

SHILOH

SENTINEL

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"TO KNOW AND TO SHOW CHRIST"

Pastor's Message- Ps. 107:2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

Saturday, March 19, is my 21st Birthday and I wanted to share it with you. I was Born Again on March 19, 1962 at New Prospect FWB Church in Shilbone Alley, South Carolina. It was the greatest thing to ever happen to me and it has shaped my life (and the lives of many others) since then. Let me share with you some of what happened 21 years ago.

The first thing I think of is Concern. I grew up in a home where we very seldom attended Church. My parents taught us good moral Principles but we had little to do with the Bible and Church. Our next door neighbor was Mr Buster Poston, a deacon in New Prospect Church. As a young boy growing up I watched Mr. Buster and realized that he had "something" that made his life different- and he kept trying to share it with me! Even though I was "one of those Jones Boys" he loved me and kept inviting me to Church to learn about the Person who made a difference in his life; and he made a special effort to invite me to the Revival being held in March of 1962.

That brings us to my Conversion. On the Friday night of the Revival I felt God dealing with my heart about my sin and realized that I was lost and doomed for Hell without God. I passed it off that night by saying that I would make the decision Saturday Night. Saturday night I did not feel God's Spirit at all- and I was one more scared 14 year old boy. (First lesson God taught me was that He is God and you come on His terms!!). I determined in my bed Saturday night that I would go to the Altar Sunday and BEg God to accept me but Dad decided to go on a Picnic Sunday and we all had to go with him. I thought I had missed my chance until I learned the next day that they had decided to continue the Revival another week. Monday night I could hardly wait for the Evangelist to finish speaking so I could go forward. When the invitation was given I started forward to accept Christ and felt a tug on my coat. One of my friends was trying to encourage me but I thought he was trying to stop me so I left my coat with him and went to the Altar!

I didn't know much "theology" but I knew I was lost and wanted to have my sins forgiven. AS I knelt at the Altar someone leaned over and told me to "trust Jesus". I did- and He forgave my sins and came into my life in the person of the Holy Spirit. It was the greatest thing that ever happened to me.

And finally, because of that night 21 years ago, my life has been Changed. My body became the temple of the Holy Spirit and He has been conforming me to the image of Jesus Christ. I've had ups and downs, made mistakes (and felt the chastening hand of God!), and grown physically and Spiritually. Most of my family is now saved and serving the Lord and I've been preaching and teaching this way for 21 years.

I'm glad God loved me enough to let Jesus die for me. I'm glad Someone shared the news with me. And I'm glad I get to share the news with you. Sin brings Death, but if you're willing to turn from sin and trust Jesus Christ as your Saviour then you too can be born again and begin a new life in Christ. Let me know if I can help.

We WELCOME into the Fellowship of the Church David and Teresa Brown. They were received Sunday Night by letter and we're glad they're now a part of our Church. (23 more new members to go if we plan to receive at least 25 new members again this year. Are you Praying and inviting?)

We saw some of the Results of Revival Sunday with 107 in Sunday School and 89 in C.T.S. (We've been trying for 75 for a long time but with that many we're now shooting for 100 in CTS). There continued to be a good Spirit and several told of Decisions made during Revival that will be evidenced in the days ahead as people put commitments into practice. Continue to Pray for the Lost and Backslidden that they would turn from Self to the Saviour. The fields are white unto harvest but the Laborers are few.

The Teen Fellowship did an outstanding job of leading the Service Sunday Night. The Choir was full of young people and Brother Jeff Amerson and Mike McCall did a fine job of speaking. At the Teen Fellowship meeting following the Service a Special "going away" party was held for Mike McCall who's entering the Air Force next week. He was "roasted and toasted" but mainly shown that people care about him and wish him well as he leaves us for awhile.

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If you think a Bi-weekly newsletter like this would be good then join with me in prayer that the Lord would provide the \$500 needed to purchase the memo machine needed. I rented this one for a month to let you see how much better it would work than our old system but I'm leaving it in the Lord's hands now about where we go from here. I plan to put out 1 or 2 more Newsletters this month while I have the machine so if you know of someone you would like to see receive a copy just get me their address and I'll be glad to include them in the mailing. Our goal here at Shiloh is to reach out in as many ways as possible in order to bring as many as possible into the fold of God.

Remember to to Pray for the Trustees as they complete plans for the new Baptistery. That's our next major project and we're looking forward to getting it under way very soon. (The most expensive thing this Church could own would be a Nonused Baptistery! Let's build the Baptistery and win the people to baptize in it.)

The empty tomb proves Christianity; the empty pew denies it.

Talk is Cheap, because the supply has always exceeded the demand.

Worry never robs tomorrow of its sorrows; it only saps today of its strength.

When you miss Church you hurt yourself, your family, and those who look to you for an example.

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Pastor's Message: "Things that keep us from enjoying the Blessings of God"

It seems that the mark of Christianity today is RESTlessness, Rebellion and Wickedness. We hear tell of men in days gone by who have had a zeal for God and reaped the Blessings of God but they seem to be little in evidence today. What has caused Christians today to "hang their harps on the willow" (Ps 137:2) and mourn sore like doves? What causes Christians to jump from one Church to another seeking that elusive "something" that most seem never to find? What keeps us from enjoying the Blessings of God? I'd like to look at 4 areas that caused Israel problems in their attempt to enjoy the Blessings of God in the Promised Land and see if they aren't our problems.

I. THE FEAR OF GIANTS 10 of the spies brought back a glowing report of the Blessings of the land but they also told of the Giants that they must face in order to obtain the Blessings and their Fear overcame their Faith (See Num. 13). They missed God's Plan for their lives and died in the desert because they looked to their own strength instead of God's. I wonder how many Church members today are living lives of "Quite Desperation" waiting to die in the desert instead of enjoying the milk and honey of God because they refuse to say like Paul, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phil 4:13)?

II. THE FURY OF JORDAN The first thing Joshua had to face when he began to lead the Children of Israel into the Promised Land was the Jordan River blocking their way- and it was at the highest it would be all year long! (Jos 3:15). Is this where you fail at? You thought that as soon as you "claimed the Blessing" of God for strength that all the obstacles would be removed and the Road would be easy. Instead, you find Jordan at its worst. My brethren, count it all Joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing (Ja 1:24). If you'll just press on by Faith the waters will open and Victory will be yours.

III. THE FORTRESS OF JERICHO Now you're into the Promised Land and you realize that Blessings involve Battles and you begin to want to work and scheme to "help" God gain the victory. Instead, God asks you to "make a fool of yourself" by Faith. Day after day the only thing you do is walk around the city (Jos 6:). It makes sense to build weapons, and dig tunnels and train to fight but all you do is trust God! Until the walls come down and God gets the Glory and you realize afresh that the battle is not yours but the Lord's. (After all, the real battle is not against flesh and blood but against spiritual wickedness Ep 6:12).

IV. THE FAILURE AT AI This final Killer of Blessings is so subtle and yet so deadly. Giants and Jordan and Jericho have all fallen before your confidence and now you look forward to enjoying the Victorious Life when sudden you're brought to crushing defeat. Your Prayers and soul searching bring the knowledge of a secret hidden sin. It seemed so small and insignificant at first until you overlooked it but now you've lost the Blessed Fellowship of God and you hear Him say, "neither will I be with you any more, except ye destroy the accursed from among you" (Jos 7:12). The overwhelming truth is that Sin Separates has come home to you and you realize that only as you remove the Sin can the Blessing of Victory be yours again. I wonder how many Christians and Churches today have Defeat and DESpondence instead of Blessings and Bounty because they have not dealt with Sin in their midst.

"The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him" (II Chron 16:9). The Lord WANTS to Bless His people if they will just be "Blessable". What hinders YOU from enjoying the Blessings of God???

We WELCOME into the Fellowship of the Church Otis and Vera Agerton. They were received Sunday Morning by letter and we're glad to have them in our Church.

(If we can continue to receive at least 2 new members each Sunday then it won't be long until we reach our goal of 25 new members again this year. Remember that God is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or think!)

THANKS

- to David Johnson for building a file rack for the Pastor's office. He's so helpful around the Church.
- to everyone for the surprise Birthday Party they gave Mrs. Paula last Wednesday Night.
- To everyone who braved the rain and stormy weather Sunday Morning so that our Sunday School attendance could continue to improve (112). (I'll have to confess that with all our sickness and the bad weather I looked for it to go down! Same on you for your lack of Faith Preacher!!)
- to those of you we were willing to trust God to give you a monthly Faith Promise Offering to help Brother J.D. Morris and the Church at Tallahassee pay off the money they borrowed to begin their Building Program. Our commitments totaled \$95 dollars per month. Expect God to give you this money and rejoice when he does.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- APRIL 3 Community Sunrise Service at Wiggins Lake at 5:30am
- 3 Easter Sunday 125(?) in Sunday School
- 6 Quarterly Church Conference
- 10 Communion / Feet Washing Services
- 16 C.T.S. Convention at Shiloh (West Florida District)
- 23 North West Florida Annual Association meeting at Camp Mt. Pleasant
- 24 Daylight Savings Time begin

ARE YOU READY TO DIE??? DO YOU KNOW HOW TO LIVE??? Find the answers by regular attendance in Church Services. The best investment you'll ever make is the time you spent learning about God and His plan for your life.

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Pastor's Message: "Five Principles to Live By"

I Cor. 16:13-14 Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. Let all your things be done with charity.

We have been studying in the Book of I Corinthians for the last few months and plan to finish our study this Sunday. It has been a very practical Study and I can't think of a better way to conclude it than to give "5 Principles to Live By". (If you would like a complete set of the notes on every Chapter of I Corinthians then contact the Pastor)

I. KEEP ALERT "Watch Ye"

A) The Devil seeks to destroy you- "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (I Pet 5:8). Christianity is a warfare against Satan. If we "let down our guard" or "Sleep on the job" then Satan will either seek to destroy us or those we're responsible for.

B) The Lord will return soon- "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh" (Matt 25:13). Will He find you with unfinished jobs and defiled by Sin?? Or will your lamp be trimmed and bright as you await His coming??

II. BE ESTABLISHED "Stand fast in the Faith"

A) Be Saved and Sure- "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." (II Tim 1:12)

B) Be ready to help others find Christ- "Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear;" (I Pet 3:15) (This is why regular attendance in Church is so important- it's here that you get founded in the Word)

III. STICK TO IT "Quit you like men"

A) We walk by Faith not by sight (II Cor 5:7). Are you a "sunshine" Christian that is willing to follow Christ as long as things go your way or are you a Christian that denys self, takes up the cross and follows Christ? (Read Mark 4:14-20 about the different "seed" hearers)

B) We are to run with Patience the race that is set before us (Heb 12:1). God's not looking for "stoppers and starters", He's looking for Consistant Christians.

IV. BE BEING STRONGER "Be Strong"

A) Continually Grow in the Grace and Knowledge of Jesus Christ.

B) Stir up the gift of God thst is in you (II Tim 1:6)

V. LET LOVE REGULATE "Let all things be done with Charity"

A) Love God above all and your neighbor as your self (Mk 12:29-31)

B) Remember that Love is the Greatest (I Cor 13:13)

Of Course, you know that these Principles are for Christians. If you're a Sinner then the only Principle you need to know is "The Wages of Sin is Death but the Gift of God is Eternal Life through Jesus Christ." Principles will not Save you- Only Repentance and Faith in Christ will. If you need help or Prayer let me know

This Sunday we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ-
The single most important event in the history of the world!!
His birth, his life, his teachings, his cross, mean nothing without
the Resurrection (If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain,
and your faith is also vain. I Cor 15:14).

YOU need to be in Church this Sunday with All your family. A
Christian will want to be here; A Sinner will need to be here. Come
and help us celebrate Victory over Sin, Death, and the Grave.
(In spite of Sickness and bad weather for the past 2 Sundays we have
still had 112 in Sunday School each Sunday. I'm looking for over 125
this Sunday. Sunday School Teachers need to be doubly prepared and
Prayed up this week!!)

Praise the Lord! Our Faith Promise Offering to help the Building
Fund of the Lake Jackson Free Will Baptist Church of Tallahassee
came to \$340 Sunday. This should help them get off to a good start
in repaying the loan for their Building. (It was a real Blessing to
hear several of you share how God had supplied your Faith Promise
needs. Continue to look to Him and expect Him to meet your needs.)

Preliminary Plans for Vacation Bible School are almost complete.
The dates are June 6 - 10 from 6:30pm until 8:30pm each night. We
will be making up our lessons and crafts again this year. (Praise the
Lord for the abundant talent in our Church). This is one of our
important outreach ministries and I trust you'll remember it in your
prayers.

When is the last time you visited one of our elderly or shut-in
people??? A visit or a phone call would mean so much as you put your
Love into Practice.

AM I LIKE CHRIST?

Richard Phillips

If I am unmoved by the world sick with sin,
If I make no effort my neighbor to win,
If I'm hard and calloused to others in need,
If I've made no attempt the starving to feed,

AM I LIKE CHRIST?

If the fields, white unto harvest give no challenge to go,
If the life-bearing seed, I'm unwilling to sow,
If comfort in life is my only end,
If away from the costly I quickly tend,

AM I LIKE CHRIST?

If I am unwilling to give of my time,
If I must pause hours when giving a dime,
If I give not my utmost to see others won,
If I pray not unceasingly till life's work is done,

AM I LIKE CHRIST?????

