

## News & Notes

Sunday, July 12, 2009

**Remember in Prayer:** Arland Anderson; Robbie Alberson; Robert Bennett; Freeman Duncan; Shannon Hastings; Wayne Hawkins; Dot Ketchum; Dallas King; Robert King; Billy Liming; John and Deliah Mann; Maria Mayes; Diane Mize; Ann Ray; Brandon Ray; Katherine Shaw; Shad Street; Ruby Tapp; Calvin Ursery; Norma Vaughter; Alvie Williford;

**Pantry item** for the month of July is Sugar.

**Ashland Events:** Today: Fellowship meal following morning services; evening service at 7:00 PM;

**Area Events:** Beginning today: Vacation Bible School at the Holly Springs congregation beginning at 6:30 PM each evening; Gospel meeting at the Tiplersville congregation; July 19-22: Vacation Bible School at the Chapman congregation; July 26-30: POWER lectures at the Southaven congregation;

### Sermon in Preview:

AM: Gospel meeting with Allen Webster

PM: Gospel meeting with Allen Webster

### For the Record (July 5, 2009):

Attendance: 69      Contribution: \$1378.00      Budget: \$1459.00

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#### Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 AM  
Worship 10:30 AM  
Worship 5:00 PM

#### Wednesday:

Bible Study 7:00 PM

#### Shepherds:

Barney King  
Jeff Roberson  
Carrol Street

# ASHLAND

# ANNOUNCER

*"Note Those Who So Walk"*

Philippians 3:17

2Thessalonians 3:14

# WE WELCOME

**TO OUR ASSEMBLY**

**ANY VISITORS AND**

# ALLEN WEBSTER

**FOR OUR**

# GOSPEL MEETING

**We invite all to stay for the meal**

**following our morning service**

# The Restoration Movement

Max Patterson

It is interesting to learn of hundreds of restoration movements that have taken place around the world, and even many in this country. A number of these have been independent and without any knowledge of the others.

We mean by the expression "restoration movement" the men, and the efforts they put forth, and the history surrounding the events in trying to restore the N.T. church. The restoration movement has to do with history. On the other hand, the restoration plea (some like to call it the restoration principle) has to do with Scripture. It is an attempt to say and practice what the text of the Scripture teaches us.

Through the years, I have preached in numerous meetings in north Arkansas, and I have had the opportunity to learn of the restoration movement in the northeast part of Arkansas. It started several years before Alexander Campbell even came to this country, not to mention the fact that Campbell was in this country many years before he became involved in what we call the restoration movement. (Campbell came to America in 1809.)

## **The Restoration Principle is an attempt to practice just the Bible**

A record of one of the oldest Arkansas congregations can be found in the October 18, 1966 *Firm Foundation*, and the *Randolph County Historical Review*. According to the information found there, "three families, the Hicks, the Cartright and Pace families, came to a spot near the convergence of the Black, Spring, and Eleven Points Rivers in 1806 and established a settlement which they called Three Rivers. They worshiped in their homes, and called themselves the congregation of Christians. These three family names are still much in evidence among churches of Randolph County today."

These families worshiped after the New Testament order, and

churches of Christ in all that area of Arkansas can trace themselves in part back to that early influence. Obviously there were other preachers and Christians who came to, and through, Arkansas who had an influence also.

This is just another of thousands of examples that could be given of people taking **just** the Bible and restoring it to their hearts and lives. This Scriptural plea is that we speak where the Bible speaks, and be silent where it is silent. This idea is seen in a great number of passages in the Bible. For example, "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God" (1Peter 4:11).

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## Trust in God

Tom Moore

Not many people enjoy going to the doctor, but according to Reuters, in 1994, one London accountant took that to an extreme. The sixty-three-year-old man knew he needed bladder surgery but he could not overcome his fear of doctors and hospitals. So he self-reliantly did what had to be done: He tried to perform the surgery on himself. Tragically he got an infection from the self-surgery and later died. The coroner said, "Unfortunately, this man's drastic remedy went wrong. A simple operation would have solved the problem."

Just as this man didn't trust doctors or hospitals, many today do not trust God, or at least, the act like they do not trust God. But Solomon declared, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths" (Pro. 3:5-6). This wise king also said, "He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, But whoever walks wisely will be delivered" (Pro. 28:26).

If we fail to trust God - putting more trust in ourselves, then we are sure to do ourselves great harm - even spiritual death. Beloved let us place our unwavering faith, hope, obedience and trust in the Almighty God.

Think about it!