

**A Warm Welcome Awaits You
At These Assemblies**

Sunday Bible Study 9:00AM
Sunday Morning Assembly 10:00 AM

Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM

**Bible Classes for All Ages
Attended Nursery**

Opportunities to Serve: July 31, 2011

Worship Leader	Rick Castleman	
Lord's Supper:		
Servers	Nathan Lowe	Jeff Larsen
Jimmy Kirby	Zach Ross	Layne Ross
Sean Kiser	Brandon Ulmer	Ben Izard
Elder Blessing:	Jack Close	
Sound:	Chester Warren	
Greeters For July :	Tom & Marilyn Gilroy	
Nursery (Infants- 2yrs):	Cindy Cox	Laura Cox
Nursery(2-3 yrs):	Blanca Landaverde	Lucy Ortiz

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Weekly Statistics for July 24, 2011	
AM Bible Class	112
AM Bible Class Avg.	109
AM Assembly	224
AM Assembly Avg.	216
Contribution	\$8,121.49
YTD Average Weekly Contribution	\$8,797.83
Weekly Budget	\$9,815.38



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Praying Psalms

I have always found it interesting that Jesus' disciples came to him and asked him to teach them to pray. Who taught you to pray? I don't remember ever asking someone to teach me to pray. It is language that we just don't use. We assume that everyone knows how to pray so we just tell each other to do it. Over the last twenty years I have learned several different ways to pray and I have found each one helpful in a different way. One of those ways is to pray scripture.

Turn to Psalm 111. Let me talk about this with you and then at the end of this article you should pray this Psalm. The Psalm opens with the thought of praising the Lord. As you pray through this Psalm you should begin with a time of praising God. What do you like about Him? What qualities does he have of which you think highly? Keep your thoughts focused only on Him. Don't use this time to thank him for things because that ends up being about you. As you move on to verse two you read about the great works of the Lord. Move from praising God to talking about his mighty works. Mention them to Him. What has he ever done that amazes you or causes you to be in awe of Him? You can use things from your life of you can go back to some of the things mentioned in the Bible. At the end of verse four the psalmist says God is gracious and compassionate. I think these two qualities of God are worth praying about by themselves. Talk to God about how these two traits of His make you feel. As we get to verse seven I see the word trustworthy and it makes me want to pray about all the reasons I trust God. Things like his holiness without any darkness at all, his unconditional love, his ability to forgive, and his wisdom. All of these are part of why I trust God. I would also want to ask God to help me trust Him more so that I would believe every word he says and never believe what Satan tells me. In verse nine we are introduced to the thought that God has

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redeemed us. This is a good time to spend time thanking God for our salvation. As we close out the Psalm we should talk about having a fear of God that is about respect and awe and love all combined and then we can praise him as we close out the prayer time.

I think if you pray like this your prayers will be different. When you use scripture like this to guide your prayers it helps you get out of the routine you are in. You end up praying about things which you wouldn't normally pray.

Have a great week!
Allen L. Close

Congratulations to Rachel and Scott Hamilton on the birth of their daughter Carolina Rose born on July 25th. She weighed 8lbs 10oz and was 20 1/2 inches. Rom and Robin Kellis are the proud grandparents.

Lexington Coming Events

We rejoice with Grayson Carter as he was baptized on Sunday.

BABY SHOWER

Everyone is invited to a baby shower for Sara Hanle on Sunday August 7th from 2-4 pm at the church. She is having a girl and is registered at Target and Buy Buy Baby.

Baby Shower

Everyone is invited to a baby shower for James David Watkins, son of Jason and Julie Watkins and grandson of Russell and Carolyn Watkins on Saturday August 13th at 3:00 pm at the Lexington Church of Christ building. Julie is registered at Baby's R Us and a money tree will be provided. RSVP to Carolyn Watkins at rockcastleinc@aol.com or call 699-7369. You may also RSVP to Carolyn Whitacre at 356-1026.

Annual Singles Retreat

October 14-16 Palmetto Bible Camp. More information available from flyer on the bulletin board or contact Central Church of Christ.

SOUTHEASTERN CHILDREN'S HOME

Wade Scharff Memorial Golf Tournament
September 24, River Falls Golf Course.
Registration information on the bulletin board.

Youth News

I can hardly believe it is almost August already! I am not ready for school to begin! While I do enjoy the regular routine that fall brings to my house, I miss the flexibility of the long summer days. I love sleeping in a little later, playing by the pool, and traveling all over the place. This summer my family has been able to go to PBC and Impact, to Florida to see my parents and grandmother, and to Charleston to watch Jake play in the Global World Series. It has definitely been an exciting summer to remember. Of course, the highlight of my summer was when my oldest son was baptized into Christ! What a joy it was to experience this special occasion with him. I can't wait to see the changes that God will bring about in him this fall and throughout his life.

I am also very happy for Grayson and his family as he too was baptized this past Sunday. I am so proud of the spiritual growth I have seen in so many of our teens this summer. It was such a blessing to be able to witness this firsthand at Impact and throughout the summer as we worked side by side in service to the community and discussed some pretty heavy topics together in small groups. I am so excited to see how God is working in the lives of all of these sweet young people. Please be in prayer with me as four of our teens (Bryan, Grayson, Mason, and Matt) go to Guyana next week. For at least two of them, this will be their first foreign mission experience!

Upcoming Events:

7/28 Youth Activity
8/1 Crossfit 6:30pm
8/2 HS girls group 7:30pm
8/3 Service Project

BIRTHDAYS: 7/31 Kaylee Bridges, Hannah Baker, Zachary Giles, Norm Gaines, 8/1 Mary Montague Akers
8/2 Frida Iniquez 8/3 Adam Lanham & Dennis Carter 8/5 Carolyn Whitacre 8/6 Kathy Upton
8/6 Travis Jex

ANNIVERSARY: 7/31 Mark & Cindy Cox 8/4 Rom & Chelsea Kellis



Prayer Requests

Norm & Lynn Gaines Julia Furr Andrew Brown John Chandler Makonde Team

Jean Cottrell for peace, patience & strength as she continues treatment for breast cancer.

Marjorie O'Neal, Phyllis Bruff's mother. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Julia Furr is in the Lexington Hospital recovering from a stroke.

Carter Swanson, 3 years old will have brain surgery on August 3rd. Pray for a successful surgery, and comfort and peace for his parents.

Danny Hammond is in Afghanistan as a civilian contractor.

Dennis Carter, Grayson Carter, Sandi Chamberlain, Kris Bridges, Matt Bridges, Mason Bridges, Heather Gonda, Travis Jex, Mary Anderson, Rafael Gonzalez, Bryan Wisniewski, Brian Sanchez, & Terry Kneece for safe travel to Guyana on Saturday.