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"TO KNOW AND TO SHOW CHRIST"

Pastor's Message:

For those of you who are receiving the "Shiloh Sentinel" for the first time we WELCOME you. This is our 4th issue but since we did not have our mailing permit for the first 3 we only mailed out a very few copies (Back copies are available upon request). I have tried to spread the newsletter throughout our community, across our state, and into other states where I felt there may be an interest. If I missed someone then please tell them to write and let me know and I'll be glad to add their name to our mailing list (absolutely free, of course.). I also ask that you send me any address corrections so that I can keep a correct mailing list.

Basically our newsletter will consist of a Bible lesson and news of God's Blessings on our Church. Free outlines, Sermons, and tapes will be offered from time to time as God provides means. I believe that the newsletter ministry is a needed and worthwhile ministry and I trust you will pray for me as I prepare each mailing that it would bring Glory to God, help to Christians, and the Good News to the Lost.

***This issue I am offering the chapter by chapter notes on the Book of Revelation (29 pages of notes and charts) to anyone who writes and request them. These are the notes we used in our study of Revelation last fall and God greatly Blessed during the Study. Of course, they're free for the asking (If you want to help with the postage to mail them that's fine but nothing is required or asked for.).

CHURCH NEWS

Since last I wrote we have received 5 more new members into the Church- John Davis Jr, Lynn Davis, Dale Johnson, Steven Mauldin, and Jennifer Mauldin. We WELCOME them and look forward to many more as we expect again this year to receive at least 25 new members.

Having to Baptize them in a swimming pool simply spurred us ahead in our desire for a new Baptistry and we expect it to arrive around the last of May. That will invole a lot of work getting ready for it to arrive and then installing it and building dressing rooms when it arrives but I believe it's something we'll really enjoy.

SEVERAL IMPORTANT DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDER-

May 9- Work night at the Church to prepare for Baptistry arrival
May 21- Church Canoe trip sponsered by Teen Fellowship
May 24- Rev Eddie Payne, Missionary to Ivory Coast, to speak here
June 6-10: Vacation Bible School
June 12-17: Teen Camp Camp Mt Pleasant
June 19-24: Junior Camp " " " (Pastor Teach)
June 26-1 Primary Camp " " "

Special THANKS to the Teen Fellowship for volenteering to set up a Grass Cutting List for the Church and for purchasing a Volley Ball net for the Church (So old "Spike" Jones can show his stuff!!)

There are several things that are necessary to life- Food, Water, Air, clothing, etc. (There are several things that are not necessary to life- Pepsi, T. V, and Baseball!!!). There are also several things that are necessary for your Spiritual Life. Let's look at four.

I. BLOOD Heb 9:22 And almost all things are by the Law purged with Blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

God is a Holy God- He cannot tolerate sin. He is also a Righteous God- He cannot "overlook" sin. It must be paid for- and the wages of sin is death (Rom 6:23). Since God is the one to whom the "debt" is owed then He must chose the payment and He has said: The life of the flesh is in the Blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul (Lev 17:11).

From Adam's coat to cover his nakedness (made by shedding blood) to all of the temple sacrifices to Jesus on Calvary shedding His blood God has always pointed to the necessity of Blood being shed in order to cover sin. DO YOU HAVE THE BLOOD APPLIED TODAY?? No matter your works or wealth, it does no good unless the Blood is applied.

II. FAITH Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Faith is to cling to, to rely on, to trust in- to put belief into action. We are Saved by Faith and not works (Ep 2:8-9) and we must live by Faith (Heb 10:38).

SO YOU BELIEVE THAT GOD IS GOD AND THAT HE CAN BE FOUND IS WE SEEK HIM?? Have you sought Him??

III. CHASTISEMENT Heb 12:8 But if ye be without chastisement whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Chastisement means Discipline. For a Christian it may come thru Preaching, Problems, or a Pricked Heart. It keeps us from becoming wilful spoiled children that bring disgrace to our Heavenly Father. It demonstrates God's Love- Heb 11:6 Whom the Lord loves he chasteneth It indicates Sonship- vs7 If ye endure chastening, God deals with you as sons.

It produces righteousness- vs 11 afterwards it yields the peaceable fruits of righteousness.

IV. HOLINESS Heb 12:14 Follow peace with all men; and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

There are 2 types of Holiness- (1) Imputed Holiness: ours as a result of What Christ did for us (He stood in my shoes at Calvary so that I can stand in his today!). (2) Practical Holiness: doing away with the defilement of sin. We wipe our feet of daily contamination (Jn 13:10), We avoid mudholes (Flee from sin), and we "wash" when we get dirty (I Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness)

Without Blood we have no forgiveness

Without Faith we cannot please God

Without Chastisement we are not a child of God

Without Holiness we cannot see God.

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Pastor's Message: Our Sunday Morning Bible Study Hour continues to have good attendance but there are still many more who need to be here every Sunday to study God's Word with us.

Don't forget that we're studying about the Family during Church Training Service on Sunday Nights. When Families are under seige from almost every side we need to study God's Guidelines for the Family.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP EACH WEEK:

Bible Study Hour	10:00am	Sunday
Morning Evangelistic Service	11:00am	Sunday
Church Training Service	5:30pm	Sunday
Evening Worship Service	6:30pm	Sunday
Prayer/Bible Study	7:00pm	Wednesday

** Remember that during May we are offering the 29 pages of notes and charts on Revelation to anyone who would like to receive them. These notes will carry you chapter by chapter thru the Book and enable you to more clearly understand God's Plan for the last days. If you'd like a copy just write and ask for them.

Church News:

Special Thanks to all the men who came out Monday for our Work night. We accomplished a lot and some hard work was done. The Baptist window is almost completed, the area we'll be working in has been cleaned up, and we finally have power to the fans in the fellowship building.

The Trustees' wives were selected as Curtain Committee and they're making their plans for the curtain that will be installed in the Baptist window. Everything seems to be well underway and we're looking forward to getting the Baptist installed and people saved so we can use it.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 6-10 and we will have a meeting of officers and teachers after Church Sunday night to "iron out" any snags and see what progress is being made. We have an abundance of great talent here at Shiloh and we're looking forward to another good week of VBS.

The Teen Fellowship is sponsering a Canoe Trip Saturday, May 21. The cost is \$6 per person. If you've never been you're in for a treat and if you have been then I know you'll want to go again.

This is also the time for the State CTS Competition in Melbourne (May 20-21) and several will be involved in that. Looks like a busy weekend for everyone.

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Luke 19:10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Matt 20:28 The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Bible Lesson: "How Cheap Will You Sell Out?"

It is often said that "every man has his price". A statement that may or may not be true... but it is true that a lot of people have given up a lot for a very small return. There are numerous examples to be found but I want to list just 4:

1. Judas sold the Saviour for 30 pieces of Silver and lost his Apostleship (Acts 1:20) and his life (Matt 27:3-5). And he found when he got the money that he didn't want it after all! He threw it away like he threw away his life (Matt 27:5).
2. Esau sold his birthright for a bowl of pottage (Gen 25:34) and "afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected." (Heb 12:17). He thought momentary Pleasure was better than future Profit and ended up with nothing but bitter memories.
3. Lot chose the well watered valley of Sodom to the Mountain of communion with God (Gen 13:10-15) and it cost him his testimony (Gen 19:14) and his family (Gen 19). As he sat in that cave viewing his grandchildren born of Incest and looking out on the smoldering ruins of Sodom I wonder if he wished he had that choice back again??
4. The servant of Elisha, Gehazi, sold out for 2 talents of Silver and 2 changes of clothes (II Kings 5:20-27) and it cost him his health (He was stricken with the Leprosy that Naaman had been cured of!) And he couldn't wear the clothes and he couldn't spend the money. AS the Leprosy slowly ate his life away I wonder if he thought clothes and money were so important after all??

HOW CHEAP ARE YOU SELLING OUT?? Are a few days of Pleasure worth the eternal Pain of Hell?? Is a big bank account worth facing God and having to pay the wages of sin which is death (Rom 6:23)?? Jesus said, "What shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Mk 8:37). Good question! What's keeping YOU from being saved??

It breaks my heart to see people sell out so cheaply today- job, career, or recreation. And what they don't know is that they could have the same things plus peace with God if they would just accept Christ as Saviour.

If you want to know Christ as Saviour and Lord then let me know and I'll be glad to tell you about the one who paid the Price for you.

We are still trying to get address for this newsletter. If you know of someone that would like to receive it then be sure and send me their address. And if your address is wrong then let me know and I'll be glad to correct it.

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PASTOR'S PART: I am writing this on a Monday afternoon. It was a stormy night last night but the skies have cleared and it is simply beautiful this afternoon. (We prayed for rain last night in the Prayer Room and it was dropping rain before I got home! Ask and ye shall receive!!). The stormy night and the beautiful day remind me of my own situation. It was a VERY busy week last week capped off with a very busy day yesterday- I taught a SS class, preached, went to a Funeral, had CTS and preached again, had a VBS meeting, and ended the day with a Teen Fellowship Party. And it was one of those days when everyone wanted a piece of me for their particular problem and yet noone wanted to help do anything. (Example- I asked 3 different times about the number going on the canoe trip and got 3 different answers with no confirmed chaperons. I'm supposed to call back today and tell the canoe people how many canoes we need when I have no idea how many we need or if we'll even go!). I woke up this morning with all this on my mind, bone tired, and yet facing a week when I need to be in good shape as I fight a Prayer Battle with Satan who's messing with some of my Church members.

Seems Stormy, huh? But as the day progressed the Sun came out for me also. Brother Floyd Coleman brought a miter box by so we could finish the Baptismal window; I visited Mrs Eunice Godwin, who's been sick and about helpless for so long, and she still has the Love of God in her heart and soul; and when I returned to the office I started cleaning up some and noticed the box that the new carpet sweeper for the Church came in- Brother John McCall gave that to the Church along with 9 fans that he not only gave but installed. That started me to thinking about all the people who are faithful every week to Play our piano and organ, lead our singing, teach our SS and CTS lessons, and give for the cause of Christ. Sometimes they "rain on my parade" but, after all, it does make the crops grow! And doesn't the sunshine look good after the rain! "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning" (Ps 30:5).

CHURCH NEWS- As mentioned before, we now have 5 overhead fans in the Church and 4 in the Fellowship Building and if they're used correctly they'll really help keep down our electric bill this summer. That's money that we can use for other needful work.

If the canoe trip is not cancelled we will leave Saturday morning at 6:30am from the Church. Cost is \$6 per person and you'll need a picnic lunch and modest clothing.

Rev Eddie Payne, Missionary to Ivory Coast, will be with us next Tuesday night at 7:00pm. This will take the place of our Wednesday night service and we'll receive a special offering for his account.

Miss Laura Ziglar will wed Kenneth Whitehead Saturday, May 28th at 5:00pm at the Church. We wish them the very best and will miss Laura as she moves to her new home. (She seems to have forgotten one of my rules- When Shiloh girls marry their husbands come to Shiloh, When Shiloh boys marry their wives come to Shiloh!!)

We will have a special Service to honor all our graduating Seniors Sunday, May 29 at 11:00am. The Seniors and their parents are asked to attend.

Our Prayers go with Miss Fay Morgan as she competes at the State Convention in Melbourne Friday and Saturday and with Brother Jerald

...believe the lesson of Isaiah 58 is so plain until it can be given with little explanation. If you want to know what God wants, you to do and what will result from your doing it then read on.

Isaiah 58:

5 Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the Lord?

6. Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?

7. Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?

8. Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy rereward.

9. Then shall thou call, and the Lord shall answer, thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity.

10 And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon day:

11 And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

12 And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundation of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.

Basically what God is saying is this- I'm not asking you to find yourself by turning in on yourself and seeking to become a "Super Saint". I'm asking you to become the greatest of all by being the Servant of all (Mk 10:44-45). And that's where you'll find the Peace you're looking for also!!

We still have a few copies of the chapter by chapter notes of Revelation left. If you'd like a set then let me know and I'll be glad to send it to you.

Special Thanks to Miss Wanda Tullis for painting the Church name on the new Church Signs we plan to put at the junction of Highway 99 and 97.

Wanda is one of several people we have at the Church that have a lot of artistic skill. I think it would be nice to have a Sunday called "Artist Sunday" in which we asked all our people who would to bring displays of their work and let them be on display all day. It could be paintings, needlework, woodwork, or even food (If I get to sample it!!) that illustrate a Biblical point. If you'd like to see such a day then let me know.

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"TO KNOW AND TO SHOW CHRIST"

PASTOR'S PART: "The Just shall live by Faith". I've believed and tried to practice that since I trusted Christ as Saviour over 21 years ago. One of the basic principles of my life has been to look to God to meet whatever needs I have- I expect Him to tell me when my work is complete at a Church and then to open the door to the next work He has for me (I could write a book on how He has miraculously opened doors!); I expect Him to meet the needs while I'm at a Church (I don't talk salary before I come to a Church and I could write a book a year on how God meets our needs); and I determined that if I ever had the opportunity to offer people help to grow in their Christian life that I'd do so on Faith that God would give me the funds to do what I Needed to do.

This Newsletter is an example of that. Although the Church is paying the postage (\$10-15 per week) everything else is being supplied by prayer. The memo machine to print it was donated by some members, the paper we use was donated by a member, and all of the material we offer will be either printed by the Pastor or supplied by God. That means that if we offer any material thru our newsletter that you should feel free to ask for it if you think it will help you without any concern for payment.

Let me show you how this has worked so far. When I first started to mail the newsletter one of the Church members decided he wanted several of the notebooks on some of the Books of the Bible that I have so he gave me money enough for them and some left over. With that I was able to purchase additional notebooks and pay the postage to mail them to those requesting them. Then this past week-end I received requests for 6 more copies of the Revelation Notes and my funds were depleted. You guessed it! Monday's mail contained a check for enough to put together and mail all 6 copies. (Excuse my English but, Ain't God Good!!)

