

## Serving This Week:

### Sunday Morning

**Announcements:** Howell Todd

**Song Leader:** Brian Horner

**Opening Prayer:** Mel Hebert

**Scripture Reading:** Brian Horner

**Lord's Supper:**

**Presiding:** Dan Higgins

**Serving:** Aaron Hebert

Ken Grandstaff

**Preaching:** Brian Horner

**Closing Prayer:** Howell Todd

### Sunday Evening

**Opening Prayer:** Howell Todd

**Preaching:** Brian Horner

**Closing Prayer:** Ken Grandstaff

### Wednesday Evening

**Opening Prayer:** Dan Higgins

**Devotional:** Kyle Richardson

**Closing Prayer:** Mel Hebert

### Serving Next Sunday:

**Pres. Lord's Supper:**

**Preaching:** Brian Horner

**Opening Prayer:** Mel Hebert

**Closing Prayer:** Howell Todd

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Men's Monthly Business Meeting will be tonight following worship service.

Billy was baptized Wed night! Everyone congratulate him on his decision!

Men remember, Preacher Interviews: Monday @ 6 PM and Thursday @ 7 PM.

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

### GROW TEAM MEETINGS

**Correspondence** - Sunday evenings after worship *see Kyle Richardson.*

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

**Member Care** - Regarding Member needs contact *Mel Hebert: 443-7779.*

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

## Bethel Church of Christ

2427 Sparta Pike, Lebanon TN 37090

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August 16, 2009

Sunday Bible Study: 10 AM

Sunday Morning Worship: 11 AM

Sunday Evening Worship: 6 PM

Wed Bible Study: 7 PM

### Think That Christ Has Promised You His Wealth Untold....

Sometimes we get down in the dumps, feeling kinda blue, all gloomy and despairing about ourselves. I don't know about you but I get his way sometimes. Life isn't easy and even though there are all kinds of laws passed to make things fair it has been my experience that some things just aren't fair.

When I get into these doldrums and take pity upon myself I try to look at the sunny side of things thru the clouds. The song "Count Your Blessings" is a good one to give you a boost. It was written by a fella by the name of Johnson Oatman, Jr.

I looked Mr. Oatman up on the Internet and couldn't find out a lot about him. I guess he just kept a low key. I did find he was born in New Jersey in 1856 and died in Norman Oklahoma in 1922. He was a preacher of some sort. Other than that there wasn't much said about him other than he was a prolific lyricist. The guy wrote the words to some 5,000 songs.

There is much we can learn about him from what he wrote. "Count Your Blessings" for example: "Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold," "So amid the conflict great or small....God is over all." From what I see he was no different than you and me facing life's struggles. He wrote "Higher Ground," too. "I want to live above this world though Satan's darts and me are hurled."

There are several others he wrote, also: "No Not One," "I'll be a Friend to Jesus," and so forth.

We have a tendency to look at others, their things, their possessions,

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and make comparison with what we have or don't have. It's not wrong to have or want nice things or to better yourself in life unless it becomes an obsession. We ought to maybe take a look at what we have that others don't have. Salvation for instance, that's a biggie isn't it? Do those who have placed so much emphasis on getting ahead and acquiring things have this precious gift that those of us have that have been obedient to Christ?

Jesus asked the disciples in Mark 10:24 how hard it was for the rich. His answer was that it is pretty hard. I guess that I will be content with what I have Hebrews 13:5 because He has promised not to fail me. So I think I will put my treasures in heaven Matthew 6:18-20. What about you?

David Shearer

### ***God's Plan of Salvation***

#### **God's Part**

- God loved us and gave His Son for us (John 3:16)
- Christ died to save us (Rom. 5:8)
- Christ gave us the saving Gospel (Rom. 1:16)
- Christ built His church for us (Matt. 16:18)
- God wants all men to be saved (1 Tim 2:4)
- Christ is preparing Heaven for us (John 14:2)

#### **Man's Part**

- Hear the saving Gospel (Rom 10:17)
- Believe in Christ (John 8:24; 20:31)
- Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3)
- Confess faith in Christ (Rom 10:10)
- Be baptized for forgiveness of sin (Acts 2:38)
- Live faithfully (1 Cor. 15:58)

***God has done His part! Have you done your part?***



### ***Remember in Prayer***

#### **Shut Ins:**

- Vallie Andrews
- Fannie Bell Warren
- Janelle Arrington

#### **Others:**

- Bradley & Betty Glover
- Hollis Cluck
- The Pfaffs - Missionaries
- Diane Chopay
- Vickie Wade
- Craig Cook
- Judy Higgins
- Muril Todd
- Karen Hudson - cancer
- Diane G.'s mother - asthma
- Charles Grisham
- Christy Garrett
- Bonnie Richardson - cancer
- The Entire Bryan Family
- Mrs. Litchford
- Annie Smith
- JW Smith
- Elisha Garrett

### **August Birthdays**

- 14 - Evelyn Graham
- 25 - Dan Higgins
- 26 - Mel Hebert

### **August Anniversaries**

- 31 - Bob & Danise Fisher

### **Daily Bible Reading**

DAY	MORN.	EVE.
Sunday	Job 23-24	PR 26
Monday	Job 25-27	PR 27
Tuesday	Job 28-29	PR 28
Wednesday	Job 30-31	PR 29
Thursday	Job 32-33	PR 30
Friday	Job 34-35	PR 31
Saturday	Job 36-37	Romans 1

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

Q - What mob shouted one sentence two hours?  
Check back next week for the answer!

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

Q - What books in the Bible do not contain the name of God?  
A - Esther. Songs of Solomon.