

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.

April Birthdays

May 2
Nicole Hendrick

May 4
Evon Thomas

May 6
Keith Grinstead

May 7
Sarah Bartley

May 14
Ella Lee

May 15
Leonard Lee

May 16
Brian Meredith

May 18
Nakia Lee

May 20
Shannon Whitley

May 21
Amanda Watt

May 22
John Mutter

May 24
Amy Grinstead

May 25
Dixie Price

May 28
Kirk Grinstead

Three Forks Church of Christ

May 2008

The Lamp

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



The Bible Steadfast

By: Nick Secula

The Bible has been under attack for centuries by skeptics and critics. They search tiredly and endlessly for so-called discrepancies between the Bible and science, history or archeology.

No doubt the Bible will continue to be attacked and criticized by those who refuse to accept it and no doubt the faithful Christian can know the Bible will stand every attack yet to come, as it has stood through every attack that has come and gone. And with that said, I share with you this poem.



The Anvil Poem

Last eve I passed beside a blacksmith's door
And heard the anvil ring the vesper chime;
When looking in, I saw upon the floor,
Old hammers worn with beating years of time.
"How many anvils have you had, said I,
To wear and batter all these hammers so?
Just one, said he; then said with twinkling eye,
The anvil wears the hammers out you know."
"And so, I thought, the anvil of God's word
For ages skeptics' blows have beat upon;
Yet, though the noise of falling blows was heard,
The anvil is unharmed - the hammers gone!
~Author Unknown

Some New Things!

Wow its almost May already. The weather is finally breaking and the days are getting longer. Its time for BBQs and family get togethers and getting close to our big summer activities here at Three Forks.

I also thought it to be a good time to look back at what has been done over the past few months. As we are setting out to build a vision and tackle the challenges around us its a good idea to take a moment of pause to consider some of the things we have done together. Hopefully they can encourage us into the work that lays ahead.

Of course we have built the church website and continue to update it and add features that will hopefully become a great resource for members and visitors alike. In addition to updates, news and announcements the site has a prayer submission and board to help keep up with prayer requests. We have recently added a calendar to help keep us up to date with birthdays, events and get togethers. We just added a page with a short video promoting the upcoming VBS and will hopefully soon be creating a similar page for SHINE. The podcast section from the inchristianlove.com site is accessible from the middle right box just below the logo. It features some of the past sermons and some shorter recorded messages. The site has had over 5000 hits since the first of March when we placed the hit counter on the site.

Recently a publication reached over 1000 mailboxes in our community, the publication is a part of our new outreach program called House To House Heart To heart. It will go out once every two months and at least 100 copies will also

be available at the church building for distribution. The program has already had a positive response. Having just recently hit local mailboxes we have recieved three corespondences by mail and had a family recently visting mention recieving the newsletter in the mail. We believe this program will help us to reach out into the community and begin a dialogue as well as offer an opportunity to encourage members in the area.

In house we have put together a monthly bulletin or newsletter called "The Lamp." The bulletin is to help us all keep informed of the happenings here with the Three Forks family. Our vision through this medium is to recap the previous month and to look forward to the coming month. Activites, birthdays and our prayer list are all highlighted in this new publication. We thank all those who have contributed information, design and other resources to make this possible each month.

You have probably noticed that we have a new sign at the end of the road. We want to thank all those who helped put up the sign and especially thank brother Gene Grinstead for getting the sign designed, made and installed. A lot of work went into this and we are so appreciative.

We have also had some projects started that have not yet been completed. We are getting closer to having the water to the fellowship building in the back. Though weather stalled the project we hope to soon have the rest of the line to the building in soon. On a similiar note the pole for the new light for our parking lot has been installed. We hope that soon we will have some of our lighting issues resolved by the new light.

We have also began the process of putting together a photo directory. We want to make sure everyone who attends with us gets to have their picture included in the directory. That means even our new members and those who have just recently began attending at Three Forks. If you haven't had your picture made please see Tiffany and Kristie so they can arrange a time to get your picture done.

This year is going to be a great year for the Three Forks congregation. We have several projects still being evaluated. Not the least of these projects being our facilities. We certainly are wanting to upgrade our facilities and we are currently gathering information so that we can make the best choices for the near future as well as the extended future of our facilities. As we are attempting to be the best stewards we possible can be, our hope is that you will be praying for this process and during this process.

We certainly are not just interested in physical projects but most importantly we are striving to meet our charge as a church to preach the gospel, to edify the saints and to encourage one another. As we build a vision for the future may our prayers be in one accord that our efforts and programs help us to do the work the Lord has placed before us.

By: Nick Secula

Game Day Fun!

May 24 at 4:00 p.m.
at Nick & Tiffany's House
Food, Fun and Fellowship.
Bring a dish and come over
for games, cards, or the
Bowling Tournament!!
If you have a favorite game
bring it along!

May Challenge

Lets make May a month for good Bible reading habits. Many have a good habit of Bible study. Maybe they follow a "read the Bible in a year" schedule, but for others the habit of Bible reading may not be as strong. Some say it takes four weeks to build a good habit. For the month of May we can work together on building a good habit of reading God's word. We'll read the book of Philipians together. One chapter each week! Lets challenge ourselves to do this, to find a few minutes to read a few verses each day or choose a day each week to read one chapter, but let us read one chapter each week.



**Vacation Bible School
July 10 -12, 2008**

**Please be praying for the
success of our VBS.**

**Planning meetings will
be announced soon and
everyones help and effort
are appreciated!**

PRAYER LIST

Sick

Gerald Watt
 Bette Gilmer
 Riley Daniels
 Jackson Blackford
 Dorothy Forbis
 Joe Rigdon
 Richard Hurt
 Carol Mosby & son Conner
 Natalie Williams
 Cassie Dubree
 Kane Martin
 Becky Dubree
 Rouble & Wilma Lawrence
 Tina Hoffman
 Tammy Edwards
 Billy Burnett
 Bobby Hendricks
 Ruth Ann Cayton
 Daniel Pedigo
 Lana Young

Praise Reports

Leah Botman continues to improve.

Soldiers

Theo Raymer
 Jason & Melonie Jones

Mission Work

India
 Athens
 Disaster Relief

Expectant Mothers

Kendra Meredith
 Amanda Watt
 Katrina Eadens
 Beth Dishman
 Jamie Furlong

Shut-Ins

Maxie & Dorothy Ground
 Gary Bunch
 T. L. Bunch
 Ruby Doolin
 Douglas Durrwachter

SERVICE LIST

Announcements

Patrick Staples

Preparing Table

Eric and Carrie Mills

Waiting on Table

*Don Mills

*Wade Cole

Ryan Cole

Eric Mills

Reading

May 4 - Gene Grinstead

May 11 - Wade Cole

May 18 - Don Mills

May 25 - Eugene Coop

MAY

Average Attendance:

Sunday Morning Worship: 68

Contribution

Total first 3 Weeks: \$3216.00

April Building Fund: \$3384.00

MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING

May 4, 2008 at 4:30 p.m.

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Come join us at a shower for Amanda Watt!

● *It's Raining. It's Pouring.*
 ● *It's a baby we'll be adoring!*

● *May 18, 2008 at 2 pm*
 ● *Three Forks Fellowship Hall*



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