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Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening Worship 5:00 P.M.

Wednesday Evening

Bible Study 7:00 P.M.

Elders

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Ministers

Chris Brill: 679-0440
Glen Elliott:

Our Record 2009

March 15th

Bible Study 219
Worship AM 280
Worship PM 160
Wed. March 11th 147

Budget: \$5000
Contribution: \$5211

STOP AND THINK!

Neatly out of the way, tucked over by the margin in most of our Bibles, is a word we scarcely notice and usually leave unspoken in our public reading of the Scriptures. *Selah* is a strange little word appearing over seventy times in the book of Psalms. Most seem to think it is a musical term signifying a pause, crescendo, or musical interlude. In his commentary on the book of Psalms, Eddie Cloer said, "Even though the word's meaning is obscure, it must be a musical term meaning something like, 'Pause and think about this thought'" (Truth for Today, 59).

We live in a world plagued by thoughtless behavior—a society governed by the flesh and ruled by fear. We are conditioned to trust our instincts and follow our passions. We have found it easier to let someone else do our thinking for us. But, who we are is determined by what we think (Prov. 23:7). So, do we really want someone other than Jesus setting the course of our life? If not, then we will need to pause and think about the really important issues of life. Where *Selah* is found in Psalms, look for a thought in the context that is worthy of pause and reflection.

For example, in Psalm 39, *Selah* follows David's observation that "every man is a mere breath" (11). Shouldn't the brevity of life cause us to stop and think? The writer of Hebrews said, "it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment..." (9:27). One of the world's greatest thinkers struggled with the meaning of life in view of impending death and concluded that the whole duty of man is to "fear God and keep His commandments" (Eccl. 12:13). Too many are living without giving serious thought to eternity.

Another thoughtful consideration highlighted by *Selah*'s admonition to "pause and think" is found in Psalm 32 where David described the burden of his sin, saying, "For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was drained away as with the fever heat of summer" (4). The world tells us not to worry about any consequences that might be connected to our actions. Instead, we are told to do whatever feels good. When it comes to living a life of sin, it never hurts to think. After all, "There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death" (Prov. 14:12).

Serious thoughts about sin lead to serious thoughts about God. Perhaps, that is why the 32nd Psalm goes on to tell us how David received forgiveness from the guilt of his sin (5). David acknowledged his sin and confessed his transgression to the Lord. The resulting peace that flooded his soul produced thanksgiving and praise (1-2). Then, at the end of verse five, is that funny little word, *Selah*. How often we should stop and think about the undeserved forgiveness we enjoy in Christ! Such reflection motivates us in the direction of spiritual growth so that we may produce fruit to His glory (2 Pet. 1:8-9). *Selah!*

—Glen Elliott—

Vows Made in Storms are Forgotten in Calms.



From the Elders

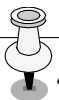
Be Faithful Until Death

Jesus promises us, "Be faithful until death and I will give you the crown of life" (Revelation 2:10). If we are faithful until death we will hear our Lord say, "Well done, good and faithful servant...enter into the joy of your Lord" (Matthew 25:21). We must never give up for Jesus says, "But he who endures to the end will be saved" (Matthew 10:22). Jesus says we must be faithful to Him if we expect to go to Heaven when this life is over.

When one becomes negligent and lukewarm as a Christian, Jesus says, "So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth" (Revelation 3:16). When one becomes unfaithful and falls away, it is usually a gradual process. One who becomes unfaithful usually starts missing on Wednesday night, then Sunday night, and then Sunday morning. But we are warned, "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins" (Hebrews 10:25-26). One who looks back longingly into the world will probably go back. Jesus says, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62). As one continues in the sin of forsaking the assembly or any other sin, the blood of Jesus Christ will no longer cleanse a person of the sin of which he will not repent; and because of this he will lose his soul. "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?" (Matthew 16:26).

Ron and Gene

We teach more by what we are than by what we say and do.



Spiritual Food For Thought

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that who ever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

Scripture: John 3:16
Reader: Ryan Baker

Chris' note

I have some sad news. We have canceled the trip to Mexico this summer. Since coming back last year the excitement has been growing about going again this year and the numbers of people wanting to go have tripled. Unfortunately, the violence erupting along the border has begun to spread down towards Matamoros. The elders, Tony Johnson and I talked and it was decided we not make the trip this year with the kids. Tony still plans to go and invited any adults wanting to go who can help with the building projects as well with teaching to let him know. I will be looking into an alternative trip and will hopefully have a few choices available soon. Since there is still a group going this summer we will be actively collecting the previously listed supplies.

Youth Calendar

During next two months we have a couple of activities that need some advance planning and I need to know if you plan to go.

April 17th -19th is Alternative Prom. This year we are making the trip to Dallas. We will leave around 2:00 p.m. Friday afternoon and head towards Texas. Saturday morning is a trip to the Dallas Aquarium. That afternoon we get ready for the formal dinner planned at Medieval Times. Pictures will be taken before, during and after dinner. After dinner we'll head to West End to ride Carriages and enjoy the fellowship. Sunday morning will head back stopping for worship and arriving back in Greenbrier about evening services. The cost is \$100.

April 24th -26th is the Hammond Mill Retreat. The cost is \$25.