If you've read the past newsletters you'll realize that I haven't asked anyone to send funds (Nor am I asking them now.). I am simply sharing with you how I expect God to meet my needs and then rejoicing that He does. My Supply is not from my Salesmanship but from my Saviour. My needs are met not from the greatness of my Talent but from the Goodness of my God. (II Corinth 9:8 And God is able to make all Grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.)

This is the last week we'll offer the notes on the book of Revelation for awhile so if you have been planning to order them and haven't then do so today. (Beginning next week we'll be offering the notes on the book of Mark. This will be a big help to those who are teaching or want extra study in Mark during our Sunday School Study of Mark the next 2 quarters.)

CHURCH NEWS: We really enjoyed Brother Eddie Payne's visit with us on Tuesday. He gave a very informative presentation on the work at and the need of the Ivory Coast. I wish there was some way for the lost of our community to realize how great a Blessing they have in readily available Gospel Preaching Churches and how they take it for granted. (The Ivory Coast has hundred's of villages without a single Gospel witness and here in Bratt we have 3 Churches within walking distance and many people ignore them each week).

Thanks for the offering we received for Brother Paynes's

BIBLE LESSON: "Help in Time of Trouble" II Cor 1:8-9 For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, That we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life: But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead:

Paul was writing this at a time when he "despaired of life" because of the troubles that had come upon him, But Paul found, as every other Saint of God has found, that God has help available if we only look for it.

1. GOD- Heb 13:6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me. (He is our Heavenly Father and our Help in time of trouble):

2. CHRIST- Heb 4:15-16 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities: but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin, Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. (In that He has suffered being tempted He is able to help those who are tempted).

3. THE HOLY SPIRIT- Rom 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. (Jesus said that He would not leave us without Comfort so He send the Holy Spirit to dwell with in.)

4. ANGELS- Heb 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation? (They even guard us against stubing our toell Matt 4:6)

5. MATE- Gen 2:18 And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. (Leaning on each other, each holds the other up).

6. PASTOR- II Cor 1:24 Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy; for by faith ye stand. (Help thru his Prayers, His preaching, and His personal contact)

7. FELLOW CHRISTIANS- II Cor 1:11 Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be give by many on our behalf. (By this shall all men know that ye are my Disciples if you have love one for another.)

When you're going thru a Trouble God has a help for you. When you have gone thru the Trouble God expects you to help others- God comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. II Cor 1:4

We plan to have a FELLOWSHIP SUPPER after Prayer Meeting next Wednesday night (June 1) to honor former pastor Gary Fry and his family. This is not completely confirmed yet but we're going to make the arrangements as if it were. We're really looking forward to their visit.

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"TO KNOW AND TO SHOW CHRIST"

Pastor's Part- Vacation Time

"And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest awhile: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat. And they departed into a desert place by ship privately". (Mk 6:31-32)

It's Vacation time again. School is almost over and the long hot days make everyone restless and "itchy footed". Everyone seems to want to go somewhere and get out of the rut they're in. Let's look at some things about Vacation.

- Vacations are a good thing and recognized by God as a needful part of human life. From the very beginning God saw man's need of rest when He set aside 1 day in 7 for man to rest and renew himself through Fellowship with God (Gen 2:3 and Ex 20:8-11). God also saw the need for several "Holidays" during the year to give people more than a single day away from the daily routine of life. (See Num 28:- and 29:- where several of these special times are listed. In the New Testament Era we celebrate Christmas and Easter as times of Religious Rest). These special days were times when the usual work ceased and the Family was together. Many of them involved travel (see Luke 2:41-42 where Jesus's family traveled to Jerusalem each year for Passover) and one even involved "camping out" (see Hen 8:14-18). The thing to remember is that there were not times to get away from God but to get closer to God and Family.

- Vacation Guidelines:

1. 1 or 2 Vacations per year are allowed and even encouraged but more than that means you're neglecting your work or place in Church. (We have been able to maintain our attendance at 100 or more for the past 3 months and there is no reason it should drop during the Summer.)
2. Make plans to attend Church wherever you travel. Take Church clothes and adapt your travel plans to the Church schedule. (I have a Church directory listing the Free Will Baptist Churches in America to help you make your travel plans.)
3. Be aware of opportunities to share Christ with others wherever you travel. If you need tracts to carry with you contact the Pastor. Be sure to carry your Bible for your daily devotions and take a good Christian Study book so you can spend some quiet time with the Lord.
4. Remember that "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God". I Cor 10:31

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During the month of June I am offering my notes on the Gospel of Mark to anyone who would like to receive them. They contain an outline of every chapter and notes on special subjects in the book- "Facing Temptation and Getting the Victory"; "The Unpardonable Sin"; Sin and Sickness" are among a few of the subjects. These may be helpful notes to have as we study about the Life of Christ for the next 6 months in Sunday School. If you would like to have a set simply write and ask for them.

Congratulations to Miss Fay Morgan on placing first in the Singing at the State CTS Competition in Melbourne. She plans to attend the National Association in Columbus, Ohio in July and we wish her every success.

Teen Fellowship is scheduled for Sunday Night following the Evening Service. All of the Teens are invited to participate as we make our Summer Activity plans.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held June 6 - 10 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm each night. There will be classes for all ages (including Adults- we will be studying the book of Philippians), good craft for everyone, and lots of food and fellowship. Invite everyone you know and come join in this time of Spiritual growth and refreshment.
(Special Thanks to Mark Dortch for our VBS poster.)

There are a lot of activities planned for this Summer:

June 12- VBS Graduation Service. 6:30pm

June 12-17 Teen Camp at Camp Mt. Pleasant

June 19-24 Junior Camp (The Pastor will teach a Class this week)

June 26- July 1 Primary Camp

June 19- Father's Day

July 6- Church Conference to elect Teachers and Officers for next year

July 10- Communion / Feet Washing Services

July 17-21 National Association of Free Will Baptist Columbus, Ohio

July 26- Rev. Elmer Turnbough, home missionary to St. Petersburg will speak at Shiloh about this new work.

August 7-12 Camp Meeting at Camp Mt Pleasant

Aug 28- HOME COMING Services at Shiloh

SOME THINGS THAT ARE NOT FOUND IN HEAVEN Rev 21:22-27

1. I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it (vs 22). We won't need a Church Building for God Himself will dwell among us!! (vs 3)

2. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it; for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof (vs 23). We won't have to settle for substitute lights in Heaven but will be able to bask in the "Glory Glow of God"

3. The gates of it shall not be shut at all by day (No closed doors), and there will be no night there (vs 25). (How could there be night when the Light is provided by the Glory of God and He will dwell there?). This will allow the nations and kings of the saved to bring their glory and honor unto God in the city (vs 24,26). With New Jerusalem as capital of the New Earth there will be the blessings of prosperity, peace, and progress. (Since time will be no more, I believe we will be able to travel from place to place at astonishing speeds. Since there will be no war, I can hardly imagine what God will allow us to discover when our energies are turned to doing good. Since there will be no death, I can hardly imagine what it will be like to continually gain knowledge and experience.)

4. And finally, There shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life (vs 27) IS YOUR NAME WRITTEN THERE???

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"TO KNOW AND TO SHOW CHRIST"

PASTOR'S PART- A couple of weeks ago the Church cleaning Lady called me into the Fellowship Building to repair the Church vacuum cleaner. After checking it over I found that the problem was that the "beater" bar would not turn. I took it apart and found the shaft had filled with dirt. I cleaned it and put it back together but it still didn't work as it should. Then I put some oil on the shaft and it worked like it was brand new.

The Lord spoke to my heart about several lessons from that experience. First of all was the dirt. When the Church stops doing its job you can almost always trace the problem to the accumulation of the dirt of sin. It gets into the working parts and will eventually cause a "break down" if its not dealt with. This dirt can be sins of comission, sins of omission, sins of gossip, sins of lukewarmness, sins of lost love, and the like but unless they're dealt with the work will go undone.

The second thing was the oil. The Bible uses oil for a symbol of the Holy Spirit and the Church must realize that it needs the oil to cut down on friction and allow everything to work smoothly. (But remember that the dirt must be removed before the oil is applied- Heb 1:9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows). If we could become as excited and energetic about having the oil of the Spirit in our services as most people are about trying to discover oil in our community then the machinery would really work well.

A word of caution about the oil may be useful here; don't put too much oil in the wrong place! I wore an old watch saltwater fishing recently and it became wet so I thought a few drops of oil would help keep it from rusting. All I'll say is that time really flies for that watch now!!

The Lord has really blessed our Church lately and I pray we'll continue to keep the dirt cleaned up and the oil applied and look for greater work in the days ahead.

CHURCH NEWS- We had a very good Vacation Bible School this year. Our attendance was good and the kids gave \$71.58 in offerings for Brother Dennis Owens in Spain. Our staff did an outstanding job in preparing their own lessons and craft and in presenting their graduation programs. The puppets, the refreshment workers, and the office staff did a very good job and I Praise the Lord for the week's work.

-A number of kids (including my wife and I) are preparing to leave Sunday afternoon for a week of Junior Camp at Camp Mt. Pleasant. Please pray that God would give us a good safe week and special wisdom would be given to the Pastor as he teaches a Bible lesson each day.

-Brother Lamar Holmes will speak Sunday night in the Pastor's absence and we will have the June 19th CTS lesson on Wed. June 22.

- The Teen Fellowship is sponsoring a Fun Time at the Church Fellowship Building on Saturday, June 25 at 5:00pm. We plan to play Volley Ball and grill hamburgers and have a good time and you are invited.

-Congratulations to Burton and Tara Wiggins on the birth of their son, Wesley Allen Wiggins. Our Nursery is filling up again and we look forward to training up this future generation in the ways of God.

-The Nominating Committee has most of the Officers and Teachers nominations for this year ready and they will be presented to the Church soon in order to be voted on at our Quarterly Conference WED. July 6. A special word of Thanks to the Committee for their work and to all of the people who have been willing to accept the responsibility of working in the Church or preparing a lesson each week. We've got good people with good talent and I thank God for them.

We continue to offer the notes on the Book of Mark to anyone who would desire them. So far we have been able to distribute around 20 sets of notes on Revelation or Mark. I thank the Lord for the opportunity to share this information with people.

Let me share how God continues to meet the needs in distributing the notes. I was down to my last dollar last week and had a request for a set of notes to be mailed- but it had been costing me around \$2 to mail a set of notes! I decided to go by Faith to mail them (expecting the Lord to meet the need along the way) but I arrived at the Post Office with only the dollar I left with. I presented the notes to the Postmaster and he weighed them as he normally did and then before he put the \$2 stamp on it (as he had always done before) he asked me what was in the package. I told him it was notes on a Book and he said it should be sent book rate for 63 cent!!!

The next day I received another request for notes that also included a donation for the work and then later in the week one of my members gave a donation toward it also. It sure is exciting working for the Lord!

The BAPTISTRY is due to arrive Wednesday or Thursday and we're looking forward to finally getting it in and getting the old Fellowship building remodeled. Then we can start working toward our Church announcement sign, our tape duplicator, our Church van,

Remember that Father's Day is This Sunday. Bring Dad to Church with you.

Why did God chose Abraham? Gen 18:19 For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

What is expected of FATHERS? Ps 78:5-6 For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them know to their children: That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children.

What would prevent a curse on the earth? Mal 4:6 He shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to the fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

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"TO KNOW AND TO SHOW CHRIST"

PASTOR'S PART: Our week of Junior Camp was very good (in spite of the fact that it rained much of the time). We had a large attendance, many decisions for Christ, and some good classes. Special thanks to everyone here who carried on so well so that my wife and I could have a part in this ministry.

People may not pay attention to all of my messages but they surely have tried to obey the one on "Vacations"!! Everyone seems to be either on Vacation or waiting to go on Vacation. Just remember that people need to hear about Jesus in the summer also.

We had a good turn out for the Teen Fellowship get together (around 40). The Teens appreciate everyone's support and may invite you back to their next meeting (July 29?). They're planning something special. More details later.

We've sent out several sets of notes on Mark recently and we continue to Thank God for His Blessings on this part of our ministry. Special Thanks to Mrs. Marjorie McAllister of Lake City, S.C., Rev. John Burnham of Pensacola, and Mrs. W.R. Calcutt of Hemingway, S.C. for their support of this work.

We've just finished a study on the Book of Philipians here at the Church and those notes are available to anyone who requests them. Philipians is one of my favorite Books and I really enjoyed studying it again. (So far we have notes available on REvelation, Mark, Philipians, and I Corinthians. You're welcome to any or all of them if they will help you in your growth for God.)

Church Conference is scheduled for Wednesday July 6 at 7:00pm. WE will elect Teachers and Officers for the coming year, have a Pastor confirmation vote, have a vote on whether to continue annual Pastor confirmation, take care of Church business, and hear our Treasurer tell us our finances are in the best shape they've been in in a long time. It's an important meeting and all members are urged to attend.

I hope all of these things make sense. I spent much of Tuesday at the Hospital and only slept a couple of hours before I got up to write and type this newsletter. It's been an all night affair and things are beginning to blur just a little. Being away in camp for a week got me behind and if I don't catch up now then it'll be National Association time and I'll really be behind. You know the old saying, "A Woman's works from Sun to Sun but a Preacher's work is never done". (My wife says that's NOT the way that saying is supposed to go!)

