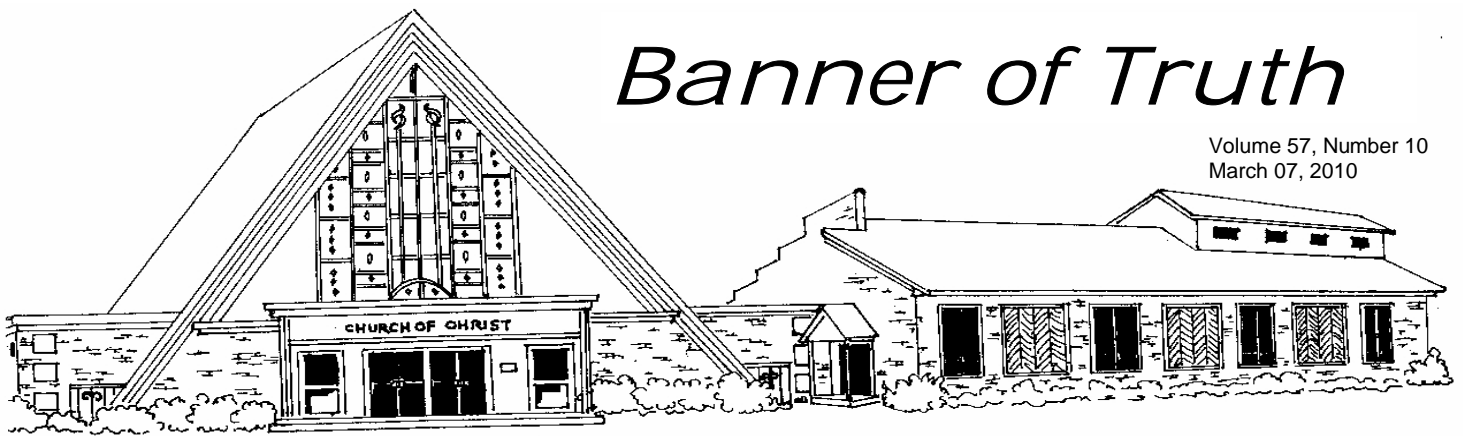


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Rick's Rightings

BAPTISMS: Our group had a wonderful weekend at CYC. During the time they were there, FIVE young people were baptized into Christ. They are: **Beau Kelly, Hunter Roberts, Karly Ogg, Savannah Willis** and **John Colt Fulcher**. We are so proud and pleased that these young people made this great decision to be baptized for the remission of their sins and give their lives to the Lord. Be sure to encourage each of them as they begin their Christian walk.

RESTORATIONS: Also while at CYC, three of our young people responded to confess sin and rededicate themselves in service to the Lord. **Hailey Cash, Kallen Parker** and **Jessie Andrews** responded to the invitation. Let's be sure to encourage them as they seek to faithfully serve God.

"GOD'S BLUEPRINT FOR THE HOME" was a wonderful weekend with Roy Sharp and Mike Cravens. These two men did a wonderful job of dealing with various issues dealing with marriages and home life. It was a great blessing to have them with us, and I hope you were able to be present for at least some of the sessions. We did record them, so if you would like a cd of some or all the sessions, let Andy Rea know or contact us in the office.

FIVE MORE HERO BOXES have been sent to service personnel serving overseas. To date, well over **ONE HUNDRED** have been sent out since this project got started. Thanks to Jackie Moore and all those who work in this area.

REMEMBER: *"It's Great to be a Christian at Martin!"*

A CLOSING THOUGHT: "There's nothing like a good crisis to increase my energy and remind me how much I need God." (Anne Christian Buchanan).

