

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE:**

Euin Barrier, Bernice Beeson,  
Carl Brand, Terry Cantrell,  
Ora Cash, Dickie & Joann Crouch,  
Richard Faulkner, Jimmy Hall,  
Eva Lee, Ken & Mabel Lock,  
Melvin & Ruth Messer, Bobby Mills,  
Glen Parks, Randy Parr,  
Sophia Sears, Earline Smith,  
Linda Smith, Barbara Staten,  
Joann White, Lisa Williams,  
Jimmy, Elizabeth, Katie & Laura Thompson,  
Darlene Wilson, Geneva Wortham,  
and those engaged in home Bible studies.

**If you notice someone's absence from the assembly pray for them, and call to see if there is some additional way you can help.**  
*The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute (Proverbs 12:24).*

MIDWEEK NEWS UPDATES AT:  
www.HarrisburgChurchOfChrist.com

**PRAYER LIST UPDATES:**

**Rodney Langley's** aunt, **Nelta Langley**, died Thursday morning.  
**Glen Parks** was moved to hospice care on Wednesday.  
**Lisa Williams**, sister of **Tommie Downing & Mary Ann Sills** is in serious health condition.  
**Kristy Whittingham** has been confined to bed for the duration of her pregnancy, which should be another month, but the doctor is concerned that Silas might be born too early.  
**Euin Barrier** has continued to be confined to home.

**Virgil Hooker**, uncle of **Steve Whittingham**, is in ICU in a West Plains, MO hospital.  
**Elaine Nix**, a retired HHS teacher, is in a Little Rock hospital and in need of our prayers.

**OTHER NEWS:**

**TEENAGERS** are invited to the **Parrs'** for movie & popcorn after the evening worship January 17.

**DIRECTORY UPDATE:** New address for **Grant & Kristy Whittingham:** 2080 Hwy 163, Harrisburg 72432.

**MINISTRY CAREER OPPORTUNITIES** now open with Children's Homes: Houseparent Family; Caseworker; Foster Family. To learn more about any of these opportunities, contact Paul Schandavel, our Child & Family Services team director, at 1-800-382-4114, ext. 124. Please note that background checks are mandatory for each of these positions.

**ALSO:** Paid, part-time position involving week nights only. We are in immediate need of several part-time "night out" supervision providers. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age and a faithful member of the church of Christ. The days of the week and hours are somewhat flexible, but the night out is typically four evening hours beginning no earlier than 5:00 p.m. Applicants may choose to work one night per week or more. contact Houseparent Supervisor Toga Broom at 870.239.4031, ext. 139

**Welcome**  
to the Assemblies of  
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**Sunday:**

Bible Classes 9:00  
Worship 9:45; 6:00

**Wednesday:**

Bible Classes 7:00

**Elders:**

Ray Blanchard 578-2559  
Bill Mears 578-9650  
Mark Weston 931-2790

**Evangelist:**

Al Parr 578-9154  
(Cell) 903-721-0332

**World Evangelism:**

- ◆Cape Town, S.A.;
- ◆Int'l Bible Academe;

**Benevolence:**

- ◆Children's Homes, Inc.;
- ◆Southern Christian Home

**★REMEMBER★**  
Bible Bowl  
meets here January 25

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January 10, 2010

**Winter Tune-up Special**

1. AIM YOUR LIGHTS to others may see your good works and glorify God.
2. SET YOUR TIMING so as to be in every assembly on time.
3. ADJUST THE BRAKES on your tongue so it doesn't slip out of control.
4. TUNE YOUR HEART to the peace that passes understanding.
5. ALIGN YOUR DIRECTION so you can steer the straight, narrow road that leads to eternal life.
6. TUNE YOUR MIND to think on the true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and things of good report.
7. CHECK YOUR SELF-STARTER to be ready always to go at every opportunity for the Lord.
8. ANTI-FREEZE YOUR HEART with a fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.
9. LUBRICATE YOUR SPIRIT with the oil of gladness, rejoicing always in the Lord.

# WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR CHRIST?

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The Bible clearly teaches that Christians are servants of Jesus Christ. Someone once wrote that “the church is not a rest home for the weary; the first Christians obviously thought of

themselves as living on the front line of a battle, and working diligently in the fields of their master.” Jesus did not leave the glory of Heaven, live 30 years in this “untoward generation” (Acts 2:40), and patiently suffer that horrible, agonizing death on the cross so that we could sit in the assemblies of the church occasionally and “endure” the “performance” of others.

- ▶ Paul preached (Romans 15:19)
- ▶ Barnabas accompanied him and encouraged him (Acts 13:2; 4:36)
- ▶ John Mark labored for their needs (Acts 13:5)
- ▶ Timothy learned from Paul and duplicated Paul’s work (Acts 16:1-3; II Tim. 1:13; 2:2)
- ▶ Titus carried messages for Paul (II Cor. 7:6; 8:6)
- ▶ Silas left his home city to travel as a companion in Paul’s labors (Acts 15:22, 40)
- ▶ Archippus hosted the church in his home (Philemon 2)
- ▶ Eunice sent her son to learn from Paul (II Tim. 1:5)
- ▶ Lois allowed her grandson to leave home to work for the Lord (II Tim. 1:5)
- ▶ Phebe served the church (Rom. 16:1)
- ▶ Dorcas provided clothing for needy saints (Acts 9:36-39)
- ▶ What are YOU doing for the Lord?

A song-writer responsibility when he Who died for me.” The epistle to the church in should “present your holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.” Seeing that Jesus died for us, it is “reasonable” that we should “die” for Him. He gave Himself a sacrifice unto death. Our sacrifice is to be that we give up serving our own selfish feelings, emotions and desires, and faithfully and lovingly serve Him instead. Even under the Old Testament this was God’s will for man (Eccl. 12:13).

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understood our wrote, “I’ll live for Him apostle Paul wrote in his Rome (12:1) that you bodies a living sacrifice,

This “working ... of every part” is the means by which the church grows (Eph. 4:16). Are you doing your part? Will the church grow because of your actions?

God tells us that “faith without works is dead” (Jas. 2:20), and encourages us to show our faith by our works (v. 18). What evidence is there that you have faith in God and in His Son Jesus Christ? A dead faith cannot save you (v. 14). What are you doing to show that you are LIVING for Him?

-Al Parr

## What Light is in You?

**I**srael had sinned against the Lord their God ... and had feared other gods, And walked in the statutes of the heathen, ... they built them high places ... And they set them up images and groves ... and wrought wicked things to provoke the Lord to anger ... They served idols ... they... did not believe in the Lord their God. And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant ... and his testimonies ... and they followed vanity ... and went after the heathen, ... and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil ... Therefore the Lord was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight” (II Kings 17:7-18).

Assyria was the means of God’s vengeance. King Shalmaneser transported the Jews from their homeland to scattered regions of his empire (vv. 1-6), and brought people from other nations to occupy Israel (v. 24). See how those foreign occupiers powerfully illustrate an important lesson for us today.

Because the occupiers did not respect God, He afflicted them (v. 25). Realizing that they needed to revere the God of the land, they copied the practice of the people in whose homes they lived: “every nation made gods of their own, and put them in the houses of the high places which the Samaritans had made” (v. 29).

Your neighbors won’t believe the Bible – they won’t take to your teaching – they won’t look to your leaders – nearly as precisely as they will duplicate you doings.

Are your doings worthy of duplication? Jesus said, “Ye are the light of the world” (Matthew 5:14), and He followed that a few minutes later with, “If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!” (6:23).

Do we need a better commentary on “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven” (5:16)? I don’t think so. Do you?

-Al Parr

*Thy law is my delight*

(Psalm 119:77):

**B**E **A** **D**A**I**L**I****Y** **B**I**B**L**E** **R**E**A**D**E**R

**IN THE MAIL BOX:**

“We Exist Because You Care” is the statement in the letterhead of Southern Christian Home in Morrilton, Arkansas, which we support at the rate of \$100 per month. On January 4, 2010 Wayne Bartley, executive director of the home, wrote the following to you.

