

## Times of Service

Sunday Morning  
Bible Study - 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Morning  
Worship - 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Night  
Bible Study - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night  
Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

## February Birthdays

February 1  
Lauren Mills

February 4  
Katrina Eadens

February 8  
Thomas Watt

February 13  
Jacob Montgomery  
Jacob Pate

February 15  
Leah Eadens

February 18  
Rowena Francis

February 19  
Skyler Lockhart

February 22  
Cody Lyles

February 23  
Kayleigh Hickman

February 24  
Payton Mills

February 27  
Gene Grinstead

## Anniversaries

February 24  
Lionell & Pat Harrod

February 25  
Eugene & Maxine Coop

## Three Forks Church of Christ

February 2009

*The Lamp*

... as a light shining in a dark place. 2 Peter 1:19



## How Do You Spell "Cross"?

"SEE" - Look at Calvary. Don't turn away. I know it's not easy. What is done to Him is shameful. I know. But, look closely! Past the spittle. Beyond the blood. There. In His eyes. Friend, that is love. It is love for you! See the nails in His hands and feet, fastening Him to a tree He created for man's use. Look at the love He has for you!

"Are?" - Are you able to see that He bled and died for you? Are you willing to admit you're lost without Him? Are you ready to submit to His will, to obey Him, and live for Him? Are you prepared for eternity? Are you convinced?

"OH!" - Hear His cries of pain and agony. The death of a thousand deaths. Bitter moans of His disciples. The gasp of heaven's angels. The sorrow of a Father for His only begotten Son! The gasps and exclamations of a hateful mob.

"SS" - That's the hiss of the beguiling serpent. The one who is bruising the heel of the perfect One, putting God The Son in the tomb. This is the moment of his triumph. Though resurrection will soon bring the ultimate victory for Christ and hope for man, at the cross of Calvary the devil must be enjoying his frontrow seat. Doesn't he anger you? Disgust you? Motivate you? Live for Jesus. Don't live for the snake!

Friends, the cross spells the difference between heaven and hell, hope and hopelessness, joy and sorrow, night and day! The cross spells LIFE!!!

## *Responding to God*

God is the initiator of our salvation. He had the plan in place before man was created. Knowing that man would fall in sin, give himself over to such a debased master, God purposed to give His Son on the cross that we may have a way of redemption. The Hebrew writer states that Jesus became the author and finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2).

We are saved by the blood of Jesus Christ but we are not saved apart from belief, nor are we saved apart from faith nor apart from the will of God. We need to understand God is calling us through Jesus by the means of the Gospel. He is calling us to believe that Jesus is the Son of God and believing have life in his name (John 20-30-31). His will is for us to confess him before men. Jesus said if we confess him before men he will confess us before his father, (Matthew 10:32). He has told us we must repent (Luke 13:3,5) and that we must be immersed into Jesus death through the means of baptism. (Romans 6:3-6).

In the book of Romans much is said about a word, that word being justification. He tells us that Abraham was justified by faith and tells us that we also are justified by faith. In Chapter 5 of that book he tells us we are justified by the blood of Jesus. Well we know our faith is not the blood of Jesus so which is it faith or the blood? Yes... both! The point and place baptism. That is where our faith meets the blood of Christ, that is where sins are forgiven and a man becomes justified in the sight of God.

Not because water has some special powers and certainly not because submitting oneself in baptism earns or deserves anything. Its because beneath the waters of baptism is where God said he would meet us with the gift of the blood of Christ.

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Many people want to respond to God but want to respond to God in their own way. Yet God has said come and told us where to come. He didn't say, you pick a place and I'll meet you there, he said come and I will make you whole. We must remember that not all who call Lord, Lord will be saved but those who do the will of the Father. If we understand that will we not desire to come to him his way rather than ours? Ananias told Paul, "Why does though tarry, arise and be baptized washing away your sins calling on the name of the Lord." What keeps us from arising?

*By: Nick Secula*

## *What a Passion for Evangelism Does*

It makes us appreciate the fact of our own salvation even more than we formerly did.

It helps to impress us with the urgency of the tasks of saving the souls of men, because we are constantly reminded of our mission to share the Gospel with every creature.

We actually become burdened with the thought of lost people around us and begin to pray about them.

It opens our eyes to the power of the Gospel as we see people responding to the invitation of Jesus.

It reminds us of the power of God's word to change lives.

It builds a new fire or helps rekindle an old flame in the eyes of Christians.

Most of all, it glorifies the Father who is in Heaven. He sees His people at their best, working for the salvation of souls.

**By: Bob Crass**

### *Women of Worth*

The WOW - Women of Worth Ladies Bible Study will meet again on February 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship building. If you would like to attend or need lesson materials please see Tiffany, Lesson 5 will be over Deborah. There will be refreshments after class.

### *February Challenge*

Lets take the month of February and make it a prayer month for the church here at Three Forks. Lets pray for 2009 that God will help us to open doors and hearts to the gospel. Let us pray together for greater boldness in living a Christ-like life before our families, friends and neighbors. Let us pray that our light might shine even brighter as we encourage one another in the fields of His vineyard.

## **PRAYER LIST**

### **Sick**

Gerald Watt  
Bette Gilmer  
Leah Botma  
Riley Daniels  
Vivian McDaniel  
Cane Kinser  
Richard Hurt  
Phil & Joyce Crick  
Natalie Williams  
Cassie Dubree  
Kane Martin  
Becky Dubree  
Rouble & Wilma  
Lawrence  
Tammy Edwards  
Billy Burnett  
Phillip Ginsler  
Ruth Ann Cayton  
Daniel Pedigo  
Lana Young  
Jackson Blackford  
Kent Madison  
Bettye Hendrick  
Warren Lindsey  
Diane Zelsnickar  
Toni Dearing  
Jonell Phelps  
Lily Dishman  
Juliette Butler

### **Sympathy**

The Family of BT Webb

### **Soldiers**

Theo Raymer  
Jason & Melonie Jones

### **Mission Work**

India  
Athens  
Disaster Relief

### **Shut-Ins**

Maxie & Dorothy Grounds

### **Special Requests**

Bonnie Lamberson for  
Strength

## **SERVICE LIST**

### **Announcements**

Don Mills

### **Preparing Table**

Bonnie Lamberson

### **Waiting on Table**

\*Don Mills \*Keith Grinstead  
Payton Staples Ryan Cole

### **Reading**

February 4 - Gene Grinstead  
February 11 - Thomas Watt  
February 18 - Ryan Cole  
February 25 - Patrick Staples

## **DECEMBER**

### **Average Attendance:**

Sunday Morning Worship: 83

### **Contribution**

Total for Dec. 28 - Jan. 18  
\$4867

## **MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING**

March dates to be announced.



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