 1

Song Leader – Chris Randolph  
Opening Prayer – Scott Adams  
Scripture Reader – Louis Claverie  
Closing Prayer – Bert Ruckstuhl  
Preside over the Table – Tom Kelso

### Nursery Schedule

Aug 1 – Barbara & Jessica Germany  
Aug 8 – Leigh & Caroline Hill

### Communion Cup Pick-Up

Aug 1 – Sullivan Louque, Mason Talley  
Colin Teague, Will Teague  
Aug 8 – Cole Franklin, James Hill  
Christopher Merrell, Dane Shaw

### Attendance Book Pick-Up

Aug 1 – Olivia Hill, Presley Louque  
Jade Lynn, Ashlyn Smeltzer  
Aug 8 – Lauren Hedglin, Marley Olivier  
Kylie Merrell, Natalie Randolph

### Pew Crew Schedule

Aug 1 – Jim & Ila Adams, Yvonne Sibley  
Aug 8 – Hazel Hayden, Connie Plunket

### Building Security Schedule

Aug 1 & 4 – Mike Chivleatto  
Aug 8 & 13 – Tom Kelso

### Ladies Bible Class

Sept 14 – Fall Coffee

### Wednesday Night Schedule – Aug 4

Song Leaders – Adam Cutrer  
Devotional – Bryan Kirby  
Closing Prayer – Jerry Germany

**Contact Elder for August** – Clayton Goodrum

**Ladies' Food Ministry Coordinator for August** – Julie Chivleatto

**Items Needed for Pantry** – 15 oz cans of: Chili, Ravioli, Spaghetios

### Upcoming Sermons

Aug 1 AM Walking by Faith: Confessing Christ Before Men  
PM Victory in Jesus: Revelation – Interpreting Revelation  
Aug 8 AM Walking by Faith: Born of Water and Spirit  
PM Victory in Jesus: Revelation (The Seven Churches)

### How Are We Doing?

For Sunday, July 25, 2010

<u>Attendance Goal</u>	300
Sunday AM Bible Class	143
Sunday AM Attendance	213
Sunday PM Attendance	128
AM Average for Year	228
<u>Weekly Contribution Goal</u>	\$7800
Sunday Contribution	\$5967
Average for Year	\$6676

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**Elders:** Randy Duhon, Clayton Goodrum, Tom Kelso, Jim Lackie

**Deacons:** Scott Adams, Bobby Chelette, Mike Chivleatto, Kyle Franklin, Mike Gulino, Danny Hedglin, William Hill, Jason Keith, Pat McGibboney, Tom Pullman, Chris Randolph, Bert Ruckstuhl, Chris Salter

**Staff:** Bryan Kirby, Minister; Chris Goodrum & Peggy Moragne, Secretaries