

IN THE SERVICES

January 13, 2008

Lord's Supper—

L1Officiate: Andrew Smith
 L2Helper: Garry Hamby
 L3am(only): David Landrum
 L4am(only): Polo Gonzalez
 R1Assistant: Wallace Robin
 R2am(only): Spencer Scogin
 R3am(only): Paul Smith
 R4am(only): Eastwood Almazan

Morning Prayers—

Opening: Andy Crandall
 Closing: Ricky Scogin

Evening Prayers—

Opening: Jathen Garrett
 Closing: Charlie Carr

January 20, 2008

Lord's Supper—

L1Officiate: Tony Vela
 L2Helper: Brett Hopkins
 L3am(only): Billy Guidry
 L4am(only): Trey Crandall
 R1Assistant: Larry Hodge
 R2am(only): Aaron Crandall
 R3am(only): Mike Hebert
 R4am(only): Freddy Moak

Morning Prayers—

Opening: Jim Threadgill
 Closing: Stanton Hodge

Evening Prayers—

Opening: Bob D. Smith
 Closing: Les Pastorella

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

DEACONS

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

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.
Wednesday Family Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Announcements — Buddy Hamby
Greeters — Andrew Smith, Chris Robin,
 Ross Holt, Jeff Baker, Kenneth Barry
Lockup — **Jarren Garrett**/Garry Hamby
 Alex Wells/Doyle Osborne



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What Every Young Person Should Know

Even though I think I'm still young, I'm constantly reminded that's not the case anymore. Teenagers call me "sir". I don't have near the energy or stamina I used to have. Roller coasters don't like me anymore. I have 3 kids. But I still remember what it was like to be young, and looking back on my youth, I can see how my perspective on many things has changed dramatically, and I wish I had known then what I know now. Allow me to share some things that I wish I had known or realized at that age that are extremely important for every young person.

First, being popular in school is really not that important. I don't mean you shouldn't want to be liked, but being the right kind of person is what's important. Following Christ's example is what we should do, and that may mean we're viewed as different, strange, weird. We may not have as many friends as others because we don't talk like they do, dress like they do, go where they go, do the things they do. In fact, we probably will be made fun of at times (1 Peter 4:3-5).

Having friends is important, and while you're young you'll make friendships that last a lifetime. However, choose your friends wisely. Remember what Paul said in 1 Cor. 15:33: "Do not be deceived: evil company corrupts good habits." We are so easily influenced by others, especially when we're younger. You need to surround yourself with friends who have the same morals as you do. Temptations are constantly bombarding you, so choosing the right friends will help you stay on the right path.

Of the friends you make as you go to school, church, or camp, you'll find one you might want to start dating. Lisa's grandfather told me what he always told his kids: "Don't date someone you wouldn't be willing to marry." The point is, if you can't see yourself married to that person, stop dating. In fact, don't even go out on the first date with someone you know is not marriage material. It's vital you marry someone who is a Christian. I've seen too many instances of wrecked marriages and unfaithful children as a result of one of

the spouses not being a Christian. This doesn't mean you have to only date Christians. One of our duties as a Christian is to teach the lost, and if you can date a non-Christian and help teach them the truth, then that's wonderful. However, be prepared to stop dating if that person shows no interest in spiritual matters, or is unwilling to submit to Christ. Dating someone who does not have the same spiritual goals can influence us even more than our friends.

During the teenage years, hormones are raging wildly, and many times they get out of control. One of the most dangerous aspects of this is sexual temptation. Considering the fact we live in a society that promotes a lascivious and immoral lifestyle, it makes it very difficult to remain pure, which is why you need to remember what Paul said in **1 Cor. 6:18**: "Flee sexual immorality." Notice he uses the word "flee". That's most appropriate because we have to do that sometimes... literally run away from the temptation. Sexual temptations are very powerful and sometimes it takes every bit of strength and discipline to not succumb to Satan's fiery darts. As you're dating, you should both agree to remain pure and holy, not defiling yourself with sin. Be up-front about it; talk about it; pray about it; study about it. If you do these things, you'll be able to overcome those temptations.

Last, but certainly not least, remember who you are. We are servants of the most high God, which is the most important thing in our life. Eve-



rything previously stated is undergirded by this one truth. All the decisions we make should be based upon His law. Our time here is short, but eternity is forever. Consequently, we need to make decisions with the understanding they affect our eternal destination. Also, since this is the most important thing in our life, shouldn't we spend more time in learning, studying, praying, serving? If you want to be a professional baseball player, you have to spend countless hours taking ground balls, fly balls, throwing to first base, and batting practice. What about being a Christian? If we don't put our nose in the Book and study and practice, we're not going to be very good at it. If you can spend hours doing homework, hours playing video games, hours playing sports, then you can also spend time with His word.

Hopefully, you are already practicing these things. I'm sure you've heard all this before, but as Peter said in **2 Peter 3:1**, I'm "stirring up your pure minds by way of reminder." Being a teenager is fun, but it is also difficult. Put the Lord first and remember these points, and you'll soon realize being right with the Lord is more important than being popular at school, having lots of friends, or engaging in sin that might seem fun at the time. As I was once told, this life is a probationary period to see if we're fit for eternity with God. Let's all make sure we see each other again after this probationary period is over.

—Marshall Reid, Southside Online, Volume 10

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—

- Louise Sanders
- Barbara Moak
- Tammy Holt
- Wanda Barrios (Valerie Vela's mother)
- Harold Belton (Cynthia Richard's brother)
- Mary Worthy (Jeff DeLord's aunt)
- Billy Woodard (Jeff DeLord's uncle)



We are so thankful that Brother **Rex Phillips** received a good report after his last treatment! Thank you for your prayers on his behalf.

Our Sympathy—is extended to **Billy Ellis** in the loss of his nephew and to **Dana Nelson** in the loss of his mother, **Lorna Rohr**.

Congregational Meeting This Evening—The Elders will address the work of Stonegate in the year ahead.

7th-12 Grade Devotional—this evening after services at **Jarren and Jill Garrett's** home.

Friday Night Bible Study—All are invited to attend these weekly Bible studies held at different homes each week at 7 p.m. The sign up sheet is posted in the Library.

Directory Update—**Connie Wilson** has a new cell number: (409) 365-4927.

Men's Bible Study—Tuesday mornings at Cowboy Red's in Nederland, 6 a.m. Men of all ages are invited.

Check Out These Websites!—
obeyhiscommands.com
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