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday Morning Service March 07, 2010

Announcements..... Danny Cash
Song Leader Jarred Clayton
Opening Prayer..... Gary Higgs
Scripture Reading Clois Snyder
Sermon..... Ricky Phillips
Closing Prayer Paul Nielsen
Attendance Cards Weston Rowlett & Jasper Hicks
Nursery Sandra Rowlett & Anderson Stallings

The Lord's Table

Tommy Hunt Jamey Andrews
Richard Kelly..... Bob Figgins
Scotty Ogg Lee Roberts
Bill Lowry Jacob Greer

Ushers

Don Wright..... Logan Wright
Chris Pritchett Dillon Gardner

Sunday Evening Service March 07, 2010

Announcements..... Danny Cash
Song Leader Jarred Clayton
Opening Prayer..... Jimmy Wright
Scripture Reading Mike Spence
Sermon..... Scott Bond
Closing Prayer Joe Walker
Attendance Cards O. P. Ogg
Nursery Deah Stallings & Shelley Stout

Wednesday Evening Service March 10, 2010

Song Leader Aaron Hand
Closing Prayer Joe Exum
Nursery Shelby Webb & June Wright

March, 2010

Elder-In-Charge Danny Cash
Duty Deacons Bill Rea, Keith Carver, Mike Swaim
Usher-In-Charge Jeff Wright

March Food Committees

Care Group 1 Tina Kelly & Candy Ogg
Care Group 2 Penny Holecz & Mary Ann Robertson
Care Group 3 Martha Pate & Sue Hatler
Care Group 4 Sylvia Kemp & Pat White

IF UNABLE TO SERVE, CALL:
Don Wright (587-9800)
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MARTIN YOUTH MINISTRY

Taking It To The Streets

Young people are the greatest resource the church has access to today. They are bursting with ENERGY, PASSION and DESIRE to let God do amazing things in their lives. They are eager to hear, receive and obey God's Word. They are willing to express emotions, letting their real, authentic self show. They have the potential to change lives, change communities and change the world. Do you know of a more powerful resource fueling the church today?

This past weekend, over 35 of our students from Martin made some type of public/private confession desiring to do a better job in setting an example for their friends. They've recommitted their lives to be better EXAMPLES and INFLUENCES.

Several responded publicly making statements like these...

Jessie Andrews: "I know I have not been the influence to all the people in my life that I should be. I apologize to any one who I have caused to stumble. I pray I can be a better influence to my friends."

Kallan Parker: "I would like to confess sin in my life. I know I have not been the best example lately. I want to be a better friend, daughter, and most importantly, a better Christian. Please pray for me."

Hailey Cash: "I have always been scared to talk about God with my friends, because of what they would think. I want to change that. I want to become a better Christian and influence to others."

4 of our young people were baptized to have their sins washed away: Hunter Roberts, Savannah Willis, Karly Ogg, Beau Kelly.

Listen to their hearts...

Hunter Roberts: "This is something I've been thinking about for a long time... I want to be cleansed of my sins."

Karly Ogg: "I want to see my GREAT maker in Heaven! I felt very nervous but so ready for all my sins to be washed away, and know I'm going to Heaven. Afterwards I felt great and even like a new person! I came up (out of the water) and felt unbelievable."

Savannah Willis: "I was baptized because I wanted my sins washed away. I want to start a new life, go to heaven and be able to tell God that I love him and thank him for everything He has done. I felt nervous, confident and happy, relieved of all my sins. I feel like I know God and love Him and believe that He is the one who died for me on the cross."

Beau Kelly: "I was baptized because I wanted all my sins to be forgiven and to spend my after life in heaven. Before, I felt that I had done more wrong than right. Now I feel like I have been reborn. I feel that I have a clean slate. I feel good about myself."

1 of our students, John Colt Fulcher was re-baptized to confirm his salvation and ease some doubts that were bothering his conscience.

We believe this is just the beginning of God's work for young people in Martin, Tennessee. We're continuing conversations/studies with several others considering obeying the gospel.

Who do you know that needs Jesus?
What are you doing about it?

