

## PRAYER LIST

\*Let's be praying for God's blessing on our congregation!

\*The people of Ica, Peru as they recover from the recent earthquake.

\*Chela's 14 year old neice, Shyllenne, who is a Christian, is in need of prayers because of some family problems.

\*Diane Hutton continues to have problems with her knee and has been in the hospital.

\*Bobbie and Early Phillips both had joint replacement surgeries on October 4th. They are Sara Johnson's sister and brother-in-law.

\*Brenda Hatcher (Charles' mother) fell on October 4<sup>th</sup> and broke her knee cap. She had surgery that evening to repair it, but it came back apart a few days later and they had to do surgery again. She is at Park West in Rm 423 and will be moved to a rehab center early this week.

\*Alicia Farrar (the daughter of one of Charles' friends) was recently diagnosed with Stage 4 Hodgkin's Lymphoma. She is undergoing chemotherapy treatments. She is in her early 20s.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be sure to sign the cards for Bobbie and Early Phillips as well as for Brenda Hatcher.

Brad and April will be out of town next weekend. Keith Keever will be preaching next Sunday.

## THOSE SERVING

### **Bible Class Teachers:**

Adult Sunday:	Barry Simmons
Adult Wednesday:	Brad Green
7-8 Year Olds:	Tresa Snyder
2-5 Year Olds:	Amanda Hatcher
Under 2:	Ashleigh Green

### **Morning Worship:**

Announcements & Opening Prayer	Brian Carver
Songs	David Snyder
Sermon	Brad Green
Lords Supper & Contribution	Jay Caldwell
Closing Prayer	Keith Keever

### **Afternoon Worship:**

Opening Prayer	Charles Hatcher
Songs	Keith Keever
Sermon	Brad Green
Lords Supper, Contribution, & Closing Prayer	Brian Carver

## STATISTICS

Contribution	Sun., Oct. 7 <sup>th</sup> :	\$758.00
Attendance	Sun., Oct. 7 <sup>th</sup> :	22/24/23
	Weds., Oct 10 <sup>th</sup> :	26

From The Preacher's Pen

10/14/07

### How Shall They Hear

Part 1 of 4

All faithful members of the church of Christ are concerned with the fact that lost souls are dying everyday. God entrusted His people with the duty and obligation of taking His saving message to "all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:15-16). Many faithful and sincere individuals have questioned whether they are doing enough to fulfill that responsibility. Certainly, ensuring that the entire world hears the Gospel would be an unconquerable task if it were left to only one individual. However, it is not left to just one person, "for the body is not one member, but many" (1 Corinthians 12:14). The Bible clearly teaches that each individual is to do his/her part and by doing such, the whole body is edified.

"But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into Him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From Whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love" (Ephesians 4:15-16).

This Bible principle is further explained when paralleled with the work of elders in

the Lord's church. An elder is placed in charge of "Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers. For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake" (Titus 1:9-11).

Logically, no one would expect one elder to convince all the gainsayers of the world. Nor would anyone espouse that one elder must stop the mouths of all false teachers. Paul told Titus, "for this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city" (Titus 1:5, emphasis mine). God's plan, in organizing the church, is that a plurality of elders oversee the local congregation of which they are members. Thus, the eldership, made up of more than one elder, makes decisions for that local congregation and is in charge of protecting the flock which they oversee. If every eldership does its job as God has designed, then each congregation, and therefore all of the flock of God, will be protected and fed spiritually. The grave responsibility of overseeing the children of God was not given to just one man nor just to one eldership. Each individual eldership, doing its part, "maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love" (Ephesians 4:16).

--Brad Green

## *Church of Christ*

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*"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy. "*

*--1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:9-10 NKJV*

### SERVICE TIMES

We meet to worship at 10:30AM and 1:30PM on Sunday

We meet to study God's Word at 9:30AM Sunday and 7:00PM Wednesday

### MEETING LOCATION

We will continue to meet at the home of Brian and Dede Carver for the foreseeable future. We thank the Carver family for opening their home to us!

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