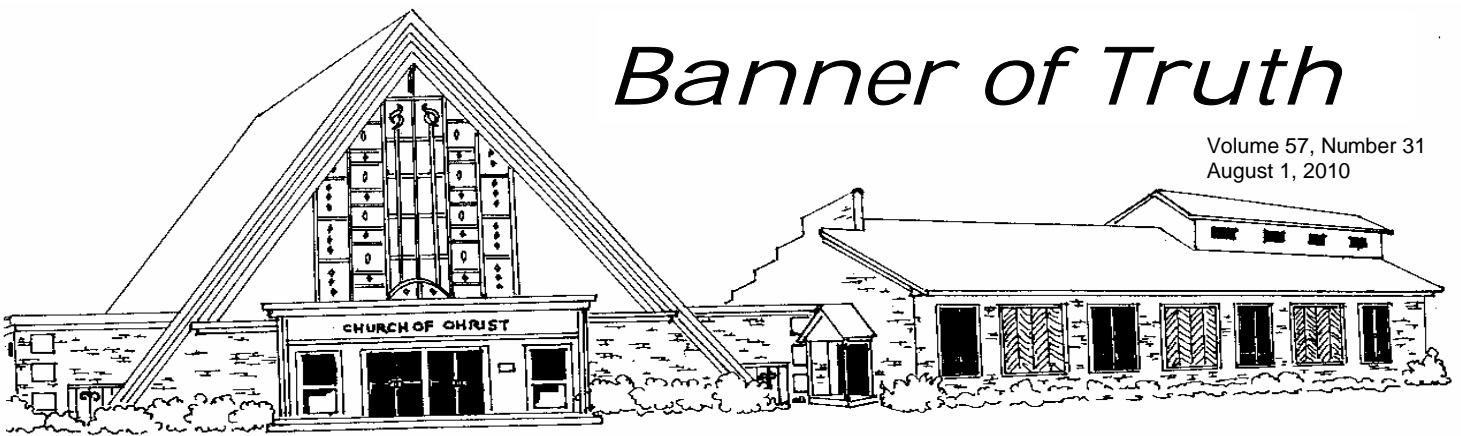


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## Rick's Rightings

**MARK YARBRO** did a very good job in his first Gospel sermon last Sunday night. We have been fortunate to have him as our Summer Intern this very busy summer. He has done a great job helping out with all the youth activities, camp, VBS, and everything else that took place this summer. Mark will be going back to Freed Hardeman University this fall for his sophomore year. Be sure to say a word of encouragement and thanks to Mark.

**MICHAEL PHILLIPS** will arrive in Memphis this Friday night after ten weeks of mission work in Honduras. We are so proud of him for his desire to help others and tell them about the Lord. I can't wait to see him again and hear all the stories he will have to tell. Thanks to all of you for your encouragement and support you gave Michael before he left. Thanks to those who prayed for him while he was in Honduras this summer. He will return to Freed Hardeman this fall and graduate in December.

**JUST A REMINDER...** if you took a questionnaire to fill out concerning a miscarriage, stillbirth or loss of a child, please get those forms back to me by this Sunday night. A reminder: it is to help a preacher friend of mine in a presentation at PTP this year. It is totally anonymous and confidential. There are additional forms in the office and in the foyer if you didn't get one. Several have been turned in, and I appreciate your participation.

**OUR SUMMER SERIES** continues in a fine way. Our next speaker will be **Taft Ayers** and his lesson will be entitled **Confronting Culture Part 1**. He and the next speaker will be dealing with moral, ethical and spiritual matters concerning facing Christians, with a special emphasis on our youth. These will be very helpful to parents and teens as we consider some of the unique struggles facing this generation. Be sure to come and have your teen here as well.

**A CLOSING THOUGHT:** "There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up." (John Andrew Holmes).

## THOSE TO SERVE

### **Sunday Morning Service**

**August 1, 2010**

Greeters: West Door ..... Edith Walker & Usher  
South Door..... Martha Westbrooks  
Announcements ..... Danny Cash  
Song Leader ..... Mark Brook  
Opening Prayer..... Lynn Kelly  
Scripture Reading ..... Brian Stephens  
Sermon ..... Ricky Phillips  
Closing Prayer ..... David Marker  
Attendance Cards.... Rex Roberts, Grant Roberts, Andrew Johnson  
Nursery ..... Rebecca Davidson & Suzy Church

### **The Lord's Table**

Mike Swaim ..... Joe Exum  
L D Adkins ..... O. P. Ogg  
Charlie Rowlett..... Bill Rea  
Tim Spence..... Bubba Kelly