BIBLE LESSON: Impossible Things

1. For a Camel to go through the eye of a needle and for a rich man to be saved. Matt 19:23-26 Men have tried to soften this statement and make it say that it's not easy for a rich man to be saved but Jesus says in vs 26, "with men this is impossible;"! Thankfully for all you rich people He goes on to say, "but with God all things are possible". The reasons Rich men are not saved is because they aren't willing to give up their Pride or their Property (vs 22). If they are to be saved they must come to the knowledge that they cannot serve God and riches (Matt 6:24) and that's impossible apart from God's convicting Spirit.

(Isn't it sad that we stress to young people that the greatest thing they can attain is riches and yet "they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition" (1 Tim 6:9). If we could just give them a balanced perspective so that they could see that Riches are not the goal but that the good that riches can accomplish are what they're to strive for. As Paul told Timothy, "Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate (sociable); laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life. 1 Tim 6:17-19.)

2. But that offences will come Luke 17:1. When I was a sinner I thought that a person who was saved automatically became perfect and it really bothered me to see faults and failures in Christians. Having been a preacher for 21 years the hardest lesson I had to learn was that Christians will disappoint you (as you disappoint them). There was one time I really thought about quitting because people were not perfect and all of my efforts seemed to have little impact on them. That's when God taught me the lesson of the necessity of the Bad with the Good (There must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you 1 Cor 11:19). If there is no struggle there is no growth. God could have delivered me from all the Battles against Sin- but I would have missed all the Blessings of Victory!! (This does not excuse sin in your life- it just explains why it's there.)

3. To Be saved Twice Heb 6:4-6 You are saved by Grace through Faith and that not of yourselves it is the Gift of God. Not of works lest any man should boast (Ep 2:8-9). If you renounce that Faith and turn from Christ there remains "but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries." (Heb 10:27).

4. For God to Lie Heb 6:18 God said it, I believe it, that settles it for me.

5. To Please God without Faith Heb 11:6 How much Faith do you need? "If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ...nothing shall be impossible unto you" (Matt 17:20).

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"TO KNOW AND TO SHOW CHRIST"

BIBLE LESSON "Those Pesky Thorns"

Someone asked me recently why some Christians are so hard to get along with. That's a fairly difficult question to answer completely without knowing the circumstances but I can give some general observations. First of all is the problem of Personality- God gave people different personalities and even after they're saved they retain that personality. This is demonstrated in the Body Principle in I Cor. 12 where we have to adjust to our place in the Body and not expect everyone to be a "funny bone" just because we are. Some are toes, and some are arms, (and every other part of the body) but all parts need the others and must learn to work together.

Then there is the problem of Power- We live in a world that stresses being "number 1" as the greatest goal of man. Sad to say, this attitude has crept into the Church and power struggles are common the Churches and in the Church. This was a problem Christ faced (Mk 10:35-45) and he gave the ultimate answer- *So shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you; shall be your minister . Mk 10:43*

And finally there is the problem of Pesky Thorns- Some people walk around with a chip on their shoulder that's actually a thorn in their side! There are 4 reasons for these pesky thorns:

1. Some are because of Disobedience- The person has gotten out of God Will. a. The Promise: Num 33:55 *But if ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you; then it shall come to pass, that those which ye let remain of them shall be pricks in your eyes, and thorns in your sides, and shall vex you in the land wherein ye dwell*

b. The fulfilment: Jud 2:2-3 *Ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall throw down their altars: but ye have not obeyed my voice: why have ye done this? Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be as thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you.*

The Christian has refused to deal with a problem in their life and now God allows them to be defeated to show them their need of Him. (Are you often defeated in your battle against lust, or anger, or gossip, or...? God can make you an overcomer (I Jn 5:4-5) but you must deal with, defeat, and destroy the area in your life you have not turned over to God.)

2. Some are to bring us back to God- The person has gotten out of God's Way for his life. In II Chron 33:10-13 God tells how King Manasseh was taken captive "among the thorns" until he was willing to humble himself and seek God and return to the job God had told him to do.

Because God loves us so much, when we get out of His Way for our life He allows things to happen to show us the seriousness of our sin- In Jonah's case it took a whale. In the Prodigal son's case it took a Pig Pen. What will it take for you??

3. Some are because of lack of cultivation- The field becomes a Wilderness. We become lazy and don't keep the crops weeded (Prov 24:30-34). This is serious because the Lord has commanded us to - *Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns. Jer 4:3.* The thorns referred to are, the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things that enter in and choke the word and it becomes unfruitful. Mk 4:18-19. When you stand before God He won't look at your Fame or Fortune but at your Fruit (Matt 7:15-20). Done any hoeing lately??

BIBLE LESSON (Cont)

4. Some are to keep us Humble- our weakness becomes God's strength. *Lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh. II Cor 12:7. (Read vs 1-10 for the whole story).* If this is the reason for your thorn learn to say like Paul, *I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then am I strong. vs 10.*

The best thing to do for Christians that are hard to get along with- Forgive them as you would like to be forgiven, Pray one for another, and help them to pull the thorns.

PASTOR'S PART- Things are beginning to pick up again after the Vacation Slump in June. We were back over 100 in our Bible Study Hour and there was a good spirit in both services Sunday. Hopefully, we can keep up the good work in spite of the fact that a number will be gone to the National Association this Sunday. I'm praying for Revival to break out while I'm gone and expect the Lord to bless our speakers: Brother John McCall Sunday Morning, Brother Mark Dortch Sunday Evening, and Brother Lamar Holmes on Wednesday Night.

We had a good Church Conference that was well attended and I appreciate the good spirit. The items we decided on include:

1. Transfer of the \$25 per month from the Rhodes account in Daytona Beach to the Elmer Turnbough account in St. Petersburg.
2. An Education Committee was elected and will begin immediately to oversee any changes or problems in the Bible Study Hour or CTS.
3. The Deacon's are overseeing Guidelines for the Food Committee. (A list was posted Sunday and already 2 Team Captains have signed up along with a number of ladies who will prepare food. We still need another Captain and other ladies to sign up. Thank the Lord for our ladies and their work.)
4. The trustees are to buy a window unit for the nursery.
5. The Pastor's salary was raised \$25 per week to \$245 per week. He appreciates it very much. (If you just hadn't let his wife know about it!!!)

Rev. Elmer Turnbough, Who is beginning the new Home Mission Work in St. Petersburg, will be our special guest on Tuesday, July 26 at 7:00pm. Let's have a good turn out.

HOMECOMING has been changed to Sunday, November 13. This will be at the beginning of our Revival and Brother Gary Fry will be the special speaker for Homecoming and the Revival. We're looking for the biggest Sunday School in our History and the best Revival ever. Pray much for these special services and plan to attend.

Special Thanks to Mr. Travis Greene of Saltillo, Miss. for his gift to our newsletter ministry. The Lord continues to Bless this phase of our work and we Praise Him. If you need help with your Bible Study then I'd be happy to send you some notes to help you. Right now I'm offering the notes on Mark, I Corinthians, Philippians, and Revelation to anyone requesting them. They come in a notebook that makes it easy to remove pages if needed or to add pages of your own notes. (I'm Author, Printer, Secretary, and Mail Clerk for this so Pray for me as the work load increases. I believe it's important enough to work long and late for.)

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"TO KNOW AND TO SHOW CHRIST"

REV. ELMER TURNBOUGH (and his wife Gladys will be with us for a special service Tuesday, July 26 at 7:00pm. Brother Elmer is our new Home Missionary to St. Petersburg, Florida and he will be sharing his burden for this area with us. Brother Elmer has been in the ministry for over 30 years and all 3 of his children are involved in the Lord's work- Jim, pastoring near Ashland City, Tenn; Judy, missionary to Japan; and Jeff, missionary to Madrid, Spain. We will receive a special offering for the St. Petersburg work and I urge everyone to be here for this special service.

The Junior Class is planning an outing this Saturday (July 30) to Miracle Strip in Panama City. They will meet at the Church at 8:15am and need to bring a picnic lunch and money enough for the rides and a hamburger on the way home. If you can help as a Chaperon or provide a car then contact Brother Lamar Holmes.

Some Dates to mark on your calendar:

- Aug 7-11 Old Fashioned Camp Meeting at Camp Mt. Pleasant. Make plans to carry your family to this time of spiritual refreshment. There will be Seminars, Sermons, and time for Fun and Fellowship.
- Aug 8-10 Beulah FWB Church in Pensacola will be in Revival with Dr. Stanly Outlaw. If you can't go to CAMP Meeting then plan to attend these services. If you want a Blessing then this is the week for it.
- Aug 5 Teen Fellowship meeting and Fun Time at the Church. Complete plans will be announced next week.
- Aug 13 Young Adult Class get together at Brother Roy Ward's Home. Their last get together was very good- in spite of the sore bodies the next day from the volley ball game!!

Special Thanks to everyone for the fine job they did while the Pastor was away at the National Association. It was a good National and I appreciate the good spirit that was evident. Hopefully, the "wine issue" was settled and the Association seems to be of a mind to get on with the work of the Lord.

Thanks to the Danny Broach family of Lake City, S.C. for their gift to this newsletter ministry. I've run out of several pages of notes and they're being retyped right now so I should be able to mail the notes to all of you that have requested them in the next week or two. My goal is to help as many people as possible in as many ways as possible so if you need help then be sure and let me know.

This is the second time I've written this today. I got up early this morning and typed both pages of the newsletter but when I tried to run it off it was unreadable. I had used some new stencils and they were bad so I had to go to Atmore and get some more. I've missed the morning mail and now must make a trip to Century and hope to get it in the mail that way. But I want everyone to know about Brother Elmer's visit with us tomorrow. (See, even Preachers have Mondays like that!)

The theme of this year's National Association was "considering the Covenant" and I thought it would be good to print our covenant so all could read or re-read it and consider the covenant they made with God when they joined our Fellowship. I think it is one of the best pieces of writing (outside of the Bible) that we have.

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise, by His grace, to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all men.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ".

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for Church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel; nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the Church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the Church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday School, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world, And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

That about covers it all- Your Purpose in Life, Your Promise of Faithfulness to God's work, and your Personal testimony in the world. You need to read it often- and practice it always!!

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August 4, 1983 Vol I Num 13 ----- "TO KNOW AND TO SHOW CHRIST"

We WELCOME into the Fellowship of the Church Mark and Gail Berube. They rededicated their lives and joined our Church Sunday and we're glad to have them. Mark is an Instrument Fitter in Jay and Gail is a very energetic housewife (She cuts the grass AND washes the car!! We may let her give a talk to our ladies sometime.). They live in the Walnut Hill area and have 2 sons- Jason (age 5) and Shaun (age 3).

We really appreciated Brother Elmer Turnbough being with us. He shared his burden for the work at St. Petersburg and we're looking for God to Bless the work. We received \$190 in offering and \$63 in monthly Faith Promise committments. (\$5 of that offering was received by Dale Johnson. He took one of the quarter folders home and in less than ½ hour had gotten it filled and returned it to Brother Turnbough. Then Brother John McCall shared Sunday night that God had already met his first month's Faith Promise pledge. God has really blessed our Church with it's increase in Missions Giving and it's exciting to see it work in individual lives.)

The Nursery Workers and the babies really appreciate Brother Douglas Morgan and Brother Roy Ward for installing the Air Conditioner in the Nursery.

We've been working this week on installing the Baptistry in the Church. We've had it for several months but put off the installation until the rush of Summer could ease up. Brothers Jerald Amerson, Mike Robbins, and Douglas Morgan have worked long and hard this week and we're well on the way to having it installed. Building walls and putting in plumbing are going to take time but maybe we can keep at it until we can get it installed and get the old Fellowship Building looking new. Then we can go on to some other projects. (North end Porch needs replacing, Building needs painting on the outside, Pews need cushions, etc.)

We've almost completed our study of the Book of I Thessalonians. (These notes are available to anyone who would like to receive them simply by requesting them). I try to preach and teach thru an entire Book as often as I can so that we can get all of God's message to us. This means that EVERY service is important. Sunday Night and Wednesday Night are just as important as Sunday Morning and are a vital part of your growth in the Lord. Don't miss any of our services.

Special Thanks to Mrs. Ruby Amerson for helping me get 13 pages of notes typed up. It was a very big help and I really appreciate it.

We decided Sunday Night during CTS to set aside the regular CTS Offering into a special Fund(Minus the tithe which goes to the Conference CTS convention) to be used to send our CTS Competition Winners to the Stateand/or the National CTS convention. This will help cover some of the tremendous expense involved in attending the Convention.

I'm going to have to re-type all of the addresses for this newsletter in the next few weeks so if you know of anyone who would like to receive it then please send me their address so that I can get them on the masters. We're happy to share with you God's Blessings on our Church and a weekly Bible lesson. I try to keep offering free material to help you study the Word- and one day (The Good Lord Willing) we'll have a tape duplicator and I will be able to offer free tapes as well. If you want to Know about Jesus Christ or learn how to better Show Him in your life then we want to help.

