

News & Notes

Sunday, June 26, 2005

Remember in Prayer: Melba Cox is at home recovering from heart surgery; Sally Etta Crawford; Lawrence Dawson; Tommy Dawson; Ann Feathers; Leon Jackson; Mary Sue Kidd had a stroke and is at home; Deliah Mann; Howard Moody; Janet Rooker; James and Heidi Rutherford; Gabby Rutledge; Caleb Smith; Katie South; Jamie Spence, father of Edna Ray; Ruby Street; Felicia Strickland is recovering from surgery; Calvin and Ollie Ursery; James Willbanks had reconstructive surgery this past week; Alvie and Louise Williford.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Genola Hudspeth.

Pantry item for the month of June is paper goods.

The next **youth devotional** will be tonight after services in the dining hall.

As always, be sure and check the **bulletin board** for additional information and announcements.

Sermon In Preview:

AM: A Life With Purpose (Ecclesiastes 12:13)

PM: Preaching Through John: His Passion Ministry (John 18-20)

For the Record (June 19, 2005):

Attendance: 65 Contribution: \$1030.00 Budget: \$1205.00

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Sunday:

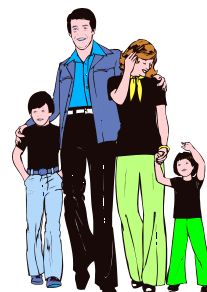
Bible Study 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
Worship 6:00 PM

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).*

FACTS THAT EVERY PERSON NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT JESUS

Roger D. Campbell

A great number of people consider themselves to be Christians. In all honesty, many of them are not really sure just what they believe or why they think they want to serve Jesus. To follow Jesus is a serious undertaking. To make a decision to be His disciple requires that a person know some things about Him. Please seriously consider five great Bible truths about the Lord Jesus that every person needs to know.

Jesus created us - He is our Creator. This is a fact that many Bible readers have never noticed. John 1:14 identifies "*the Word*" as being Jesus, the only begotten of the Father. Earlier in that same chapter it is written, "*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made*" (John 1:1-3). Colossians 1:16,17 declares, "*For by him [Jesus,*

rdc] were all things created . . . all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist." No amount of tampering with the Bible text can change the truth that God's Son created all things.

Jesus died for us - He is the Savior. Jesus came into the world for a purpose. What does the Bible tell us about that purpose? "*This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief*" (1 Timothy 1:15). Again, we read, ". . . *the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world*" (1 John 4:14). Jesus did not come just to make the world a better place. He did not come just to raise the standard of mankind's moral concepts. He came to save people from sin and from the horrible punishment of hell! Thanks be to God "*that Christ died for our sins*" (1 Corinthians 15:3), and ". . . *we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace*" (Ephesians 1:7).

He rose from the dead for us - He is the risen Lord. Just as Jesus had predicted, after He was buried ". . . *he arose again the third day according to the scriptures*" (1 Corinthians 15:4). And just what does His resurrection have to do with you and me? In reference to the Christ, the Bible says, "*Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification*" (Romans 4:25). Jesus died once, never to die again. He arose victorious over death to live ever more! "*Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him*" (Romans 6:9). Jesus now sits at the

right hand of the Father in heaven (Mark 16:19). Those that serve Jesus serve a risen, living Lord!

He has authority over us - He is King. After He rose from the dead, Jesus told His apostles, "*All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth . . . Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you*" (Matthew 28:18,20). Jesus has all authority. He is the head of His church (Ephesians 1:22,23), so in all things the church is to be in subjection to Him (Ephesians 5:24). To put it another way, Jesus is now King over His kingdom, which is simply another designation for His church (Colossians 1:13).

He will judge us - He is judge. Jesus said, "*For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son*" (John 5:22). ". . . *we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ*" (2 Corinthians 5:10) because He "*was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick ["living," ASV] and dead*" (Acts 10:42). What an humbling thought: the One that created us, died for us, rose from the dead for us, and rules over us, will one day judge us!

A person might deny Jesus and try to live his life as if Jesus means nothing. Yet, certain facts remain. Jesus gives life to every person, Jesus died for every person's salvation, and He will one day judge every person. There is no getting around these plain Bible truths. May God help each of us to be willing to surrender our hearts to faithfully serve His Son all the days of our lives.