### **Ushers**

Charles Latta..... Charles Glover  
Joe Willhite ..... Barry Harris

### **Sunday Evening Service**

**August 1, 2010**

Announcements ..... Danny Cash  
Song Leader ..... Mark Brook  
Opening Prayer..... Gary Higgs  
Scripture Reading ..... Jim Church  
Sermon ..... Ricky Phillips  
Closing Prayer ..... Steve Butler  
Attendance Cards ..... Ushers  
Nursery ..... Kim Cary & Morgan Cash

### **Wednesday Evening Service SUMMER SERIES - Taft Ayers "Confronting Culture Part 1"**

**August 4, 2010**

Song Leader ..... Jarred Clayton  
Opening Prayer..... Rex Pate  
Closing Prayer ..... Jeff Wright  
Nursery ..... Sheila Cash & Leigh Ann Davis

### **August, 2010**

Elder-In-Charge ..... Danny Cash  
Duty Deacons..... Lonnie Maness, Keith Carver, Mike Swaim  
Usher-In-Charge ..... Richard Kelly

### **August Food Committees**

Care Group 1 ..... Angie Hughey & Patsy Phillips  
Care Group 2 ..... Kim Cary & Natalie Cantrell  
Care Group 3 ..... Louise Murphey & Terri Lemonds  
Care Group 4 ..... Marie Nielsen & Vicki Exum

### **IF UNABLE TO SERVE, CALL:**

Don Wright - 587-9800 or Johnny Vincent - 587-2351

## MARTIN YOUTH MINISTRY

## TERRELL OWENS

American football has always been one of my favorite sports. I have some great memories with my dad and brother WATCHING, PLAYING, TALKING football.

I still enjoy WATCHING, PLAYING, and TALKING football. Thankfully, my wife does, too.

Yesterday, one of my favorite NFL teams, the Cincinnati Bengals, signed a new player...#81 - TERRELL OWENS.

Owens played college football and basketball at the UNIVERSITY of TENNESSEE at CHATTANOOGA, and was selected in the 1996 NFL draft by the 49ers. Since then he's played for the Eagles, Cowboys, Bills and now the BENGALS.

He is a six-time Pro-Bowl selection and holds several records at the wide-receiver position. He's been one of the dominant receivers of his era. But as PRODUCTIVE as he has been, Owens has been equally CONTROVERSIAL, creating firestorms with almost every team he has played for as a professional.

Popularly known by his initials, T.O., he is as renowned for his flamboyant touchdown celebrations and public drama. His actions on and off the field have led to many league fines, as well as frequent penalties for his team.

He's dramatic. He creates a spectacle everywhere he goes. He's known more for his MOUTH than his MANNERS. And the headlines are filled with blurbs about his EGO rather than his ETHIC. He's showy, splashy and stagy. He produces more TURMOIL for his team than he does TOUCHDOWNS. He'll probably win an EMMY for his EGO before he ever wins a LOMBARDI for his LABOR.

What do you think? Have you ever known someone like this? What about in the church? Jesus did.

Jesus told a similar story about a man filled with PRIDE and ARROGANCE. This man was a PHARISEE who was obsessed with his own virtue. And when contrasted to a lowly publican who humbly asked for the mercy of God, Jesus said this...

"I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." (Luke 18:9-14)

Church, let's be more like the publican and less like the Pharisee. Let's continue to be more humble and less proud. Let's depend on God's mercy. Not our own might.

Proverbs 16:18 says, "Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall."

I don't know what playbook my Bengals are reading, but our roster is filling up like CLOWNS at a CIRCUS rather than CONTENDERS in a COMPETITION.

Scott Bond  
Martin, TN

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SICK

**Tatum Hall** is home recuperating after having a tonsillectomy. **Mary Langley** was able to be at worship last week. **Kenny Lemonds** found out that he has a serious infection in his lung, but the good news is it is NOT cancer. **Marty Lemonds**, step-mother of Kenny Lemonds, has had double pneumonia. She is at home. **Roy McNew**, brother of Shirley Willhite, had successful triple bypass surgery. **Carlos Moore**, brother of Mickey Moore, suffered a heart attack and is some better. **Paul Moore** continues his chemotherapy. **Steve Reynolds** is awaiting test results. **Rachel Thompson** continues her chemotherapy. **Joe Walker** is waiting on test results. **Wrigley Watson** will have surgery on August 10th at Vanderbilt. **Dorothy Willhite** is in Cane Creek Room 314C. **Dorothy Yates** has returned home.