The most important information anyone can ever obtain is information about God's and What God wants. So I want to share with you today some information about God:

1. GOD'S WILL- A) For Sinners: Salvation I Tim 2:4 God will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.
B) For Saints: Sanctification I Thess 4:3 This is the Will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication.
2. GOD'S WORK- Faith Jn 6:29 This is the Work of God, that ye believe on Him whom he hath sent.
3. GOD'S WAY- Holiness Is 38:8 And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The Way Of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring man, though fools shall not err therein.
(How will you know it's God's Way and not the wrong way?? The HOLY Spirit will lead you in the way of Holiness- Is 30:21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the Way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.
John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.)
4. GOD'S WEAPONS- Spiritual and Powerful II Corinth 10:3-4 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)
5. GOD'S WORSHIP- In Spirit and Truth John 4:24 The true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

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August 16, 1983 Vol I Num 14 --- "TO KNOW AND TO SHOW CHRIST" ---

We WELCOME into the Fellowship of the Church Miss Jamie White and Miss Lisa McCall. Jamie accepted Christ as her personal Saviour Sunday Morning and joined pending Baptism. Lisa came by letter from Oak Grove Baptist Church. Jamie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James L White of Atmore and she's presently employed as a secretary for Diamond Gasoline, Inc.. Lisa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.R. McCall of McDavid and is employed with Dr. Shackelford and Dr. Cross of Atmore. She's studying to be an optometrist.

We're very glad to have these young ladies in our Fellowship and look forward to God using them as we continue to Grow for God.

The work has really come along well on our Baptismal Area. Hopefully, we will get all of the sheetrock work done this week and then maybe 1 or 2 more good work nights will allow us to finish up the paneling, painting, and plumbing. Everyone has been very co-operative and enthusiastic and I appreciate the good spirit we've enjoyed with the work.

Sunday, August 28, will be a Special day here at Shiloh. First of all it's our monthly Mission Sunday. We have a monthly pledge of nearly \$200 for Home Missions work here in Florida (Tallahassee and St Petersburg) as well as our support for the Foreign Mission work in Spain (Dennis Owens) and India (Carlisel Hanna). It's marvelous to see how God meets a person's Faith Promise Commitment- and how He Blesses in other areas as a result. (If you haven't made a commitment you can still give. Pray for God to give you some money that you can give to Missions and then give it on Mission's Sunday designated to the mission work God burdens yor heart for. If you have any questions then contact the Pastor).

Then Sunday Night we're to have a special Sing Time/Fellowship Supper. We've got some tremendous talent here at Shiloh and it's a great service when they sing for God's Glory. Following the Music Service we'll have a Fellowship Supper to get "re-aquainted" after the busy days and vacations of Summer. (By the way, we also invite other Singing groups from our area to join us for this special time)

We don't have any "mustard seed" to give away to help people Pray but we do plan to have a peanut boil after Prayer Meeting this Wednesday night (Aug 17). Brother Ray Purvis made the suggestion and I seconded it and we're planning to enjoy some freshly boiled peanuts. It's going to be a little messy with all the work going on but boiled peanuts are worth a little mess. (I might need to give a study on "Gluttony" during Prayer Meeting!)

To dwell above, with saints we love, that will indeed be glory;
To dwell below with saints we know, well, that's a different story.

Sad to say, that poem is the way most people feel. That's why here at Shiloh we try to learn to love and Fellowship with one another here on earth so we can really enjoy Fellowship in Heaven.

Would you like to be a part of our Fellowship? Our requirements are:

- 1) Saved by Repentance of Sin and Trust in Jesus as Saviour.
- 2) Baptism by immersion
- 3) Willing to follow the Faith and Practice of Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

In 1915 Leon Trotsky-noted leader of the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution in Russia- attended Sunday School in Chicago with a friend. The teacher did not arrive to teach his class that morning and, unfortunately, had not notified anyone of his intention to be absent. Trotsky walked away from that Sunday School Class and as far as is known, never attended another one. Two years later, he was intensely engaged in the Russian Revolution which brought the Communist regime to power.

One cannot help but wonder what effect that Sunday School teacher might have had on the world events had he fulfilled his responsibility by being present and teaching his class the Sunday Trotsky visited.

Joseph Stalin, who caused so many millions of people to die, was sent to study to be a priest in the Russian Church. It had become so worldly and corrupt that he rebelled and turned to communism as a way of life.

Mahatma Ghandi, who was the leader of millions in India, studied Christianity when in England, but rejected it because Christians didn't live up to the teachings of Jesus.

Here in America a young Chinese studied for four years and was graduated from one of our colleges. The Churches did not invite him to attend, and many people ridiculed him. He went back to China bitter against Christianity and became Prime Minister of Communist China.

Two teen-agers grew up in Dallas, Texas. Both were rough and troublesome. A faithful Sunday School teacher contacted one of them every week for a year. Another teacher felt they did not need that type boy in his class. The first lad was saved and is now Florida Baptist Secretary of Evangelism. The other assassinated President John Kennedy.

Can the Lord count on you this week to help "make the difference" by visiting people who need Jesus and inviting them to attend our Sunday School?

(From "Pulpit Helps")

We had 42 people absent from our Bible Study Hour Sunday. Here are the Classes and the number absent from each.

13	Adult Bible
8	Adult
4	Young Adult
0	Seniors (100% present and 1 Visitor!!!!)
3	Intermediate
9	Juniors
2	Primary
3	Beginners
0	Nursery (100% present!!)

Will YOU contact those absent from your class this week???

Ezekiel 22:30 And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

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Our services Sunday were very good. Our attendance was up for Bible Study and CTS and the singing Sunday morning and Sunday night was VERY good. The Choir just outdid it's self Sunday morning and then Sunday evening it almost overdid it's self! I thank the Lord for the good services we had and especially for God's Holy Spirit that was so real. The special singers did a fine job and I believe the Fellowship Supper helped draw us back closer together after the busy days of Summer.

Our Church has so much talent and ability that we don't use to it's full potential. We've got people who can sing, teach, preach, and work and yet sometimes I fail to give them ample opportunities to exercise and develop their abilities. We ought to have special Music EVERY Sunday. We ought to let our men speak on a regular basis. We ought to train our young people coming up to sing and speak and take an active part in the Lord's work. Most Pastors would give their "eye teeth" for the opportunities available here so pray with (and For) me that God would lead in it's development.

We're finishing up the work in the Baptistry area and looking to begin a new project as soon as we can. We haven't settled on what to do next but here are some future projects to chose from- New PA system that would include new speakers, more mikes, a cassett recorder and a cassette duplicator. Remodel the front of the Church to put both rest rooms on one side and the Pastor's study on the other and then put up a steeple (so the new PA system could be used to play chimes on Sunday Morning!). Pad the pews, put in new lights in the Sanctuary. Panel and carpet the present Church office (The only room in the Church that doesn't have carpet and paneling!). Put up a Church announcement sign. Want more??- Church van, Copy machine for the Church. Pave the parking lot. Build a Church recreation building behind the Fellowship Building that would include a basketball court and several bowling lanes. And, last but not least, central heating and cooling for the Parsonage. (We heat with an unvented gas space heater without a pilot light. I'd hate to wake up dead one morning and see some other Pastor take advantage of all our work.!!!).

And I'd like to do this while increasing our Mission giving to at least 25% of our income. (God has blessed us so greatly that we just HAVE to support the spread of the Gospel.)

Attendance wise it's time we stopped "hanging around" at 100 and set our goal on 125 regularly. CTS should have at least 75 and 100 ought to become common. (As we continue to receive at least 25 new members each year our attendance ought to grow until 200 is as common as 100 is now.). God has given us the Talent and facilities to minister to at least twice as many as we have now so we ought to get out and get them and minister to them!!!

Now unto him that is able to do EXCEEDING ABUNDANTLY ABOVE ALL THAT WE ASK OR THINK, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen

(Eph 3:20-21)

LOOKING AHEAD FOR THE NEXT 3 MONTHS:

Saturday, Sept 3- The Adult Class beats the Young Adult Class in Volley Ball at the Church. It begins at 4:30pm.
Sunday, Sept 4- Reverse Sunday. Promotion Sunday. Teacher Installation
Friday, Sept 9- West Florida Association Fellowship Service at Beulah FWB Church in Pensacola. Rev. Pat Patterson Speaker.
Saturday, Sept 10- West Florida Association Annual Meeting at Beulah 9:00am until Noon Rev. J.D. Parham, Speaker.
Sunday, Sept 11- Hot Dog and Ice Cream Supper at the Church
Sunday, Sept 18- Baptismal Service. Offering for Godwin Cemt. Fund
Sunday, Sept 25- Mission's Sunday
Wednesday, Oct 5- Quarterly Church Conference
Oct 23-28 Pastor in Revival at Tabernacle FWB Church, Coward, S.C.
Oct 30- Time Change (Fall back an hour)
Nov 2-4- State Association at Marvin Chapel, Marianna.
Nov 13-18- Revival at Shiloh with Rev. Gary Fry. It begins with Home Coming on Sunday, Nov 13, and our biggest Bible Study Hour ever.
Wednesday, Nov 23- Special Thanksgiving Service.

It's time to begin Planning our Christmas Play. Would you like to Direct it?? If so contact the Pastor, and let's get started.

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STORMS OF LIFE

Have you ever wondered why Christians go thru Storms? Why can't it always be smooth sailing and glorious sunsets after you're saved? Let's look at 3 Storms faced by the People of God:

I. Jonah- because of Rebellion Jonah 1:7-16

Here is a man who faced a tremendous storm because he would not submit to God's will. There are many reasons given for Jonah running from God's Plan but it all boils down to human reasoning versus God's Will and that always causes trouble.

And remember that the crew of the ship had to suffer the storm also! And it cost them their cargo as well as a great deal of anguish (Jon 1:5). Are the people around you suffering thru a storm because of your rebellion??

II. Paul- because of unbelief (Not his, the ship's crew this time!!) (Acts 27:9-14). Sometimes you're tossed about because the people you're helping won't listen to your message. (Ask Pastors about problems they must continually help people thru because they disregard God's Word. Ask Parents about a lifetime of heartaches because a child disregards God's Word about marrying an unbeliever.)

III. The Apostles- To help their Faith Mk 4:35-41

They were in a storm because of doing what Jesus said (vs 35.) (Persecution and trial for Jesus's sake). And it seemed the Lord didn't care (He was asleep). But the Disciples learned that Jesus could be trusted no matter how bad things seemed.

Are the Storm Clouds hovering over your life? Ps 61:2-4 *When my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For thou hast been a shelter for me, ...I will trust in the covert of thy wings.*

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We WELCOME into the Fellowship of the Church Jimmy Henderson. Jimmy was saved awhile back but never had been baptised or joined our Church. He united with us Sunday night pending Baptism and he will be among the first to use our new Baptistry Sunday Morning.

We're looking for a good service and a good crowd Sunday. Several of our "Kids" will be back home and we'll be dedicating our new Baptistry so we're looking for a BIG DAY in the Lord.

MONEY DOES GROW ON TREES!! The Church surprised the Pastor and his wife after the Evening Worship Service Sunday with an ice cream and Hot Dog Supper (The Pastor's favorite foods!) and then presented them a "Money Tree" on which the members had pinned a total of \$457!!!.

It was Pastor Appreciation Sunday and the Pastor surely felt appreciated. My wife and I are thankful for the gift but even more so for the people who gave it. God has been VERY good to our church in the past two years and I believe it's largely due to the people and their willingness to work together.

(By the way, a number of people expressed a desire to have a "cutting" off of the money tree to plant in their back yard. My wife has harvested the fruit and is now willing to sell a cutting to anyone who wants one!!!)

Special THANKS to Brother John McCall for printing up the new address labels for the newsletter. It saved me a lot of time when I was very busy and I really appreciate it. If your address is wrong or if you know of anyone who would like to be on our mailing list then let me know.

I have been trying to get my booklet notes into some order all Summer but I've been so busy until it kept getting shoved into a corner. I hope I'll have a little more spare time with the completion of our Baptistry area so I can get back to studying and catch up on visiting. I can offer the following notes right now. You can have any or all of them simply by requesting them:

I Corinthians chapter by chapter	22 pages
Philippians chapter by chapter	13 pages
I Thessalonians chapter by chapter	6 pages
Revelation chapter by chapter	30 pages
How to Know the Will of God	1 page.

I have been trying to locate a BAPTISTRY PICTURE without success. I think I want the wallpaper type due to the cost, ease of installation, and being able to see exactly what you'll get before you put it up. This newsletter goes into 10 different states and several hundred homes and maybe some of you have the information I seek. If so I would appreciate it if you would contact me.

Bible Lesson: CAUSES OF FAILURE IN PRAYER

Sometimes God says Yes to a Prayer request, sometimes He says No, and sometimes He says Wait. But if you continually pray and never get an answer you need to check out the "phone line". If you find a problem bring it to God for forgiveness and let the Blessings flow again.

1. DISOBEDIENCE- Deut 1:43,45 *So I spake unto you; and ye would not hear, but rebelled against the commandment of the Lord,...And ye returned and wept before the Lord; but the Lord would not hearken to your voice, nor give ear to you.* Their Disobedience was caused by disbelief (They believed the report of the 10 spies instead of God's Word and would not enter into the Promised Land.). *If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed,...nothing shall be impossible unto you. Matt 17:20*
2. SECRET SIN- Ps 66:18 *If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me.* If my heart is set on sin can a Holy God have fellowship with me??
3. INDIFFERENCE- Prov 1:24,28 *Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded,...Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:* Zech 7:14 *Therefore it is come to pass, that as he cried, and they would not hear; so they cried, and I would not hear, saith the Lord of hosts: Ignore God and there may come a time when He will ignore you!!*
4. NEGLECT OF MERCY- Prov 21:13 *Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.* Jesus said to forgive as you would like to be forgiven (Matt 6:14,15). Evidently you must give as you would like to be given.
5. DESPISING GOD'S LAW- Prov 28:9 *He that turneth away his ear from hearing the Law, even his prayer shall be abomination.* Would YOU give something to someone knowing they would use it wrongly??
6. INIQUITY- Is 59:2 *But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.* What you do speaks so loud I can't hear what you say.
7. SELFISHNESS- James 4:3 *Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.* Sometimes people want things that aren't good for them- you don't let a child eat an entire gallon of ice cream at one time, even though they think they want to.
8. REFUSING TO TAKE YOUR PLACE IN GOD'S PLAN- I Pet 3:7 *Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life: that your prayers be not hindered.* God is concerned about what you do with what He give you. If you aren't willing to accept His plan and purpose for your life then He can't give you the Blessings that go with the Responsibilities.

