



### Remember in Prayer

#### Shut Ins:

Vallie Andrews  
Fannie Bell Warren  
Janelle Arrington

#### Others:

Bradley & Betty Glover  
Hollis Cluck  
The Pfaffs - Missionaries  
Ruth Judkins  
Diane Chopay  
Vickie Wade  
Craig Cook  
Judy Higgins  
Muril Todd  
Lila Kirk  
The entire Bryan Family  
Karen Hudson - cancer  
Diane G.'s mother - asthma  
Charles Grisham

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to help Mel and Barbara with their mortgage, the basket will be in the front pew.

Pray that Judy will continue to recover.

Mel is now going to lead the Member Care team. Please see him for assignments.

#### May Birthdays:

30 - Charles Hale  
31 - Kyle Richardson

#### Anniversaries:

15 - Ken & Dian Grandstaff

*Please call to inform us of  
News items or Prayer Requests  
that need to be in the Bulletin:  
Kyle Richardson - 495-7106  
Dorothy Jean Smith - 444-5437*

#### Daily Bible Reading

DATE	MORN.	EVE.
May 24	2 SA 19-20	PS 50
May 25	2 SA 21-22	PS 51-52
May 26	2 SA 23-24	PS 53-55
May 27	1 KI 1-2	PS 56-58
May 28	1 KI 3-4	PS 59-60
May 29	1 KI 5-6	PS 61-63
May 30	1 KI 7-8	PS 64-65

# Bethel Church of Christ

Sunday, May 24, 2009

Serving This Week:

#### TIMES OF SERVICES:

Sunday Morning -  
*Bible Study 10:00*  
*Worship 11:00*

Sunday Evening -  
*Worship 6:00*

Wednesday Evening -  
*Bible Study 7:00*

Church Building Location -  
*2427 Sparta Pike*  
*Lebanon, TN 37090*

Bethel's Website -  
*www.Bethelcoc.net*

#### GROW TEAM MEETINGS

Correspondence - Sunday  
evenings after worship *see Kyle.*

Visitation/Bible Study - For  
assignments see *Brian Horner*

Member Care - Regarding  
Member needs contact *Mel.*

Flower Request - Please call  
*Danise Fisher: 237-3239*

#### Sunday Morning

*Announcements:* Howell Todd

*Song Leader:* Howell Todd

*Opening Prayer:* Bob Fisher

*Scripture Reading:* Aaron Hebert

*Lord's Supper:*

*Presiding:* William Glover

*Serving:* Dan Higgins

Robert Glover

*Preaching:* Mel Hebert

*Closing Prayer:* Ken Grandstaff

#### Sunday Evening

*Opening Prayer:* Dan Higgins

*Preaching:* Mel Hebert

*Closing Prayer:* Bob Fisher

#### Wednesday Evening

*Opening Prayer:* Howell Todd

*Devotional:* Mel Hebert

*Closing Prayer:* Dan Higgins

#### Serving Next Sunday:

*Pres. Lord's Supper:* Howell Todd

*Preaching:* Kyle Richardson

*Opening Prayer:* Mel Hebert

*Closing Prayer:* Bob Fisher

## "Singing & Thudding"

When a potter makes a clay pot, he checks its solidity by pulling it out of the oven and thumping it. If it "sings," it's ready. If it "thuds," it's placed back in the oven.

Our character is also checked by thumping. Been thumped lately?

They come in so many different forms. Late-night phone calls.

Grouchy teacher. Grumpy moms. Burnt meals. Flat tires. "you've-got-to-be-kidding" deadlines. Those are just a few examples of thumps.

Thumps are those irritating inconveniences that trigger the worst in us.

They catch us off guard. Flat-footed. They aren't big enough to be crises, but if you get enough of them, watch out! Traffic jams. Long line, Empty mailboxes. Dirty clothes on the floor. Even as I write this I'm being thumped. Because of temptations, it has taken me almost two hours to write these two paragraphs. Thump, Thump, Thump.

How do I respond? Do I sing? Or do I thud?

Jesus said that out of the nature of the heart a man speaks. Luke 6:45.

There's nothing like a good thump to reveal the nature of a heart. The true character of a person is seen not in momentary heroics, but in the thump-packed humdrum of day-to-day living.

If you are like me, there are days when you have a tendency to thud more than you sing. But take heart. In every day and especially on the bad ones, there is hope for us "thudders":

1.Begin by thanking God for thumps. I don't mean a half-hearted thank you. I mean an "rejoicing, jumping-for joy" thank you from the bottom of your heart. James 1:2. Chances are that God is doing the thumping.

(Allowing you to be thumped.) And whether you realize it or not, He's doing it for your own good. So allow every thump to become a reminder that God is molding you. Hebrews 12:8.

2.Learn from each thump. Face up to the fact that you are not "thump-proof." You are going to be tested from now on. Might as well learn from the thumps, because you can't avoid them. Look upon each inconvenience as an opportunity to develop patience and persistence.

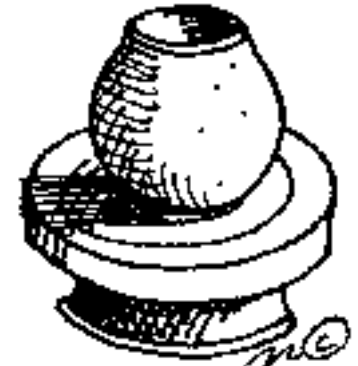
Each thump will help you or hurt you, depending on how you use it.

3.Be aware of "thump-slump" times. Know your pressure periods.

For me, Mondays are infamous for causing thump-slumps. Fridays can be just as bad. For all of us there are times during the week that we can anticipate an unusually amount of thumping. The best way to handle thump-slump time? Head on. Bolster yourself with extra prayer and don't give up.

Remember, no thump is disastrous. All thumps work for good if we are loving and obeying God. Have a great godly week!

--Roger Utter, Rutherford, TN.



### **This Week's Bible Trivia:**

Q - Who had his wages changed ten times?

Check back next week for the answer!

### **Last Week's Trivia:**

Q - Who broke three hundred pitchers?

A - Gideon and his army. (Judges 7:16-21)