

## News & Notes

Sunday, February 20, 2005

**Remember in Prayer:** Melba Cox; Sally Etta Crawford; Mary Kidd; Deliah Mann; Howard Moody; Ruby Street; Calvin Ursery was hospitalized this past week; Ollie Ursery; Alvie Williford; the armed forces.

The **pantry item** this month for Pinevale Children's Home is laundry detergent.

Be sure to look at the **bulletin board**. There are many things posted there each week that are not included in the bulletin or announced from the pulpit.

There is a **sign-up list** posted on the bulletin board for anyone who would like to host a youth devotional in their home this year.

There will be a **youth devotional** tonight after services at the home of Jeremy and Shawna Northrop. All are invited to attend.

### Sermon In Preview:

AM: Worship: The Avenue of Song (Hebrews 2:12)

PM: Third Sunday Singing

### For the Record (February 13, 2005):

Attendance: 80    Contribution: \$1219.00    Budget: \$1205.00

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#### Sunday:

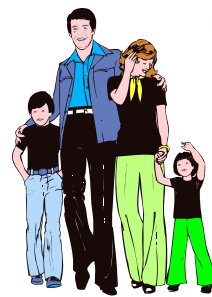
Bible Study 9:30 AM  
Worship 10:30 AM  
Worship 6:00 PM

#### Wednesday:

Bible Study 7:00 PM

#### Shepherds:

Barney King  
Junior Roberson  
Carrol Street



# The Ashland Announcer

*"Give to the Lord, O families of the peoples,  
Give to the Lord glory and strength" (Psalm 96:7).*

## The *PURPOSE* of "The Ashland Announcer"

Jeremy Northrop

You are holding in your hand the second edition of a newly formatted bulletin that will be published weekly by the church here in Ashland. As with any publication, it is good to know why you have it and what good it can be for you in the future.

Paul, writing to the church in Rome said, *"Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another"* (Romans 14:19). The first and most important purpose of this publication is to edify one another. This publication can remind us of religious things that we already know and perhaps introduce us to things that we do not know. There are many benefits to reading an article. First, the written word is lasting. You may remember what you heard in a sermon but there will be much that you are unable to retain. The written article provides something that you can refer back to and read again. Generally speaking, the same person preaches every Sunday but this written format provides a medium by which we may read the works of others. So, this written article can edify the saved.

However, this written word can also be used to reach the lost. Jesus said, *"And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them*

*in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen*" (Matthew 28:18-20). Often times, there are those that we know that do not wish to discuss issues pertaining to religion. However, they may be willing to accept some literature and take it home and read it in the privacy of their own homes. There are some things that we simply do not know a good way of saying and letting someone else say it is a good way to communicate the message. The bulletin is designed in such a way that it would be very easy to mail it to someone.

This format of teaching and edifying also gets good religious literature into the homes of people that we know and love. People are bombarded with religious information every day. Much of that information is false and will lead one in an erring direction. With this new publication, we can work to get some sound religious information into the homes of those that we know and love. This is one of the ways that we can be a light to the community around us and reach those people with the gospel.

As you read through the various letters of Paul in the New Testament, you will find that the apostle constantly mentions people by name and different congregations that he remembers in his prayers. It has often made me wonder if the apostle did not have a very long prayer list. In fact, Paul exhorted us to "pray without ceasing" (1Thessalonians 5:17). One of the secondary purposes of this publication is to have a list of those that we need to be praying for. Also, this is a way that we can learn about area events and different announcements that we need to know.

Brethren, let us use this new bulletin to bring glory to God. Paul said, "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (Colossians 3:17). Let us use this new publication to help edify one another, to help reach those that we care about, and to help us keep current on what is going on in the congregation.

## I Do Not...But I Will Not

Brian Jarrett

- I do not fully understand the nature of God, *but I will not stop seeking to know Him!*
- I do not comprehend everything in the Bible, *but I will not quit my study of it!*
- I do not always get what I pray for, *but I will not cease praying to him!*
- I'm sometimes discouraged by evil in the world, *but I will not refuse to be light!*
- I do not always agree with my brethren, *but I will not withhold my love for all!*
- I do not usually get a response, *but I'll not discontinue my personal evangelism!*
- I do not always get treated fairly in life, *but I will not abandon my trust in God!*
- I do not have an abundance of free time, *but I will not leave off good works!*
- I do not perfectly resist temptation, *but I will not succumb to discouragement!*
- I do not enjoy pain and suffering in this life, *but like Job I will not curse God!*
- I do not know how much time I have left, *but I will not squander today!*
- I do not understand why God loved me enough to send His own Son to die for me, *but I will not ever give up living my life in appreciation of His love!*