

**IN THE SERVICES**

**November 11, 2007**

**Lord's Supper—**

L1Officiate: David Garrett  
 L2Helper: Ross Holt  
 L3am(only): Timothy Barry  
 L4am(only): Milton Chance  
 R1Assistant: Mark Martin  
 R2am(only): Randy Kimler  
 R3am(only): Steve Ary  
 R4am(only): Charles Martin

**Morning Prayers—**

Opening: Jody Bennett  
 Closing: Alex Wells

**Evening Prayers—**

Opening: Jeff DeLord  
 Closing: Lee Dean

**November 18, 2007**

**Lord's Supper—**

L1Officiate: Keith Gremillion  
 L2Helper: Travis Gremillion  
 L3am(only): Paul Smith  
 L4am(only): Spencer Scogin  
 R1Assistant: Stephen Savant  
 R2am(only): Charlie Carr  
 R3am(only): Eastwood Almazan  
 R4am(only): David Landrum

**Morning Prayers—**

Opening: Jimmy Moss  
 Closing: Brian English

**Evening Prayers—**

Opening: Buddy Hamby  
 Closing: Ricky Scogin

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**ELDERS**

Blake Bergman  
 Jerry Covington  
 Andy Crandall  
 H. G. "Buddy" Hamby  
 Sam Holt  
 Randy Robin

**DEACONS**

Jeff Baker	Jimmy Moss
Ken Barry	Doyle Osborne
Lee Dean	Stephen Savant
Jeff DeLord	Ricky Scogin
Jarren Garrett	Andrew Smith
Jathen Garrett	Jim Threadgill
Keith Gremillion	Tony Vela
Garry Hamby	Edgar Wolf
Greg Hamby	

**TIMES OF SERVICES**

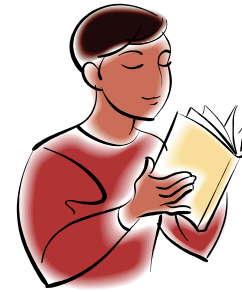
Sunday Family Bible Study	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.

**FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER**

**Announcements** — Andy Crandall

**Greeters** — Andrew Smith, Don Mouton, Cody Pastorella, Larry Richard, Steve Savant

**Lockup** — Jeff Baker, Kenneth Barry, Trey and Andy Crandall, Rob Mullins



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**Selfless Christianity**

Contrary to what is often taught these days, Christianity is not all about me. It's not about making me happy or prosperous, and it's not even about making sure I get to heaven when I die. It's not about worshipping with a fun church which provides hours of entertainment for my children. It's not about listening to pseudo-spiritual blather designed to make me feel good about myself and boost my self-esteem. It's not about making business contacts in a socially-prominent congregation or rubbing shoulders with the "right people." And Christianity is certainly not about politics in this present world.

Christianity is about God. It's about glorifying Him. It's about honoring Him for His grace and mercy manifested in the gift of His only Son. It's about living in eternity, offering never-ending testimony to the riches of His lovingkindness. It's about focusing our lives and attention upon service to the Creator and Redeemer.

Christianity is not about us. It's about loving God by serving Him and serving men made in His image. Christianity doesn't ask, "What can everyone else do for me?" but, "What can I do for

somebody else?" Christianity doesn't wallow in self-pity because others aren't paying enough attention to us; Christianity pays attention to others. It doesn't just talk about being hospitable, but actually practices hospitality. It doesn't just talk about being close to brethren, but seeks to develop real relationships with brethren. It doesn't just pay lip-service to the importance of worship and Bible study, but actually attends and participates even when the presentation of God's word isn't particularly entertaining. It doesn't approach worship from the standpoint of "Will I enjoy it?", but, "Will my presence here truly honor God and encourage other disciples?"

True Christianity is selfless. Me-centered Christianity is no Christianity at all. Me-centered Christianity is the spirit of the age, but surely not the spirit of Christ. Selfless Christianity recognizes that God is under no obligation to save us, but *desires* to save us because of His own incomparable love, grace and mercy. Any view of Christianity that focuses on self is not a biblical view. The Christian who is consumed with self can never be consumed with God.

