



# Sonlight

## PREACHER TALK

### Words from Rick

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Paul wrote in his second epistle to young Timothy in the third chapter that in "the last days difficult times will come." Those times have arrived; everything that Paul predicted evidences itself today. Truth seems turned upside down as evil temporarily finds victory. People hate the good and have substituted a religion of entertainment and enterprise for a genuine spirituality. Education and media have dismissed God and his Word.

Our children and grandchildren are finding that living their faith will be more and more difficult. Paul argued that "all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But evil men and impostors will proceed from bad to worst, deceiving and being deceived."

What can we do? Where is the answer for the conditions we face? First, Christian parents must take charge of their children's spiritual and moral training. We cannot leave it up to the churches and schools to bring our children up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Parents must explain to their children why they should believe God, believe the Bible, attend church, and live the Christian life.

Secondly, parents must live what they teach. A wise parent is one that demonstrates before their children faith, hope and love. Christianity is better demonstrated than debated any day.

Thirdly, parents must see to it that their children are involved in an active and sound church. Young people need friendships that will help them get to heaven. They need friends who hold to common beliefs and share a common faith.

Fourth, parents need to keep the lines of communication open with their child. There should be a safe environment where the child can ask the tough questions and know that you will provide the right answer. They will search for answers and we need to be ready to fill the void with godly answers.

Fifth, wise Christian families worship together. They not only attend services together but they spend time outside the building praying and talking about God.

Lastly, love is the glue that binds our families together. We need strong relationships where we know that we are loved and cared for. I think my God I was raised in such a family.

Raising children to know the Lord is one of the greatest challenges known to man. But the Lord will bless and give strength to those who commit themselves to his will. May God bless our homes!

Hope to see you Sunday and bring all of your family with you!

# REMEMBER IN PRAYER

## “OUR FAMILY”

- Lavon Henley had gall bladder surgery Monday and will have kidney surgery in the near future
- Charles Gunter completed his radiation treatments and continues to improve
- Bennie Mullins continues to improve and regain his strength
- Jimmy England is at home recovering from back surgery
- Sandy Reynolds continues to improve following knee surgery
- Thelma Pierce fell and broke her hip
- Bob Green is undergoing treatments
- Gwyn Tillman, daughter of Hudson & Cheryl McDonald, recently had surgery for cancer
- Waldo & Ruthie Young
- Peggy Gunter is in Mobile Infirmary (Room 3639) and has regained some of her strength
- Angela Hill, wife of the new assistant coach at Spanish Fort High School, had a stroke and is paralyzed on her left side
- Bill Fryman, family friend of Marc & Tanya Seibert, suffered a heart attack Wednesday and has not regained consciousness
- Kenny Greer, friend of Herb McKee, found out last week that his cancer has spread and is inoperable; He will begin chemo treatments soon
- Harold Clark, father of Brandon Clark, is currently having serious health issues
- Expectant mothers: Amber Reimensnyder (baby girl due in October); Summer Ott (baby boy due in November)

## “CONTINUOUS NEED”

Ethan Powell ([www.ethanpowell.com](http://www.ethanpowell.com)); Eally Hinkle, mother of Peggy Green; Charles Boyington; Austin Brooks, friend of Lynn Hunt; Hannah Woodard, niece of Bob and Barbara Terrell; Dawn Bradley; Earl Bolinger, father of Tonya Wesson; Mable Trull, Mark Butts grandmother; Kenny Williams, brother of Jerome Williams; Naomi Nolfe, grandmother of Scott Wesson; Olivia Bearden, grand-niece of Phillip Brown; Rufus Jackson, uncle of Sarah Williams, Mary Prim and Dorothy Banks; Jo Jolley, Sandy Reynolds' mother; Joe & Sarah Guin, Joallen Davis' parents; Richard Norlin, friend of Diane Clewell. **BATTLING CANCER:** Lisa Wilson, friend of Tonya Wesson; Gwyn Tillman, daughter of Hudson & Cheryl McDonald; Kenny Greer, friend of Herb McKee; Bitsy Woodson, sister of Beth Powell; Tracy Lowe, cousin of Jerome Williams; Lance McMahan, friend of Chris & Lisa Turner; Oliestine Smith, sister of Ruthie Young; Noel Steiner, friend of Beth Powell; Margaret Davis & J.C. Mosley, friends of the Walley's; Allen Aubrey, Andrea Baldwin's dad; Trey Sawyer, friend of Eric Whittle; Edna Holifield, Jennifer Edgar's grandmother; Cindy Edgar, sister-in-law of David & Jennifer Edgar.

## SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Kerry Clewell (in Iraq); Carter, Victor & Stephen Eide; Justin Meyers; Tom Andor (nephew of Tim & Sandy Reynolds); Dewon Lawrence, grandson of Waldo & Ruthie Young; R.W. Roley, brother of Dawn Lindsey, (in Iraq); Lt. Cmdr. Sam Geiger, son of Brenda Geiger (in Guam); Elton Gunter (in Kuwait).

# FAMILY NEWS

**Life Groups** will begin the third Sunday in September (16th). We will have sign-up sheets available soon. We hope everyone is excited about starting our Life Groups after the summer break. We will keep the same first and third Sunday format. At least two of our groups will be adults only. This program is a great way to get to know members and invite visitors to join us in a more relaxed environment. If you are interested in leading or co-leading a Life group, please see Marc Seibert.

There will be a "*Kick Off meeting*" for the Inner City Ministry Tuesday, September 4th @ 7 p.m. The first class will be Tuesday, September 11th. For more information, please see Polly Parrish.

*We Care Ministry*

*will meet Sunday, September 9th at 5:15 p.m.  
in the college room in the fellowship building.*

## Fall Adult Classes

### Sunday

Beau Hanna - Beyond Death's door

Paul Kellum - Psalms

Rick Wyatt - Discipleship

Mike Sessions - Revelation

### Wednesday

Rick Whittle - 1 & 2 Timothy

Bennie Mullins - Hebrews

Gerri Edgar (Women's class) - Romans

A special thanks to all of the ladies that have helped provide receiving blankets and bonnets to newborns at Thomas Hospital. We have plenty of blankets but are in need of little pastel bonnets. If you are able to help purchase bonnets, please call Cheryl @ the church office.

**BIBLE  
TRIVIA**

**NAME TEN PEOPLE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT WHO SAW ANGELS**

# OTHER INFO

Sunday, September 2nd, will begin our new quarter and will also be promotion Sunday for our children's classes. Please remember that we only promote children in September, when the fall quarter begins. This helps us to have the correct number of materials for each class and keeps from disturbing classes during the year with children changing from room to room. Please see the following schedule for Sunday and Wednesday classes:

	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>
Cradle Roll	Paula Payne	Wendy Martin
2s & 3s	Cathy Hanna	Barbara Whittle
4s & 5s	Lisa Cote	Beth Powell
1st & 2nd grades	Sarah Williams	Polly Parrish
3rd – 5th grades	Brenda Hale/ Peggy Rogers	Polly Parrish

Below you will find the classes offered during the regular Sunday morning worship service. Please note the ages for each of the classes. It has been brought to our attention that we need your help in making sure our children are in the correct class, according to their age as listed below. This promotes appropriate levels of learning and avoids safety issues.

Nursery – Birth thru 18 months  
Toddler Nursery – 18 months thru 3 years  
Children's Church – 3 years thru 6 years

If you are willing to help teach a class or Children's Church, please let me know. As of now, we have 13 families willing to teach Children's Church. "It takes a village to raise a child," so please, let's all pull together for our children. Our children are the Church of tomorrow!

In Him, Tanya Seibert

## FOR THE RECORD

August 5, 2007  
Morning Worship: 187  
Contribution: \$8,711

August 19, 2007  
Morning Worship: 196  
Contribution: \$7,547

August 12, 2007  
Morning Worship: 222  
Contribution: \$8,856

August 26, 2007  
Morning Worship: 224  
Contribution: \$8,469

**WEEKLY BUDGET \$8,022**

# Teen News



## An Approach to Healthy Youth Ministry

The Greeks once had an approach to a life full of health that has been mimicked through the ages and is even being used today. It was a three fold or triangular approach to ensure that your life was maximized with health. The three sides to the triangle were a persons' mind, body, and spirit. If all three were in good health and in balance with the other two, individuals would experience good overall health.

As we are beginning a new school year and are about to welcome new young people into the youth ministry, we want our kids to take an approach to their spiritual health much like that above. We want our teens to be very aware that every devotional or spiritually based activity is open for all. We, in fact, need all of our teens, young and old, to attend these events to make them as impactful as possible. We want our teens to have chances to be together and have fun without the pressures of the world beating them down. We will have times when these are for Sr. or Jr. High specifically but we will also have times when they are for the youth ministry as a whole. Then, finally, we need our teenagers to be able to see outside of their own wants and needs and into others' lives. We will need as many as possible to be involved in these service projects to make them successful. So whether it be a devotional type event, a fun-time event, or a service project event we need all of our teens to be at 100% of our activities this year to help in their complete growth as young Christians.

With this approach to youth ministry we pray that we will continue to graduate faithful and capable young people to carry the torch of Christianity to the world that surrounds us.