



The Bulletin of the 39th Street Church of Christ

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 A.M.
A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M.
P.M. Worship 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 P.M.

July 4, 2010

"That's What It's All About . . ."

The other night I sat in the strange situation of making an appointment with my son to have my teeth checked — there were times when I wondered if the boy would ever grow up enough to remember to come in out of the rain ... but sure enough it has happened. But as I sat across from him as he looked at his appointment book it really shook me up. There he sat — a husband, a father ("officially" in November - but factually now), in dental school (and believe it or not about to work on MY teeth!). As I saw that he was, as his mother says, "such a good boy" I couldn't help but think of him, his wonderful wife, my precious daughter (about to turn 16!) and how truly blessed we are as a family. I thought, "*That's what it's all about.*" Having a family that put's God first, watching your children grow "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord," seeing them become valuable citizens in the kingdom of God. Yes, that is what it is all about. But my son has reminded me lately that such is not all "it is about." Recently we suffered the loss of a grand servant of God (a loss we have felt many times before here at 39th Street). I was struggling with handling the services and my son (now it seems a "counselor" to dad also) came to me and said, "That's what it's all about ... that's why you preach." Here was one who had lived in such a way that while living he could say "I am ready to be offered." We mourned, but his end was the beginning he longed for, "That's what it's all about." Then again the other night my son assisted me as we helped another precious soul in baptism (something else we have experienced many times before) and as we stood there my son looked at me and said again, "That's what it's all about." Sometimes I need to stop and get my priorities straightened out. Sometimes I need a little help to get through the struggles each day brings, or to face grief or enjoy happiness to its fullest. I hope I always realize that when we live God's way all of these ... the struggles, the successes, the joys, the sorrows... can be met with the same sentiment — "*That's what it's all about.*"

Jack H. Williams - May, 1998

As you can see, the article above is a little over 12 years old, the message is one that is lasting. Many times we face trials, struggles, discouragement and more. But if we realize that Christian living not only gives hope to self, but helps to assure it in others (Matthew 5:16; 1 Peter 3:1-6), then we can face those times with an assurance and hope. It's been over 12 years, my family has increased (now 4 more grandchildren and a son in law), but I still am able to face the challenges before me as a child of God. As I do I strive to remember, "that's what it's all about." - Jack



Our Members . . .

Arlo Essex
Barb Bohon
Regina Gaines

Debbie Johnson
Loretta Noland
Ed & Clara Belle Newkirk

Evelyn Thomson
Minnie Washington
Chris Wolfrum

Friends and Family . . .

Melissa Beck (pregnancy complications)
Regina Gaines' father (infection)
Shauna Heck (Lee's Summit member - cancer)
Jason Johnson (Lois McNeely's cousin - heart)

Harry Lawing (Lana's father)
Leigh Martens (Denise Perry's friend-stage 3 cancer)
Jim & Judy O'Connor
Bob Samuels (Gloria Guthrie's cousin - cancer)

Those Serving Overseas and In the Military . . .

Jacob Andrews (Marie Peters' grandson)
Jon Bowman (Fort Hood, TX)

Bill Sailor (Julie Prater's dad - Kuwait)
Justin Stewart (Whiteman AFB, MO)

Arlo Essex has returned to the rehab unit at St. Mary's, room 324. We are thankful he is doing better and need to keep him in our prayers as he continues to improve.

Melissa Beck, who attends at Concordia Church of Christ, was in St. Luke's Hospital with complications with her pregnancy. She is pregnant with twins and is not due until the end of September. Thankfully the doctors were able to help the problems and think she will now be fine until her due date. Please continue to remember her in your prayers.

We have several traveling during the holiday weekend. Be sure to keep them in your prayers.

We are thankful for the improvement of Carolyn Grisham's uncle, Don Hiatt. He has been moved out of ICU and into a regular room.

Regina Gaines will be having surgery July 12. Please keep Regina in your prayers that they will be able to help her and find the cause of her recurring problems.

Notes of Interest...

Congratulations to Raymond and Carolyn Grisham. Carolyn retired a few weeks ago, and the 30th was the last "official" day for Raymond before his retirement.

This afternoon is our regular 5th Sunday singing at 5:30.

Next Sunday the elders and deacons will be meeting at 4:30. If you have any items you would like to discuss please let one of them know. As always, if you need to meet with the elders for any reason just let one of them know and they will arrange a time convenient to all.

Today's Sermons...

A.M. Independence Day - 32 AD (Hebrews 12:1-4)
P.M. An Old, New Commandment (1 John 2:7-11)

**The 28th Annual Mid-West Lectures
September 19-23, 2010**

“Father, Forgive Them...” – A Study Of Forgiveness

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

- 9:30 A.M. “Father, Forgive Them” - What The Lord Really Taught (Luke 23:34) . Jon Bowman - Independence, MO
 10:30 A.M. “Who Can Forgive Sins But God Only” (Mark 2:1-12) Charles Coats - Webberville, MO
 6:00 P.M. God Is Ready To Forgive! (Psalm 86:5) Tom Bright - Dyersburg, TN
 7:00 P.M. The Unforgivable Sin (Matthew 12:31-32) Wayne Price - McLoud, OK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