# Waiting For A Sign

Sadly some folks walk through life oblivious of God. Many claim they would believe in God if they could only see a sign of His existence. Instead of waiting around for a sign, we need to look around us. The signs of God's existence surround us.

Romans 1:19-20 says: "For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made".

If you need a sign of God's existence, wake up early and watch the sun rise. Pull out your telescope and examine the stars. Take a walk through a forest and watch the diversity of life. Dip your feet in the chilly mountain stream. Stroll along a beach and watch the powerful waves crash against their shoreline boundary. Pull out a microscope and examine a cell that comes from your own skin. God's signs are all around us.

Psalm 19:1-2 says: "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech and night to night reveals knowledge".

The psalm goes on to describe the circuit of the sun established by God. Have you ever wondered how it is that the earth has such a perfect

orbit around the sun? How does the moon have such a perfect orbit around the earth? Why is it our days, months and seasons all work with such precision that we can set our watches by them? When we see watches or calendars, we know someone made them. Why on earth would we think the instrument by which we set our watches and calendars happened by accident? That is simply illogical.

God is. The signs are everywhere. You do not have to wait for a miracle, be amazed at the miracle of creation. Recognize what it means about God and His love for you. He created a world perfectly suited for your existence. He provided you with air to breathe, food to eat, space to roam, beauty to enjoy. Is there any doubt God has plans for you?

However, you must never confuse the creation for the Creator. Our God is all powerful. He is divine. He is eternal. He is immutable. He is not a derivative of some animal or man we see down here. He is not a super-powered man. Let us never exchange the "glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things". God is the Creator, He is not remotely one of the creatures.

God is God. He is there. The signs are all around us. Bask in them. Enjoy them. Proclaim them. Then get to know God through His Word.

—Edwin L. Crozier, via *Gospel Power*

# Family Talk

**We extend a sincere welcome to all of our visitors. It is an honor to have you with us today and you are welcome every time our doors are open. Please stay a few minutes after worship so that we can get to know you.**

**About Our Sick—Mark Martin** has returned home after a lengthy stay in the hospital with pneumonia. **Charles Fleniken** remains at Promise Hospital. **Tammy Holt** continues her chemo treatments. Brother **Rex Phillips** is expecting to start radiation treatments this week.

Your prayers are requested for **Carl and Annette Yaws'** daughter, **Becca Scott**. A spot was found on her lung at her last checkup.

Also, please remember **Jim and Wilma Manos** and their son **Mike** who continues his recovery in Houston.

**Area Meetings—**

11/11-14 Dowlen Road with **Albert Dixon**  
Weeknights @ 7:15 pm

11/30-12/2 Dowlen Road Teen Weekend  
"The Quest for

**Truth"**

For 5th through 12th

Graders

Guest Speaker—**Phil**

**Robertson**

Friday & Saturday—

Times & Topics & Activities  
posted on Bulletin Board

Saturday Singing—For

All Ages!  
7:00—8:30 pm

**Teachers Rotate Wednesday Evening—**

Nursery Amy Savant (on  
standby)

19m-2yrs Tammy Rhodes/Leah  
Wheeler

3's & 4's Hopkins/Hebert/Beasley  
5's — 2nd Karen Cuffle/Tracy

Hodge Jill Garrett  
3rd & 4th  
*Joshua, Judges, Ruth*

5th & 6th Ross Holt  
*Timothy*

7th - 9th Jeff Baker  
*Days of Action*

10th - 12th Sam Holt  
*Study on Prayer*

College Buddy Hamby  
*Harmony of the Gospels*

Room 14 David Garrett  
*Zechariah*

**Today's Sermons:**

**AM: Godly Leadership**  
**PM: At The Throne of Judgment**  
**Steve Dewhirst**