Better to be able to Pray than to be President! Keep the channel clean so that the communications can go BOTH ways.

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We praise the Lord for our New Baptistry. We dedicated it by Baptizing 3 people (A young person, a young adult, and a "young" Senior Citizen!). It was a great service and we look for many more in the future. The curtains had been installed and everyone just loves them. The Curtain Committee did a great job and we especially thank Mrs. Betty Brown for donating the sewing of the curtains to the Church. We were unable to locate a picture so the Pastor made a cross to put on the wall and everyone seems to like that. The rug should be put down this week and then the final finishing touches can be added before Home Coming so all our friends and family can rejoice with us in God's Blessings. The great thing is that we have been able to put in the Baptistry and do all of the extensive remodeling work without having to borrow any money. I really Praise the Lord for this.

Another item of praise is our cassette Tape Ministry. We've been praying for such a ministry for a long time (We have a lot of elderly shut in people and the printed notes I give out would be much more meaningful with the taped explanation). We have had \$60 given to this work recently and \$100 pledged toward it. One of these days soon God will give us this also and I already Praise Him.

October is going to be a busy month here at Shiloh. (Actually we expect to be busy right on thru Christmas.).

- Oct 1 Junior class Sword Drill at 5pm at the Fellowship Building followed by Pizza Hut outing)
- 5 Quarterly Church Conference
- 6 Ladies Prayer Group meets at 7pm at the Church
- 9 Teen Fellowship Communion/Feet Washing Service
- 12 Revival Services at Christian Home (Shiloh in Charge of special Music.
- 15 Work Day at the Church
- 23 Teens in Charge of Evening Service- Film
- 24-28 Pastor in Revival at Tabernacle FWB Church, Coward, S.C.
- 26 John McCall in Charge of Prayer Service
- 30 Time Change
- 30 Jerald Amerson in Charge of Eveing Service- Slides of mission work in Spain
- 30- Nov 4 Pastor in Revival at Black River FWB Church, Andrews, South Carolina.
- Nov 2-4 State Association, Marvin Chapel, Marianna
- 13 HOME COMING Our Biggest Day Ever
- 13-18 Revival with Rev Gary Fry.

Pray much for these special services and make sure you attend whenever possible.

(I'm looking for a drum to fit an A B Dick 525 Memo Machine so that I can do 2 color work. If you have access to one please contact me.)

BIBLE LESSON: "Dissolving Doubts"

Dan 5:16a I have heard of thee, that thou canst make interpretations, and

knowest that I will dissolve doubts:...

The King was faced with a life changing decision- regular means of solving the problem had failed- now he needed a direct word from God. We too are faced with perplexing problems and the need to have proper priorities. We need a way to obtain an answer to our problems that will Dissolve our Doubts and allow us to go ahead with the certainty that we are doing the right thing.

Here are some Principles that will help you to make your decision:

1. CAN GOD BLESS THE DECISION? *Prov 10:22 The Blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it. (If God can Bless it you won't sorrow over it)*
2. CAN YOU THANK GOD FOR IT? *Col 3:17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.*
3. ARE YOU DOING THIS TO BRING GLORY TO GOD?? *I Cor 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. (Sin is falling short of God's Glory. Therefore if you do it for self glory and not God's Glory it's wrong for you.)*
4. WILL YOUR DECISION BE A STUMBLING BLOCK TO OTHERS? *I Cor 8:9 But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak.*
5. ARE YOU DOING THIS TO PLEASE GOD RATHER THAN PEOPLE? *Col 3:23 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men*
6. HAVE YOU THOUGHT AHEAD ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES OF YOUR DECISION? *Gal 6:7 Be not deceived, God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.*
7. WOULD YOU WANT TO BE DOING THIS WHEN THE LORD RETURNS? *Matt 24:44 Therefore be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.*
8. DOES IT PROMOTE LOVE? *Rom 13:10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbor; therefore Love is the fulfilling of the Law.*

In addition to applying these Principles you must also be PATIENT.

Ps 32:9 Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding:

whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.

The Mule is stubborn with a tendency to hold back when he is supposed to go forward. The Horse is impulsive and must be held in check with a bit lest he race ahead of himself. You must learn that God has Times as well as Purposes. God can grow a mushroom overnight but it takes time to grow an oak! It took Joseph 13 years to prepare for becoming Egypt's Prime Minister. It took Moses 80 years to prepare for 40 years work. David was anointed as King as a boy but he spent many desperate days in the desert fleeing for his life from Saul before he ascended the throne (And wrote many of his best Psalms!!). Abraham tried to be a father at 86 and Ishmael was born (With all of the troubles we still have because of that!). God wanted Abraham to be 100 before he had a child.

FAITH IS MAKING THE DECISION BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES GOD HAS GIVEN IN HIS WORD AND THEN WAITING ON HIM TO BRING THE RESULTS WHEN HE SEE BEST.

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God continues to Bless our Church and we really Praise Him. I was looking back over September and stand amazed at how God has Blessed. In addition to our regular tithes and offerings we received \$457 for the Pastor Sept. 11, \$401 for the Bratt-Godwin Cemt. Fund Sept 18, and \$648 for Missions Sept 25. Surely we have reason to Praise God for People who go the extra mile. I pray this Spirit of Sacrifice and Service will continue and increase as we look toward Home Coming and Revival.

One of the most important things these Captains will need is Information. I would much rather they hear of a need 15 times than no times. Don't assume they know about a death- contact them.

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-What was it the Law could not accomplish? The production of real holiness in living. The law offered no real assistance to man as to how the Law could be kept. The Law said, "Thou shalt not," but never helped man in his helplessness to obey.

Do this and live, the Law commands,
But gives me neither feet nor hands.
A better word the Gospel brings.
It bids me fly and gives me wings.

-The great difference between present day Christianity and that of the early Church is that to us it is a performance, to them it was a real experience. We are apt to reduce the Christian religion to a code, or at best a rule of heart and life. To the early Church it was quite plainly the invasion of their lives by a new quality of life altogether. Christ IN them, the hope of Glory. (J.B. Phillips)

-Jesus Christ does not want to be our helper; He wants to be our life. He does not want us to work for Him. He wants us to let Him do His work through us. When our life is not only Christ's but CHRIST, our life will be a winning life; for He cannot fail. We will bear fruit and perform service by Faith in Him- our works will be the Results of His life in us, not the condition of that life. (Charles Trumbull)

-Christ did not die simply that you might be saved from a bad conscience or even to remove the stain of past failure, but to "clear the decks" for divine action. You have been told that Christ died to save you. This is gloriously true in a very limited though vital sense. In Rom. 5:10 we read, *If, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.* The Lord Jesus Christ therefore ministers to you in two distinct ways. He reconciles you to God by His death, and He delivers you from sin's power daily by His resurrected Life in you. (Ian Thomas)

-*"I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me"* (Gal 2:20). This life is not something which we ourselves have to produce. It is Christ's own life reproduced in us. How many Christians believe in "reproduction" in this sense, as something more than regeneration? Regeneration means that the life of Christ is planted in us by the Holy Spirit at our new birth. "Reproduction" goes further: it means that that new life grows and becomes manifest progressively in us; until the very likeness of Christ begins to be reproduced in our life. That is what Paul means when he speaks of his travail for the Galatians *"until Christ be formed in you"* (Gal 4:9). (Watchman Nee)

- Remember that Christ Himself is better than any of His Blessings, better than the power, or the victory, or the service, that He grants. Christ creates spiritual power; but Christ is better than that power. He is God's best; He is God; and we may have this best; we may have Christ, yielding to Him in such completeness and abandonment of self that it is no longer we that live, but Christ liveth in us. Will you thus take Him? (Charles Trumbull)

I hesitated to use some of these because we vary on some doctrinal points but I felt that these excerpts would help us to be more aware of God's Plan for our life.

God does not save us to struggle on on our own- but He delivers us to be conformed to the image of Christ. Upon being saved we become the Temple of the Holy Spirit (who will not speak of Himself but of Christ Jn 16:13) and He begins to change us from the inside out as we yield ourselves to His control. What a glorious privilege to escape Sin's penalty by Christ's death and to escape Sin's power by Christ's life lived in us through the Spirit. This is truly the Abundant Life.

As I said Sunday Night, This does not mean I'm supposed to be a "Jelly-fish" Christian floating on the tide of life. I don't become a robot, that the Spirit controls. He develops His fruit (Christlike Character) in me while maintaining my personality. He does not say "bingo" and suddenly I'm full of Love. He develops it for God as I worship and adore God and He develops it for man as I work for the good of others. He develops Patience by the trying of my Faith (James 1:3). And on and on it goes.

How sad it is to me to see Christians struggling through life trying on their own to develop into what they know they're supposed to be and yet failing time after time. Some have quit the Church saying that Christianity doesn't work; others come to Church week after week living lives of "quite desperation"; and all the time the Holy Spirit wants to help them and they just won't let Him!

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PRAISE NOTES-

1. The Lord really Blessed in our services Sunday. Our attendance was down but the Lord was here and I rejoice in the good Spirit. The "Senior Singers" (Everyone over 50) sang a special for us Sunday night and did a very good job. Our Communion/Feet-washing service was a real Blessing. As we dismissed to the men and ladies rooms for the Feetwashing service I looked in the Church and noticed that it was empty. Everyone was taking part! What a Blessing to see our young boys as they were being taught this ordinance. It was a marvelous service and I thank God for it.

2. Several weeks ago I was about to print the newsletter when the Lord reminded me that I had been looking for another drum for the memo machine so I could do 2 color work. I started to put off mentioning it since I was already ready to print but the Lord told me I'd better add it on to that edition. I did; and last week Mr Jack Hanna from Lake City, S.C. sent me a new drum! (Glory!). The amazing thing is that if I would have waited one more week the drum would not have been available! (I like it when the Lord spoils me like that.) Special Thanks to Mr Jack.

3. I had mailed some notes last week and was trying to get some more ready to take to S.C. and to give some people here in Bratt and noticed that my notebook money was low. As you know, the note ministry is strictly a Faith ministry so I asked the Lord to meet the needs. Shortly afterwards Mrs Bessie Comalander came by the Church to tell me she appreciated the newsletter and to give an offering to help the work. (Excuse me again but- Glory!!).

4. Monday night we had a work night to finish up the trim work in the Baptistry area. Exactly 2 people showed up- Brother Jerald Amerson and myself. I was able to correct a gas leak and repair our water supply to the Baptistry and then Brother Jerald and I completed the trim work. The Praise note in this is Brother Jerald. He had had to work late and it was almost 7pm before he could get to the Church- but he came! He was tired and had already done far more than his "share" but he came and the work was completed. Next time you see him say, "Thank You."

Our speakers have been scheduled for the time the Pastor is away in Revival:

Sunday Night Oct. 23 Teens in charge- Film: "Greatest Story never Told"
Wed. Night Oct 26 John McCall to speak
Sunday Morning Oct 30 Lamar Holmes to speak
Sunday Evening Oct 30 Jerald Amerson in charge- Dennis Owen slides
Wed. Night Nov 2 David Johnson to speak

Pray for these as they prepare that God would give them a message that would bring glory to God and win souls to Christ.

I think I made a mistake (I know y'all find that hard to believe). I mentioned something about changing our Home Coming activities to do away with the night service and since we have had numerous suggestions- all different. So I have decided to go back to the ORIGINAL PLAN- Henceforth it is written and therefore shall it be: We will have our Home Coming Service on Sunday, Nov 13 beginning with the Bible Study Hour at 10:00am. The Morning Evangelistic Service with Rev Gary Fry will begin at 11:00am and will be followed by Home Coming Dinner. Following Dinner we will dismiss and meet again at 6:30pm for Revival Service (No CTS). Then Monday- Friday our Revival Services will begin at 7:00pm (Prayer Room at 6:45pm). This will allow extra time for Families to visit on Home Coming Sunday and still allow the Revival to begin Sunday Night.

Another item of Praise- I went to Pensacola yesterday to order the Table and chairs we had decided to purchase before Home Coming. The man I was ordering them from said he was in the process of making up an ad to place the tables we wanted on sale in November so he would go ahead and sell them to us at the sale cost- saving the Church \$1001.

"Dying in the Dugout"

I was watching a baseball game the other night and one of the announcers made a statement that stuck with me. He said that the losing coach was "Dying in the Dugout" as he watched his team lose because they were not performing in the way they should. I could relate to that. As a pastor I try to instruct and inspire my "team" to do their best, depending on God, knowing that we'll be victorious in the end (I Jn 5:4). And then I have to watch and pray from the "dugout" as they sometimes miss easy grounders, try to make a fancy catch and drop the ball, or strike out on a ball because they didn't listen to the "scouting report" on the opposing pitcher (Satan). All you can do is stand in helpless agony and determine that next training session we'll get it right.

But thankfully, there is another side to the story. Sometimes the team hits home runs, and executes the perfect double play, and makes that miracle catch. Then from the dugout you smile and say, "Those are my players. Did you see how well they performed?"