## PRAYER LIST

Shirley Ayers, Garritt Baker, Barry Barber, Jerri L. Benderman, Jennie Booker, Ken Butler, Bud Carroll, Alene Clifton, Mary Ann Coates, Sandra Cobb, Geraldine Damron, Benny Dedmon, Lindell Doty, Reed Exum, Omelia Faulkner, Leon Forrester, Mary E. Freeman, Madelyn Frutiger, Earl Garner, Gerald Garner, Pat Gerhardt, Glynn Giffin, Marjorie Gill, Jack Glisson, Abby Glover, Ruby Gunnels, Tatum Hall, Deana Hane, Joe Brent Hankins, Mary Ellen Harris, Bobbie Jean Henry, Clay Higgs, William Higgs, Bill Hollandsworth, Hayley Holmes, Ralph Hughey, Winnie Kirkland, Emily Knudsen, Timo Kramer, Jewell Langford, Mark Langley, Mary Langley, Kenny Lemonds, Marty Lemonds, David McCauley, Zach McGregor, Roy McNew, Nancy Mansfield, Cara Marvin, Arnie Melson, Margaret Melson, David Monroe, Alan Moody, Carlos Moore, Paul Moore, Linda Nicholson, Odell Owensby, Jim Randolph, Paul Rea, Steve Reynolds, Glenn Smethwick, Judy Spence, Melissa Stewart, Lee Tatum, Nick Taylor, Emily Taylor, Josh Terry, Odell Terry, Zachary Terry, Bobbie Thompson, Rachel Thompson, Wendy Turnbow, Barbara Tyson, Judi Utter, Cody Wade, Rodney Wade, Joe Walker, Pauline Walker, Wrigley Watson, Jere Webb, Jean Wells, Nick White, Doris Whithorn, Dorothy Willhite, Marvie Williams, Francis Wilson, Mandy Wilson, Relma Wright, Dorothy Yates.

## MILITARY PRAYER LIST

Brandon Box, Lance Dobson, Chad Glover, Jacob Hankins, Chris Hoque, Jarrin Jackson, Scottie Jones, Scott Kimbrough, Matthew Leke, Zach Marker, Ian Martin, Jeff Mayo, Darren Moore, Clinton Randles, Jon Sims, Brad Smith, Anthony Sweat, Jonathan Ulderich. \*\*Please add Derek Garner to your list. He is in Afghanistan and the step-grandson of Virginia White.

## PRAYER BEEPERS

Reed Exum 235-4685  
Kenny Lemonds 235-4681

## CARE GROUP

Care Group 1 will meet tonight after pm services.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Jon** and **Allison Vallee** on the birth of a son, **Jack Dayne**, born on July 21, 2010. He weighed 9 lbs. 8 oz. and was 21 in. long. Proud grandparents are **Phillip** and **Sandra Vallee**.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Scotty Ogg** on being named the Tennessee District 1 Young Farmer of the Year.

## AUGUST BIRTHDAY

**Jennifer Young's** birthday was left off the August birthday list. It is August 26th.

## BRIDAL COFFEE

There will be a bridal coffee honoring **Amy Hazlewood**, bride elect of **Mark Mosayebi**, on July 31st from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Martin Church of Christ Fellowship Hall at 233 Oxford St., Martin, TN. Selections at Kirkland's Antiques and Gifts.

## WEDDING RECEPTION

Following their wedding and honeymoon, there will be a reception for Drew and Amanda Flansbaum on Saturday, August 14th from 4-6 pm at First State Bank Community Room in Martin, TN. Hosted by Jimmy and Ann Kelly. RSVP r.ann.kelly@gmail.com or 731-587-2754.

In conjunction with this, a bowl of "salad greens" (\$\$\$) will be presented to Amanda and Drew Flansbaum at their wedding reception here in Martin on August 14<sup>th</sup>. Shelia Marker, Kim Ayers, Marie Nielsen and Denair Melson will be collecting money for the "bowl" (your gift will be dropped into a collective envelope and you will sign your name) If possible, please turn your gift in by Wednesday night, August 11<sup>th</sup>.

## THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

Mere words cannot express my sincere appreciation for all your prayers, cards, phone calls and offers to help in any way.

A special "thank you" to the ladies who brought food. It was delicious, and their visits mean very much to me.

In Christian Love,  
**Mary Langley**

Dear Church Family,

Words cannot express our gratitude and humbleness towards you. Every card, phone call, meal, visit, prayer, prayer beeper and gifts have touched our hearts and deepened our love for you and the Lord. It is such a blessing to be a part of such a wonderful church family. It has made going through such a difficult time easier.

In Christian Love,  
**Kenny and Terri Lemonds**  
**Terrah Eads**

## YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Aug. 2** - Summer Youth Series - Henry Church of Christ. Leave church building @ 5:30 p.m.