- 9:00 A.M. Forgiveness and Running the Christian Race (Hebrews 12:1-4) Don Boyd - Blue Springs, MO
 10:00 A.M. The Grace Of God and Forgiveness Jim O’Connor - Oak Grove, MO
 11:00 A.M. Forgiveness and the Model Prayer (Matthew 6:1-15) Darrick Shepherd - Newton, KS
 1:00 P.M. Forgiveness and the Old Covenant Wayne Price - McLoud, OK
 2:00 P.M. Lessons On Forgiveness From David in the Psalms Clint Yarber - Moody, MO
 7:00 P.M. The Wonder of Forgiveness (Hebrews 8:10-13; 10:15-22) Larry Yarber - Mountain Grove, MO
 8:00 P.M. “Forgive Him, and Comfort Him” - The Goal of Church Discipline (2 Corinthians 2:6-11)
 Jay Yeager - Springfield, OH

Tuesday, September 21st

- 9:00 A.M. The Role of Sincerity In Forgiveness Jay Yeager - Springfield, OH
 10:00 A.M. Forgiven ... Will I Seek God’s Answer or Man’s? Larry Yarber - West Plains, MO
 11:00 A.M. The Forgotten “If” In Forgiving Others (Luke 17:3-4) Ray Sullins - Springfield, MO
 1:00 P.M. How Can I Forgive Myself? Terry Mabery - Collinsville, IL
 2:00 P.M. “Confess Your Faults One To Another” (James 5:16) Randy Mabe -Las Vegas, NV
 7:00 P.M. The Cost of Forgiveness (Matthew 26:26-28; Romans 6:1-7) Richard Massey - Weatherford, TX
 8:00 P.M. “And Such Were Some of You” - The Breadth of Forgiveness (1 Corinthians 6:9-11)
 Tom Bright - Dyersburg, TN

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

- 9:00 A.M. Penance versus Repentance ... The Wrong Road to Forgiveness Shane Hall - Harrisonville, MO
 10:00 A.M. What’s Baptism Got To Do With Forgiveness? Randy Watson - Independence, MO
 11:00 A.M. When God Refuses To Forgive (Proverbs 1:24-33; Joshua 24:19) Toney Smith - Rendon, TX
 1:00 P.M. What Being Unforgiven Can Do For Me Randy Mabe - Las Vegas, NV
 2:00 P.M. What Being Unforgiving Can Do For Me Joshua Wyatt - Brighton, TN
 7:00 P.M. Forgiveness, Divorce and Remarriage Michael Wyatt - Kennedale, TX
 8:00 P.M. Israel Then and Now – A Lesson In Rejecting Forgiveness (Romans 9-11)
 Terry Mabery - Collinsville, IL

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

- 9:00 A.M. Do Infants Need Forgiveness? David Long - Higginsville, MO
 10:00 A.M. If I’ve Been Forgiven, Why Does God Still Allow Me To Suffer? Jeremy Northrop -Ashland, MO
 11:00 A.M. Sinning Saints (1 John 1:5-10) Richard Massey - Weatherford, TX
 1:00 P.M. “If Thy Brother Shall Trespass Against Thee” (Matthew 18:15-20) Michael Wyatt - Kennedale, TX
 2:00 P.M. Joseph – An Example In Forgiveness Chuck Northrop - Springfield, MO
 7:00 P.M. Forgiving As The Lord Forgives (Colossians 3:12-13) Toney Smith - Rendon, TX
 8:00 P.M. Through this Man Is Preached Forgiveness (Acts 13:38-39) Charles Coats - Webberville, MI

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It All Depends on Whose Hands It's In

A basketball in my hands is worth about \$19.
A basketball in Michael Jordan's hands is worth about \$33 million.
It all depends whose hands it's in.

A baseball in my hands is worth about \$6.
A baseball in Mark McGwire's hands is worth \$19 million.
It all depends whose hands it's in.

A tennis racket is useless in my hands.
A tennis racket in Venus Williams' hands is a sure Championship.
It all depends whose hands it's in.

A stick in my hands will hit a softball.
A stick in Moses' hands will part a mighty sea.
It all depends whose hands it's in.

A sling shot in my hands is just a toy.
A sling shot in David's hand is a mighty weapon.
It all depends whose hands it's in.

Two fish and five loaves of bread in my hands is a couple of fish sandwiches.
Two fish and five loaves of bread in God's hands will feed thousands.
It all depends whose hands it's in.

Nails in my hands might produce a birdhouse.
Nails in Jesus Christ's hands will produce salvation for the entire world.
It all depends whose hands they're in.

As you see now, It all depends whose hands something's in.
So, put your concerns, your worries, your fears,
your hopes, your dreams, your families, and your
relationships in God's hands because...

It all depends whose hands it's in.

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

The greatest question we may ask is answered plainly in God's Word. God encourages us to be noble enough to examine these teachings (Acts 17:11) and then to love Him enough to obey them (John 14:15)

- You may only come to Him through Christ (Hebrews 5:9; John 14:6)
 - You must have faith that comes through the study of His Word (John 8:24; Rom. 10:17)
 - You must confess Him before others (Acts 8:36-37)
 - You must be baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:28; 22:16)
 - You must live faithfully to His Word (1 John 1:5-9)
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