Read The Bible Through In A Year

March	Old	New
Thursday, 19th	Deuteronomy 1-2	Mark 15:1-20
Friday, 20th	Deuteronomy 3-4	Mark 15:21-47
Saturday, 21st	Deuteronomy 5-6	Mark 16
Sunday, 22nd	Deuteronomy 7-9	Luke 1:1-25
Monday, 23rd	Deuteronomy 10-11	Luke 1:26-56
Tuesday, 24th	Deuteronomy 12-14	Luke 1:57-80
Wednesday, 25th	Deuteronomy 15-17	Luke 2:1-24

Upcoming Events

If you know of an event(s) not listed, please notify the office.

April 17-19, 2009 **11th Annual Evangelistically Speaking Lectureships** are scheduled at Mars Hill church of Christ.

April 17-19 **Alternative Prom** in Dallas. (10th-12th only)

April 24 & 25 **Spring Ladies Retreat** in Little Rock. See Jan Biggs or Sandra Blair for further information.

April 24 & 25 **Hammond Mill Retreat** in Missouri for 7th-12th grades.

About The Family

March Food Committee: For any food needs please contact *Dona Dixon* at (501) 679-5386 or *Love Hines* at (501) 679-6203 .

Ladies Bible Class: meets every Thursday morning at 10:00 A.M. in the fellowship room.

Children's Bible Hour Sunday evening services. Please see Sherrill Bowling if you can help.

Food Pantry Needs

canned fruit, green peas, canned chili, mayo-pint size, rice, jelly, cereal sugar-1lb box, canned chicken & tuna



The Care Center

Professional Counseling in a Christian Environment

Every Tuesday
at the church building.

Call (501) 835-9900
to schedule an appointment

See Chris for information on financial assistance.

New Prayer Request

We still have many that are sick with Colds, the flu and bronchitis.

Cody Moody came forward last Sunday morning asking for the prayers of the church. He stated he has not been the Christian example he should be.

Jimmy Coker, an elder of the Mars Hill church of Christ in Florence, Alabama suffered a stroke in his spine paralyzing him from the neck down. Doctors do not give him much hope. A distant relative of Edith Seger.

Spring Break. Pray that all who are traveling will be safe and that good choices are being made during the week.



*Pick up the extended prayer list from the table in the foyer.
Please let the office know of any changes.
Thank you*

Spring Ladies Retreat

WHERE: LITTLE ROCK
WHEN: APRIL 24TH & 25TH
COST: ABOUT \$20
BUBBETTE'S WILL PERFORM

Privileged to Serve:

Sunday, March 22nd A.M.

Song leader Jim Sutterfield
Opening Prayer Todd Edwards
Lord's Supper
Preside: Mike Wolff
Rick Camp
Assist: Tommy Hall
Albert Hall
Darren Dent
Brent Holley
Closing prayer: Chase Turner

Sunday, March 22nd P.M.

Song leader Jim Sutterfield
Opening Prayer Brian Drewry
Lord's Supper Bill King
Shannon Whitley
Closing Prayer Don Barnett

Wednesday, March 25th

Song Leader Shawn Allred
Opening Prayer David Heffington
Devotional David Heffington
Closing Prayer Chris Brill

Greeters & Ushers

Mar. 22nd Gene & Sandra Blair
Bill & Pat Davidson
Mar. 29th Ron & Joann Boatwright
Jim & Martha Bell

Young Men To Collect Cards

Mar. 22nd Ethan Smith & Robert Taylor
Mar. 29th Ryan Baker & Justin Smart

Visitor's Gift Hostesses

Mar. 22nd Jackie Sims & Kathy Camp
Mar. 29th Kathy Peterson & Kim King



BIRTHDAYS

For The Weeks Of...
March 19th - April 1st

Mary Hankins 3/20	Mckenzie Shannon 3/30
Beverly Woody 3/22	Verle Acre 3/30
Steve Lucas 3/22	Gene Blair 3/31
David Woody 3/27	Luke Permenter 4/1
Tom Banks 3/27	Ryan Baker 4/1
Isaac Hall 3/28	

For The Ladies

I like to read good books. My favorite book, of course is the Bible, but I do read other books and I like some poetry. I have a book and it's called Keeping First Things First, by John Gile. It's a father writing about things he feels and thinks as a father. I wanted to share this with you from his book:

Almost all happiness we know in life is born in suffering. Almost all joy is born in pain. The joy of birth is preceded by the agony of labor and delivery. The joy of learning is born of the agony of self-discipline and study. The joy of victory is born of the agony of training and competition. It often seems that the greater the difficulty, the greater our joy of overcoming it. Overprotective parents miss that. Protecting children from adversity denies them the opportunities to know feelings of accomplishment and self-worth that are among life's richest treasures. Maybe that is why we are allowed to experience so many troubles in our lives.

When I read this I thought, in our lives as Christians we struggle and strive, working toward our goals. Trying to put God first, trying to be like Christ and sometimes it's not easy. Trials and temptations come and go, but oh the reward, it truly will be worth it all.

Yours in Christ,
Carol Shadell

The sanctity of marriage and the family relation make the corner-stone of our American society and civilization. —James A. Garfield

Anniversaries

For The Weeks Of...Mar. 19th - Apr. 1st

Jim & Patsy Burkett 19th	Todd & Lesia Edwards 23rd
Jeff & Julie Lentz 19th	Herb & Dorothy Tatum 26th
Jarrod & Dena Devalle 22nd	

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