Scott Bond
Martin, TN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SICK

Bud Carroll, son-in-law of June Lee, went home this week: 143 Hamilton Dr., Martin, TN. **Benny Dedmon** is now in Room 8007, Vanderbilt Hospital, 1161 21st Ave. S., Nashville, TN 37203. **Jack Dobson** remains in Room 55 at Volunteer Hospital, 161 Mt. Pelia Rd., Martin, TN. **Joe Glasgow** has returned home to recuperate: 215 Frankie Ln., So. Fulton, TN 38257. **Bob Hughey** suffered a mini stroke on Sunday. He is being treated with medication: 5031 S. Hwy. 45, Sharon, TN 38255. **Renee Hughey**, daughter of Bob and Norell Hughey, suffered hypertension. She is home and being treated with medication: 6009 Louisiana Ave., Nashville, TN 37209. **Dorothy Jo Jacobs**, mother of Paula Mitchell, had cataract surgery in Jackson on March 3rd: 301 Miller Rd., Martin, TN. **Randy Kemp** is home recuperating: 506 Hillsboro, Greenfield, TN 38230. **Bob Laws** is at home after his decision to stop all treatments: Anderson Apts. #4, 106 S. Church St., Dresden, TN 38225. **Wanda Mann's** surgery went well. She is home recuperating: 1219 Saulters Rd., Homewood, AL 35209. **Jim Randolph** is recuperating at home now: 231 Sheltie Rd., Martin, TN. **Merritt Spence**, son of Tim Spence, is home after having surgery: 671 Poplar St., Dresden, TN 38225. **Sherri Spencer** will have outpatient surgery on Friday: 210 Larkin St., Martin, TN.

PRAYER LIST

Shirley Ayers, Garrett Baker, Barry Barber, Modene Barnhill, John Beddingfield, Anna Laura Bell, Jerri L. Benderman, Jennie Booker, Judy Bumpus, Bud Carroll, Kathy Childress, Alene Clifton, Mary Ann Coates, Sandra Cobb, Geraldine Damron, Benny Dedmon, Jack Dobson, Danielle Edwards, Reed Exum, Omelia Faulkner, Brennon Forrester, Leon Forrester, Mary E. Freeman, Madelyn Frutiger, Earl Garner, Gerald Garner, Pat Gerhardt, Morgan Gentry, Glynn Giffin, Marjorie Gill, Mary Frances Gingras, Joe Glasgow, Abby Glover, James Gravenmier, Lisa Green, Ruby Gunnels, Deana Hane, Mary Ellen Harris, Bobbie Jean Henry, Clay Higgs, William Higgs, Bill Hollandsworth, Hayley Holmes, Bob Hughey, Renee Hughey, Joy Jackson, Dorothy Jo Jacobs, Winnie Kirkland, Emily Knudsen, Timo Kramer, Jewell Langford, Mark Langley, Bob Laws, Caleb McClarin, Zach McGregor, Bob Mann, Wanda Mann, Mike Marker, Cara Marvin, Arnie Melson, Margaret Melson, Creed Melton, David Monroe, Alan Moody, Carlos Moore, R. C. Nunley, Jim Randolph, Paul Rea, Steve Reynolds, Glen Smethwick, Georgette Smith, Judy Spence, Merritt Spence, Sherri Spencer, Nick Taylor, Emily Taylor, Josh Terry, Odell Terry, Zachary Terry, Rachel Thompson, Albert Tucker, Barbara Tyson, Judi Utter, Cody Wade, Rodney Wade, Pauline Walker, John N. White, Lynn Whitworth, Dorothy Willhite, Marvie Williams, Francis Wilson, Relma Wright, Dorothy Yates.

MILITARY PRAYER LIST

Brandon Box, Lance Dobson, Chad Glover, Jacob Hankins, Chris Hoque, Ray Jimenez, Scottie Jones, Scott Kimbrough, Matthew Leke, Zach Marker, Ian Martin, Jeff Mayo, Darren Moore, Clinton Randles, Jon Sims, Brad Smith, Marcus Tanner, Jonathan Ulderich.

PRAYER BEEPERS

Reed Exum 235-4685 and Bob Laws 235-4684

BAPTISMS

We rejoice to announce the baptisms of the following Christians who were baptized at Challenge Youth Conference: **Hunter Roberts**, son of Keisha Roberts, **Beau Kelly**, son of Bryan Kelly, **Karly Ogg**, daughter of Scotty Ogg, **Savannah Willis**, and **John Colt Fulcher**, son of Kim Fulcher, was re-baptized.

RESPONSES

We rejoice to announce the responses of the following Christians who responded at Challenge Youth Conference: **Hailey Cash**, daughter of Debra Cash, **Kallen Parker**, daughter of Ty and Sidney Parker, **Jessie Andrews**, daughter of Jamey and Cindy Andrews.