Next time you're up at bat remember what the coach told you- and remember he's in the dugout praying for you.

II Cor 11:28-29 Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is offended, and I burn not?

Gal 4:19 My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you.

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"THE GREATEST STORY NEVER TOLD" - A 46 minute film depicting the need for EVERY Christian to be a witness for Christ will be shown Sunday night (Oct 23) at 6:30pm here at the Church. It is part of Teen Night here at the Church as the Teens begin a busy 2 month schedule of activities. They will be in charge of the services Sunday Night as the Film is shown, they plan to give out Thanksgiving fruit baskets again this year, they are preparing a Float for the Atmore Christmas parade, and they will be putting on the Church Christmas Program this year (Dec 21) to be followed by a Teen sponsored Fellowship time (Punch and sweets). There are several other items on the "drawing board" so you can see that our Teen Fellowship is active - and in need of funds. One way you can help is to give generously during this Sunday Night's offering (which will go to the Teen Fellowship). Another way is to keep giving on a regular basis- the Teen Fellowship Box is being placed at the front of the Church so you will be able to give any time you feel led.

Pray for the services Sunday and let's have a full house to see this film and support our Teens.

PADDED PEWS- That's our next project. The Church voted to pad the Pews awhile back and it wasn't followed up but now that the Baptistry is completed the Deacons and Trustees feel that this should be done. We are actively seeking bids on the work (The first bid received gives us a target figure of around \$150 per pew- if you are interested in giving toward seeing this work done). We have also designated the offering received on Home Coming Sunday to go to the Building Fund to get this work off to a good start. (Wouldn't it be great if our Home Coming Offering was enough to cover the entire project?!).

A Special Thanks to Brother John McCall for painting the front porch of the Church. It was beginning to look pretty bad and I'm very thankful to get it done before Home Coming.

We congratulate Mrs Karen Sue Moring on the birth of her 7 lb 14 oz boy- Nubart Aaron. Karen is the daughter of Floyd and Essie Coleman and lives in Texas. (But she's still a "Bratt" at heart!).

One of the things I've noticed in nearly all of Paul's writings is that he continually asks the Church to pray for him. I can very much understand that- as I leave for 2 weeks of Revival and then come back to Home Coming and Revival Services here I am more aware than ever of the need of God's leadership and Power. Like Paul, I say, Brethern, *Pray for me, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you (II Thess 3:1).* I'm counting on you to hold me up before God that He may use me to His Glory.

WHAT ABOUT HALLOWEEN??

I. IT'S BACKGROUND. On May 13, 610AD the Catholic Church first celebrated the "Feast of all Holy Martyrs". Gradually they began to honor all Saints and changed the date to November 1 of each year. Roman Catholics are required to attend Mass on this "All Saint's Day" and to refrain from all unnecessary servile work.

The Name Halloween comes from a mutation of the name given to the Evening before "all Saints Day". It began to be called "All Hallow's Eve" (Eve of all the Holy ONE's Day) and finally was shortened to Halloween.

The Old Celtic calendar began the New Year on November 1 and the night before (Oct 31) became known as a time when witches and goblins roamed around- much as we have so many New Year's Eve parties in our society today. People began to dress up as these witches and goblins and go from house to house seeking for a treat from the owners so that their home would be protected during the coming year. This evolved into modern day "Trick or Treating".

II. IT'S BADNESS 1) when so many people are becoming involved in cults, witchcraft, and Satanic Churches, do you really think a Christian parent should allow their children to dress up as demons and witches and then find that they get a reward for dressing this way????

2) The very principle of you give me a "treat" or I will "trick" you is absolutely foreign to the teachings of Christ. Do you think Children should be taught that lesson???

3) With the problems today of a sick society that puts poison in candy, razor blades in fruit, and molests children it is not only Spiritually dangerous but physically dangerous as well.

III. WHAT CAN WE DO? The idea of Children having fun and being treated is a good one. We don't want to throw out the "baby with the bath water".

1) Let's do away with the name Halloween and all it means- call your get together a "Fall Festival" or "Family Fun Time", etc.

2) Instead of having the kids go from door to door organize a house party where the kids can play games and enjoy themselves. Let each of them bring a bag of candy and pour it all into a big bowl and let them eat what they want as the party progresses. (That will teach them to share- or that eating too much candy at one time makes you sick!!)

3) Let them dress up as Bible Characters or People from Foreign lands where we have Missionaries and let the first game be to guess what Bible character each is or tell what country each represents. (This teaches them the Bible or shows them God's concern for a lost world instead of making them want to be demons.)

4) Pray about it- God loves people and He wants them to have an abundant Life. He can give you just the help you need.

James 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

I CORINTH. 10:31 WHETHER THEREFORE YE EAT, OR DRINK, OR WHATSOEVER YE DO, DO ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

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It's good to be back home again. The 2 weeks of Revival were very good and I appreciated the opportunities to share the Gospel and meet new friends but it's good to back in Bratt. I hear very good reports about everyone who spoke in the Pastor's absence. It's great to have people I can count on when I need to be gone.

Some of the special attractions this Home Coming Sunday will be Special Music by our quartet that sang in the National competition several years ago, several photo displays of past events here at the Church, and a dinner as only Shiloh can put one on. Rev. Gary Fry will bring the Home Coming Message so come early if you want a good seat. (Remember that Sunday's Offering will go to the Building Fund for our "Pad the Pews" project).

We congratulate Sammy and Sandra Day on the Birth of their new daughter, NATALIE ANNE. She is to be dedicated to the Lord on Sunday Nov. 20 here at the Church. Ps 127:3,5 Children are an heritage of the Lord: Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them.

Special Thanks to Greg Vaughn for his gift to our Newsletter Ministry. I had given away a number of sets of notes while in S.C. and still have several orders to fill so this gift came at just the right time. (If you have not received your notes on I Corinthians, Philippians, I Thessalonians, or Revelation then write and request them- and then use them as you study the Word! We will soon add to that list the notes on Galatians and a Prayer Helps Books to show you how to Pray and receive an answer.)

I really appreciate the Wards and McCalls cleaning around the Church Shrubbery and replacing the straw. A special Thanks to Mrs Maxine For cleaning up around the Church Sign and Planting new shrubbery- it looks much better. (Of Course, it would look even better if there was an announcement sign over the one we have now so I could announce Home Coming and Revival to everyone who comes by!)

A PRESCRIPTION FOR REVIVAL by R.A. Torrey

I can give you a prescription that will bring REVIVAL to any Church, or Community, or City on earth.

FIRST: Let a few Christians get thoroughly right with God themselves.
 IF THIS IS NOT DONE, THE REST WILL COME TO NOTHING.

SECOND: Let them bind themselves together to pray for Revival until God opens the windows of heaven and comes down.

THIRD: Let them put themselves at the disposal of God for His use as He sees fit in winning others to Christ.

That's All!!! I have given this prescription around the world. It has been taken to many Churches and Communities, and in no instance has it failed. It cannot fail.

Jeremiah 17:5,7 Thus saith the Lord; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the Lord is.

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HOME COMING WILL BE SUNDAY NOV. 13 BEGINNING AT 10:00am

REVIVAL SERVICES BEGIN SUNDAY AT 6:30pm AND MONDAY - FRIDAY AT 7:00pm
REV. GARY FRY WILL BE OUR HOME COMING SPEAKER AS WELL AS OUR EVANGELIST

WE WANT YOU TO BE A PART OF THESE SPECIAL SERVICES AS WE REJOICE IN
PAST BLESSINGS AND LOOK FOR GOD TO CHANGE LIVES THRU THE POWER OF
THE GOSPEL.

*II Chron 7:15-16 Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer
that is made in this place. For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that
my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there
perpetually.*

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The Home Coming and Revival Services Sunday were a real Blessing. There was such a sweet Spirit and God moved in a number of people's hearts as they rededicated themselves to the Lord. And that's where Revival must begin- in a recommitment to God and His will for your life and a joining together with fellow Christians to do God's work.

Our Home Coming Meal was deliciously prepared (as usual) and we had so much until we ate Supper after the Sunday night service also. It was just a great day of Fellowship in the Lord.

Our Offering for the day was \$1450 to go to our Building Fund on our Padded Pew Project- That's nearly half of what we need and I feel we will receive the rest as we get deeper into the project.

Monday night's service was another GREAT service in the Lord. A number of people rededicated themselves to the Lord and His work as Brother Gary preached another great message. The Church needed to have the fires stired up again and I'm thrilled to see the Holy Spirit sweeping through the people and rekindling their Love for God and each other.

Remember that Revival Services continue through Friday night at 7:00pm each night. Come and let God do something special for you.

The Teen Fellowship plans to distribute Fruit Baskets to the elderly and Shut-in this Sunday afternoon. This is a yearly project that many look forward to and we're thankful for the Teen's Faithfulness.

The Dedication Service for Miss Natalie Anne Day's family will be a part of the Morning Service this Sunday. This is a Blessed event and I hope you can attend. It's such a Joy to see a Family acknowledge their children as a Gift from God to be raised for His Glory.

Our Thanksgiving Praise Service will be Wednesday Nov. 23 at 7:00pm. This is an excellent opportunity to rejoice in God's Blessings over the past year and acknowledge your love for Him. Everyone will get an opportunity to share a time of Thanks so get your list ready.

In case you have any doubts about how beneficial Thanksgiving is I plan to Preach this Sunday Evening about "The Therapy of Thanksgiving". You'll find that Thanksgiving is good for what ails you.

Our Bible Study lesson this Sunday will be about "Jesus Speaking of the End of the Age". It's a very good and needful lesson and I trust we will have a large attendance. I thought it would be good to give some notes on the lesson to stir your interest and help you to study beforehand. The Scripture is Matt. 24:1-31

Jesus had finished His Public Ministry and now He is giving the Disciples a Private Discourse on what to expect in the Future. (The outline is on the back page).

I. THE CAUSE OF THE DISCOURSE 1-3

A) The Disciples comment on the Beauty of the Temple- Jesus says that these very buildings will be torn down, stone by stone.

B) The Disciples then want to know when this will happen and when Christ will set up His kingdom. (When they talked of his coming and the end of the world they were talking about His coming as Messiah the conquering King who would end Roman Rule and establish Israel as a great Nation.)

II. THE CHARACTER OF THIS AGE 4-14 (These things have happened and will continue to happen until Christ comes. They are the GENERAL Character of the Age as we await Christ's return.)

A) Deception 4-5 1) False Christs 2) Many deceived (There are over 2000 denominations plus all the cults in America today!)

B) Destruction 6-8 wars, famine, disease, earthquakes
These are the beginning of sorrows- they are a constant sign of this age pointing to the end. (These things have been since Christ and will be until His return.)

C) Distress and Desertion 9-12

1. Within the World- The faithful will be afflicted, killed, and hated. (Friend of world is enemy of God)

2. Within the Church- Some will be offended and betray one another and hate one another and turn to false Prophets that will tickle their ears (The Health and Wealth preachers of today). Some will allow the increasing sinfulness of the World to cool their love for Christ. (The average Church carries from 2 to 3 times as many people on their rolls as they have in attendance each Sunday).

D) Determined Doers 13-14

1. Some will endure the trials and temptations and be faithful to the end.

2. These will be faithful in their main task- Preaching the Gospel to all the world.

III. THE COMING OF CHRIST 15-31 These are signs of the RETURN.

There are no signs of the RAPTURE. It could be today- I Thess 4:13-5:3

A) The Sign of the Abomination of Desolation 15-22

- This refers to the defiling of the Temple of God (Dan 11:31).

This was first done by the Seleucid king Antiochus Epiphanes around 165BC when he offered a sow on the altar and erected Greek Idols for the people to worship.

- IT will be done at the mid point of the 7 year Tribulation period by the Antichrist as he erects the image of the Beast in the Temple (Rev 13).

- This is a sign for the Jews to flee the destruction to come.

B) The Signs of the False Christs 23-28

There will be many Words and Wonders done during this time but they were to realize that Christ's coming would be open and evident. They were not to be fooled into leaving their place of safety by men.

C) The Signs of the True Christ 29-31

1. A time of great natural disaster 29

2. The Son of man will come in Clouds of Heaven with power and great Glory. (This is the Return to begin the 1000 year reign on earth).

3. The Elect will be gathered unto Christ (The Church Will come WITH Him- I Thess 4:13-18)

Remember, THERE ARE NO SIGNS OF THE RAPTURE- It could be today.
Are YOU ready?????

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Thanksgiving has two parts- Thanks... and Giving. Thanks to God... Giving to Others. Make your Thanksgiving this year a time of Gratitude and Generosity. Gratitude for the Blessings of God- Generosity toward Others. You'll truly find that the way to Gain is to Give.

Ps 100:4 Enter into his gates with Thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: Be thankful unto Him, and Bless His name.

1 Thess 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

We Praise the Lord for His Goodness during Revival. The Attendance, the Special Music, and the Preaching were all very good. We had decisions every night and I look for God to work in the hearts that were yielded to Him during the week. I really appreciate Brother Gary Fry and his time with us. I'm also very thankful for all of the meals during the week. (I don't see how all of the men in the Church can help but be overweigh the way our women cook!). Continue to Pray for Revival- There were a number of people we wanted to see saved during the Revival that didn't come: but we're still praying for them.

Several Special Services soon- Praise Service this Wednesday Night. A THANKFUL TONGUE TELLS! *Ps 107 2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;*

Sunday Night- Special Music Program here at the Church during the Evening Worship Service. *Ps 95:1 O Come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.*

Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

December will be a busy month with the Christmas Play, the Christmas Parade, and all of the Christmas Parties. Time for everyone to be active in the Lord's work.