**Aug. 3-6** - Senior Trip.

**Aug. 8** - KidSpace - PM Service.

## WELCOME VISITORS

John David Billingsby.....Martin, TN  
Jeremy Buchanan.....Martin, TN  
Easton & Jaxon Davis.....Sebring, FL  
Wilson Emebunor.....Martin, TN  
Barbara Garrett.....Yuma, AZ  
Billie Jo Harris & Will.....Dresden, TN  
Alex Hazlewood.....Oxford, MS  
Randy Kemp.....Greenfield, TN  
Gene Killebrew.....Martin, TN  
Gigi Perez & Andrew.....So. Fulton, TN  
Jean Ridley.....McKenzie, TN  
Mitzie Taylor.....Bradford, TN  
Jonan Vallee.....Troy, TN

## ELDERS CORNER

1. Beams arrived on Tuesday and are being installed this week.
2. Elders made assignment of Absentee Members.
3. Brad Harrub will be with us on October 31st.
4. Air conditioner on new bus is not working and will be sent for repairs.
5. Summer Youth Series was held here on Monday night.

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

| Sunday                              |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| International Gospel Hour WCMT 1410 | 7:45 AM  |
| Men's Prayer Group                  | 7:00 AM  |
| Morning Worship                     | 9:00 AM  |
| Broadcast WCMT 1410                 | 9:00 AM  |
| Bible Study                         | 10:15 AM |
| Evening Worship                     | 6:00 PM  |
| MONDAY                              |          |
| Ladies' Prayer Group                | 7:00 PM  |
| TUESDAY                             |          |
| Tuesday Bible Study                 | 10:45AM  |

| WEDNESDAY         |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Bible Study       | 7:00 PM     |
| THE RECORD        |             |
| Morning Worship   | 326         |
| Bible Study       | 297         |
| Evening Worship   | 254         |
| Wednesday Evening | 245         |
| Budget            | \$11,750.00 |
| Contribution      | \$15,077.40 |
| Budget To Date    | \$15,339.37 |

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## Brian's Lifelines

### An Ocean Of Possibilities

Thomas Edison, one of the most brilliant scientists the world has ever known. The phonograph. The motion picture. The electric light bulb. Yep, all were created by Edison. He has 1,093 U.S. patents under his name. He may have been an extremely successful inventor, but he was pathetic when it came to fishing. I've read that Edison used to spend an hour almost every day sitting at the end of a long dock with the line of his fishing pole submerged in the blue beneath.

He fished alone, and he never once pulled the line out of the water with a fish on his hook. Now you may be wondering what I'm wondering. How could this brilliant scientist not figure out a way to empty the ocean floor of scaly water-breathers? Well, when Edison was older, someone mustered up the courage to ask the inventor how come he was such a lousy fisherman.

Here's what he said. "I really never caught any fish because I have never used any bait." Okay, are you beginning to wonder if maybe he was one lure shy of a full tackle box, at least in the common sense department? Many people would have thought, "Alright, we have a crazy genius on our hands." So the next question that was directed at Edison was, "Why in the world would you fish without bait?" He replied, "Because when you fish without bait, people don't bother you, and neither do the fish. It provides me my best time to think." So there was a logical reason to the perceived insanity. In fact, since Edison allowed himself to be a terrible angler, it provided him with an ocean of possibilities in which to deepen his creativity. It worked.

How many times have you and I made assumptions about another person based on the way they acted in a certain situation, performed a particular activity, reacted in a given moment, or looked a certain way? Are you the kind of person who draws unfair judgments about another person because that individual didn't do what you would have done or look how you think they should look? Now, if someone is doing something out of harmony with the Bible, that's another story.

I'm talking about our petty criticisms, harsh judgments, and inconsiderate assumptions. Do you ever unfairly size up someone's work ethic, leadership potential, or intelligence level by comparing their actions to what you would have done or do? How often do you critique what someone said because you wouldn't have put it that way? How about this, do you always insist on carrying out a ministry assignment or act of service according to your specifications because you think you've got the best ideas? Do you ever unjustly criticize someone else's reaction to pain, problems, or circumstances? What I mean by that last statement is, do you ever rush to the mental thoughts, "Get over it," or "Quit whining." Don't get me wrong; there are some people who can milk unfortunate situations. However, we need to be compassionate without enabling bad habits, but we can't glibly dismiss a sincere hurt. One final question for application, "Are you overly suspicious of others' actions and motives?"

Thomas Edison's story fueled all these thoughts of how careful we need to be about judging other peoples' decisions and ways of doing things, etc. (John 7:24). There could be an ocean of possibilities behind why something is said the way that it's said or done the way that it's done, and God could be right behind it, using the moment to grow someone, reach someone, or teach someone. You need to be reminded that you're not always right. I need that too. We need never forget that God created the body of Christ to thrive on the basis of many parts making the most of their talents, and those parts may function differently than you or me, but that doesn't make them any less necessary. God created each of us differently, and "He has arranged the parts just the way he wants them to be (1 Cor. 12:18)."

*Brian Stephens*