THANK YOU

Thank you for the many prayers, visits and phone calls during my most recent stay in the hospital. They have meant so much. I know I have not always been the kind of person I should, but my family and Christian family have always been there no matter what. Sometimes the Lord has his way of rattling our cage to wake us up. Please keep praying for me as I have a long road to get back where I need to be.
In Christian Love,

Randy Kemp

Martin Church Family, All the Walker family want to thank you for your phone calls, visits, prayers and all the delicious food that was prepared by the Care Groups. Our thanks also to the ladies that served the food after the funeral. We are so blessed to be a part of such a loving and caring congregation. A special thanks to those who helped with the baptism.

The Bert Walker Family

CARE GROUP

Care Group 1 meets Sunday night after evening services.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

March 10th - Series Title: *ABCs of a Godly Heart*. Topic: The Rs and Ss of a Godly Heart. Teacher: **Amy Rea**.

LADIES DAY PLANNING MEETING

There will be a planning meeting for Ladies Day on March 7th at 5pm in Adult 2. All ladies are encouraged to attend.

MEN'S RETREAT

Men's Retreat will be Saturday, March 20th at Reelfoot Youth Camp. Speaker: Chris Dempsey. You can sign up via e-mail or let one of the elders know.

HERO BOXES

Five more Hero Boxes have been shipped out. To date well over 100 have been sent out.

STUDENT CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mar. 09 - LifeTalks @ 8 pm at COCSC.

Mar. 11 - FEED @ 6pm @ COCSC.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mar. 06 - Daddy/Daughter Date Night.

WELCOME VISITORS

Todd Gatewood Family..... Nashville, TN
Baylah Pettit Martin, TN
Tyler, Jason & Josh Smith Martin, TN
Richard and Sandra Walker..... Martin, TN
Tracey and Baker Williams Livingston, TN

ELDERS CORNER

- 2010 Summer Sermon Series is almost completed with topics and speakers.
- Potter Children's Home picked up commodities and \$500 was given to them for perishables.

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	414
Bible Study	360
Evening Worship	286
Wednesday Evening	282
Budget	\$11,750.00
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Budget To Date	\$3,038.14

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Brian's Lifelines

Selective Obedience

I'm going to pick on the men for a second or two. "Men, do you know what I mean when I say 'selective hearing?'" You know exactly what I'm talking about. It's the phenomenon that wives have picked up on where men choose to hear what they want to hear and choose to be deaf to something they don't want to hear. We often choose to use this technique to justify an inaction when we "didn't hear her" when she asks later why we didn't do something.

Let's look at Galatians 5:19-21. The passage reads, "19 The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, _____, fits of rage, _____, dissensions, factions 21 and _____; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God."

Did you notice anything missing? Well, honestly I noticed a few things in the verses I didn't care for so I left them out. Which words would you leave out if you chose to selectively hear God? What verses might we leave out when speaking to friends and family? What if your Bible looked like what you really believed and obeyed? Are you and I selective in our obedience to God?

In 1 Samuel 15, Saul was instructed by the Lord to totally eradicate the Amalekites. He didn't. He evaluated what God said, but did what he wanted to do. It didn't stop at this selective obedience for Saul. Next, he went to Carmel and had a monument built to honor himself. From selective hearing to pride. Saul's mission began with the call of God but it moved to Saul's success in Saul's mind. One writer worded it like this, "Once you begin to selectively obey and pride creeps in, you get deceived." Saul was supposed to destroy everything, but Samuel could still hear the bleating of the sheep and Saul blamed his men, lied, and said that the animals were for sacrifice to the Lord. Now, Saul was in denial.

Here are questions you should ask yourself to evaluate if your obedience to God is selective? Are you "driven by God's words," or "driven by what you think God's words (Word) should be?" Whose success matters to you more? That all of God's Word be shared and obeyed totally, or that people like you and respect your material successes? Are you doing what is right or what works right for you, right now? Are you making the same mistake Saul made? In your personal life? In the way you treat your spouse? Your church family? Are you practicing selective obedience in the raising of your children? Let's see what Jesus thinks about selective obedience and our Spiritual condition. "Not everyone that calls me Lord, Lord, shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but he that does the will of My Father who is in heaven." (Mt. 7:21) So you and I need to ask ourselves these questions, and also take a look at our Bibles and imagine what our Bibles would look like if our personal Bibles contained what we really believed and actually practiced. Would you find blanks in your Bible?

Brian Stephens