BE YE THANKFUL

In peevish disquietude often we sit
Complaining of things as they are.
We covet and long for the things we're denied
While blessings outnumber them far.
For are not the coveted things God withholds
But blessings to us in disguise?
So let us be thankful for all that God sends
And all He so wisely denies!

DO THESE THINGS THIS WEEK

On Monday:

Look for a smile today and return it with one of your own.
Give someone new faith and hope, it's such a beautiful loan.

On Tuesday:

Gather a thought that's kind- one that's sincere and deep,
but be sure to pass it along, for such are too precious to keep.

On Wednesday:

Forget yesterday's old sorrows, mistakes, sadness and pain.
Lift your heart with hope and song, as flowers to sun and rain!

On Thursday:

Offer a word of comfort and prayer to help someone in need
A little thoughtful gift, some flowers or a smile makes us all rich
indeed!

On Friday:

You shall not pass this way again, so do any good you can do.
Don't put it off til tomorrow or the chance may be lost for you!

On Saturday:

Today will soon be a memory so don't let it come to an end
without a smile, without a song or just a word with a friend.

On Sunday:

Come to Church and rejoice that your religion is not a form you
go through but a life you live

9 STATEMENTS YOU WON'T LIKELY HEAR:

1. Sunday is the only day we have to rest, so we are not going visiting this afternoon.
2. No, it's raining a little bit, so we won't be able to go to the ball game.
3. Yeah, that's right boss. I'll not be coming in for a few days. I just don't like the way they do things down there at the office.
4. No, I just can't make it to work. company just came.
5. No, nurse, Johnny doesn't want to go to the dentist and if I make him go I'm afraid he'll develop a complex against dentists and won't go when he is grown.
6. My doctor says I must give up something, so I'm giving up the ball team.
7. No, I can't come to the special cheerleaders meeting. I have to go to choir practice.
8. Coach, I didn't get my date home until 1:00am, so I just don't feel like getting up and playing the big game tonight.
9. I don't know how long we will be in town, so don't hook up the electricity.

No farmer ever plowed a field by turning it over in his mind.

Strange that in prayer we often ask for a change in circumstances rather than in our character.

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MUSIC APPRECIATION- We surprised our Song Leader and Piano Player with a Special Service Sunday Night and a Love Offering to show our appreciation for their faithful service for the Lord. The Special Service was some great special music by different groups from all ages in the Church. (We have a wide range of talent in our Church if we can just get them to use it.) The Love Offering was \$204 each. (Praise the Lord!).

I was very glad of the opportunity to show our appreciation to these because I hope it will help the entire Church to realize that their work for the Lord is not taken for granted. (I think Brother Jerald showed this Spirit when he recognized each of the CTS Teachers with a gift during the refreshment time following the Music Appreciation Service.). We have a good Church with good officers and Teachers and Workers and I'm thankful for each and every one of them. If we will each see our part and DO our part then the Church can accomplish God's will in the community.



LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER

- 1- Ladies Prayer Fellowship 7:00pm Fellowship Building
- 3- Young Adult Christmas Party 5:00pm meet at Roy Ward's
- 6- Beginner/Primary Christmas Party 3:30-5:00pm Fellowship Building
- 8- Christmas Parade- Atmore (Youth Sponsered Float)
- 10- Junior Class Christmas Party Fellowship Building
- 16- Adult Bible Class Christmas Party 6:00pm Fellowship Building
- 17- Adult Class Christmas Party 5:00pm Fellowship Building
- 20- Intermediate/Teen Class Christmas Party Fellowship Building
- 21 Christmas Play 7:00pm Church
- 25- Christmas Services 10:00am

Special THANKS to Rev. Albert Hodge and the Bratt Assembly of God for allowing me to use their copy machine to run off the newsletter address labels. It saved me many hours of work. (Someday we'll have a copy machine also- Won't we???????)

Why Should YOU Be In Church Regularly???????

More and more I seem to get the impression from some people that Church attendance is an option instead of an obligation. They seem to think that any excuse is a good excuse to miss Church. I visit people who are working and doing anything they really want to do and yet every Sunday they're too sick, or too busy, or too sorry to come to Church. And what really breaks my heart is that these people still think they're going to Heaven when they die and God will say, "Well done, good and faithful servant." GOD WILL NOT LIE FOR YOU!!! (Do you honestly think that if you had someone working for you that did not show up for work any more than you show up for Church that you would give them a raise and make them a partner in the firm?!?!).

That's the negative side of the issue. Now let's look at 3 Positive reasons why you should be regular in Church:

1. PARTNERS- A) We have a responsibility to our relationship with God. When we were saved we told God we would love and serve Him. Now the lure of the world and the laziness of the flesh have caused many to forget that first Love. But you need to know that God hasn't forgotten those vows you made- and you'll answer to Him one day for them. B) We also have a responsibility to other Christians- When you were saved you became a part of the body of Christ. The whole body suffers when one part is not functioning. (Do you have any idea how much of the Lord's work is left undone because Christians are not in their place???)

2. PROBLEMS- It is at Church that we learn how to apply Christian Principles to Life (If you're failing in your Christian Life the worst thing you can do is to start skipping Church services.). If you have problems in your family, on your job, or at School then you need to attend Church so God can give you the information you need to handle the problem. (By the way, this is one reason God sometimes allows Church problems to come about. We learn how to handle a Church problem with a Christian attitude and then we can handle problem we face in the world. 1 Cor 11:19 *There must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you.*) It is in Church that you learn to have God's Peace in the midst of Problems.

3. POWER- Ecc 4:12 *If one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.*
Matt 18:20 *Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.* Almost every service we give people time to share Prayer requests so that you can obtain Prayer Power to overcome the Problems you face. How sad that some miss Church and the opportunity to be victorious in life instead of living bitter defeated lives.

3- Heb 10:25 *Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as we see the day approaching.*

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN CHURCH THIS WEEK.

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A special word of Praise for the Teens and their work on the Christmas float. IT WAS THE BEST LOOKING FLOAT IN THE PARADE and gave a good witness for the Church and the Lord. The Teens put in a lot of work and expense and I really appreciate it. Special thanks also to Connie Gibson, Ann Hall, Jimmie McElhaney, and David Johnson for their work.

The Teen Fellowship is now sponsering their Christmas "Post-Office". It is located at the rear of the Church and is a means for you to give a special Christmas message to all of the Church families. It doesn't cost you anything but if you would like to donate the postage saved to the Teen fellowship then their box is at the "Post-Office".

Our ministry continues to expand. Recent gifts from Mrs. Ida McLain and Darrin Matthews have enabled me to buy some tapes and tape our services so we can get them to some of our shut-ins and the response has been very good. One day soon the Lord is going to give us a tape duplicator and we'll be able to send people the message to go along with the printed notes we give out.

The notes on Galatians are completed (21 pages) and you're welcome to a set if you would like them.



CHRISTMAS PLAY- Wednesday, Dec 21
at 7:00pm the Teen Fellowship will
present this year's Christmas Program.
It promises to be a good one and
everyone is invited to attend.
A refreshment time is scheduled
afterward. (If you would like to help
with the refreshments then contact
Mrs. Jackie Johnson.)
CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES will begin at
10:00am and should be over around
11:30am. We're looking for EVERYONE
to be here. (No night services)

Paula and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a MERRY CHRISTMAS and express our Love for You. She and I often talk of how God has Blessed us with so many friends in so many states and we're thankful for each of you.

I can't send each of you a gift but I can and will pray especially for each of you as I address these newsletters today. Then when God gives you that Special Blessing just say, "That's Mike and Paula's Prayer Gift for us!".



I was reading an article once about people who were trying to justify their morals (or rather, their lack of morals) and one of the women said something that really stuck with me, "I give them my body but I keep my soul.". At the time, I was studying about the nation of Israel and how that God was calling them adulterous because they went through the motions of worship but their heart belonged to the idols they worshipped and the statement summed up for me what hypocrisy was and why it hurt the heart of God so. Somehow, as I stand in a Shopping Mall and watch the hurried and harried pace of shoppers that are trying to find those final gifts so that they can get through with Christmas, I think of the statement again.

I want to give you some very simple common sense guidelines today that will allow you to give Gifts this Christmas that will be a Blessing to you and to those who receive them.

1. Wrap your Gift in Love. That first Christmas gift was given because "God so loved the World that He gave..." (Jn 3:16) and your gift will mean more to the giver and receiver if Love goes with it. (No matter who the gift is for you ought to be able to Love- the Bible commands us to love our family, love our neighbor, and even to love our enemies and do good to them that hate us!).

2. Pray for guidance in the selection of the gift. One of the most frustrating parts of Christmas shopping is trying to buy something for someone when you have absolutely no idea what they need. Pray for God's guidance in the selection of the Gift and in the use of the Gift (after all, you wouldn't want to give them anything that would cause them to sin!).

James 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

3. Give the Present of your Presence. I surveyed my elderly shut-ins several years ago about what their needs were and the answer in every case was not for financial and physical help (even though many had needs in these areas) but for someone to visit and show concern. On that first Christmas the Shepherds did not bring gifts, they brought themselves. Paul told the Corinthians to first give themselves and then give their gift (II Cor 8:5). No matter how expensive the gift it can never replace the personal touch. (My wife really likes for me to write this part because then she can ask to go home for Christmas!!).

4. And finally, This Christmas remember that the real reason for Christmas is Easter. Jesus did not come to put a "band-aid" on the world's problems because he didn't want to get involved- He came to suffer and die that "Whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." He gave his body to be broken and poured out his soul unto death. *Thanks be unto God, for his unspeakable gift (II Cor 9:15)*

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THE YEAR AHEAD

I. THE FACTS: Here are a few of the activities scheduled for 1984. I hope the Lord returns before we are able to do any of them but whenever He returns I want Him to find us busy doing all we can for His glory.

Jan 11- Quarterly Church Conference
Jan 15- Presentation of the movie "Sand Castles". A movie about the part a materialistic society plays in the destruction of the family- and about how Christianity can help carry a family thru Life's Problems.
Feb. 3-4- Mid year West Florida Meeting at Niceville Church
March (Dates not confirmed)- Revival
April 21- West Florida CTS Convention, Shiloh
April 22- Easter
May 18-19- State CTS Convention, Marianna
June 10-30- Youth Camp
July 15-20 National Association, Little Rock
Aug. 5-10- Revival at Shiloh with Rev. Bobby Jackson
Sept. 7-8 Annual West Florida Meeting at Shiloh
Oct. 31- Nov 2 State Association- Hollywood, Fl
Nov 4 (Tentative date) Home Coming, Shiloh
Dec. 23- Christmas Play, Shiloh

II. THE FAITH

A) The Members. I begin my third year at Shiloh with great confidence in the Lord and the Church. I'm looking for the Lord to really Bless this year as we work together toward the common goal of getting people to Know the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and then to Show Him in their changed life.

There are a number of areas that I plan to work on this year in the Church outreach. I want to help strengthen the families of the Church- and the Church Family. I'm beginning the first with the showing of the movie "Sand Castle" in January and I hope to use other methods during the course of the year. Strengthening the Church Family will involve improving our Communication with one another and our Concern for one another. (I believe that if we can learn to have better communication we will have more concern for one another. Heb 13:16). Jesus said people had ears to hear but heard no. Sometimes our problem is that we hear what we think people say instead of what they actually said- and sometimes we don't say it but expect them to know it anyway!

B) The Ministries

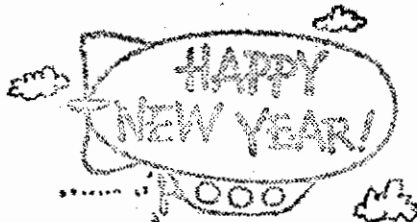
1. The "Shiloh Sentinel"- a method to inspire and instruct our Church, our community, and our friends in various places. I'm looking for continued improvement in the writing and publishing of this paper. The Lord provided us with the machinery needed to begin printing last year- now we must use it effectively.

2. Tape ministry to Shut-ins: This is very limited at present but there is a very real need for this work and i'm praying for God to lay a burden on someone's heart to take this as their work for the Lord. (Someone needs to make sure the tapes are recorded properly, make arrangements about copies, and make sure the tapes are distributed in the most effective way.)

3. Study Booklets: A number of Study booklets were printed last year and several more are in the planning stages now. Hopefully the Prayer Book to help in improving personal devotions and increase Fellowship with God will be available the first part of 1984. The PRACTICAL PHILOSOPHY OF PROVERBS will be our beginning study Book in the new year. Last year we talked a lot about Doctrine but this year we plan to major on Duty- Now that we know Why we should live right we're going to look at How to live right. (Everyone should make it a Daily Duty to read 1 chapter in Proverbs. There are 31 Chapters in the Book so always read the chapter that corresponds to the day of the month and you can easily remember your place.)

I have not touched on the main ministries of the Church (look for that in a Sermon soon) but I trust the Lord will lead in the continued improvement in these ministries as well. There is much to do as we await the Lord's return and we need to be busy in the Lord's "Vineyard". Our task is large; our Goal is right; Our Victory is Sure! Praise the Lord!

(Now let me quote a Proverb- Prov 19:21 There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand. I look for and expect God's continued Blessings in 1984 but I plan to submit to His will regardless. My purpose in Life is to serve God in whatever way He wants and if my plans ever conflict with His will then my plans will be revised. To me, that's what Victorious Living is all about.)



Paula and I would like to Thank each of you for your kindness to us during this Christmas season. Truly God has Blessed us with the greatest of all gifts- LOVE

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