Holiday time is a time of preparation and of celebration. It is a time for fellowship, warmth, gifts, song, good food, parties and memories. We at Southern Christian Home want to remember “every good gift and every perfect gift is from above” (James 1:17). We strive always to make Christ the center of our lives. We hope in the season of giving as we dash around town trying to find that perfect gift for someone, that we will reflect his light.

Thank you for helping those who have less; for spreading the spirit of giving beyond your family and friends.

Thank you so much for sharing your blessings. 📧

During the past year you donated sewing machines, medicines and other helps, and sent them to Panama through the church in Egypt, Arkansas. The following letter was received by Fran Allison in Egypt and forwarded by her to you at the church e-mail address

(office@harrisburgchurchofchrist.com).

Hi Fran,

My name is Miriam Upton and my husband, Mark, and I are missionaries in Panama. Recently Larry Brady sent several sewing machines to be used down here and he told me that you were the one that got the machines together. I just wanted to say THANK YOU! These machines will be so useful for the women here. Most don't have machines at all and the ones they do have are very, very old pedal machines that they turn with their hands. I just can't tell you how much I appreciate your work in getting these to us. Please pass on my thanks to all those that donated so generously with machines, notions, and fabric. We love you all!!

Miriam 📧

**A SHORT COMMENTARY FROM AL** on James 1:27 – *Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in the affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.* This familiar and oft-debated verse is not hard to understand. *Religion* is spiritual discipline, including worship of God. *Pure* is sincere, genuine, without any mixture of what is false. To be *undefiled* is to be free from all that would make a thing of no effect. The *fatherless* are those without the guidance of a parent. To *visit* is to look after to provide and care for (illustrated in Ruth 1:6 and Jeremiah 29:10). If you want God to consider you a genuine worshiper, you will do what you can to care for orphans and widows.

**THE RECORD SPEAKS** (week of 1-3):  
Sunday Bible Class ..... 69  
Sunday AM Worship ..... 84  
Sunday PM Worship ..... 64  
Contribution ..... \$1,321  
Wednesday PM Bible Class ..... 50  
**WHAT DOES IT SAY ABOUT YOU?**

**Next Week’s Lessons:**

**AM:** The Basis of Unity

**PM:** The Value of Influence

from Children’s Homes, Inc:

**We Love a Parade!  
Teen makes a great impression**

On the December morning of our city's annual Christmas Parade, Children's Homes received an unusual and urgent telephone request: Would we have a young lady who could carry the "lead banner" at the very front of the parade that night?

Debbie, one of our young ladies here, was asked if she was interested in this (very cold!) opportunity, and she immediately accepted. Children's Homes employees made arrangements to have her in the right place at the right time, and off she went – at the head of the parade!

The next morning, we received a phone call from Ms. Peggy Jackson. Ms. Jackson is the owner of Simply Delicious, a local catering service, and she was the person who called us seeking someone to carry the parade banner.

Ms. Jackson raved about Debbie's demeanor, attitude and beautiful smile. She invited Debbie to be her guest at her company's upcoming Christmas party, and she told us that when Debbie is ready for a job, Ms. Jackson will have one for her. A few days later, we received this letter from Ms. Jackson:

*"We appreciate very much your working with us at the last minute. Debbie was an absolute joy. She met people graciously, interacted with peers, and was genuinely pleasant. It was a real joy to recognize her training from Children's Homes also, to know that you adhere to the teaching of our Lord: 'Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.' (II Timothy 2:15)"*

As we begin another year in service together, Children's Homes would like to thank you for your partnership in making these sorts of stories possible. Without your prayers, your encouragement and your gifts, the Debbies of our ministry would not have the opportunities to shine as brightly as they do. We are very proud of Debbie, and we are very proud to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with you in this ministry. Thank you, and may God bless your congregation in 2010!

Via e-mail  
Children’s Homes, Inc.  
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