

## 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.

## October Birthdays

**October 1**  
Larry Mills  
Erin Cole

**October 4**  
Rebecca Raymer

**October 8**  
Maxie Grounds

**October 15**  
Natalie Staples

**October 19**  
Leslie Mills

**October 23**  
Wade Cole

**October 26**  
Jean Booker  
Alan Montgomery

## October Anniversary's

**October 3**  
Craig & Lisa Peay

**October 19**  
Billy & Eva Webb

**October 23**  
Kirk & Leslie Grinstead

Three Forks Church of Christ

October 2008

*the Lamp*

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



*Welcome to  
Our Friends &  
Family Day!*

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“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is  
For brethren to dwell together in unity!”

Psalm 133:1

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*Please stay with us  
for a meal immediately  
following services.*

## *A Failure to Pay Close Attention*

"The high places were not removed from Israel. Nevertheless the heart of Asa was loyal all his days" (2 Chronicles 15:17).

Consider these words from the pages of the second book of Chronicles. Asa was loyal all his days; yet, the writer sees fit to inform us that the high places in Israel still remained. Here's some words of thought from a popular daily devotional book:

*Asa was not completely obedient in the outward, visible areas of his life. He was obedient in what he considered the most important areas, but he was not entirely right. Beware of ever thinking, "Oh, that thing in my life doesn't matter much." The fact that it doesn't matter much to you may mean that it matters a great deal to God. Nothing should be considered a*

*trivial matter by a child of God. How much longer are we going to prevent God from teaching us even one thing? But He keeps trying to teach us and He never loses patience. You say, "I know I am right with God"—yet the "high places" still remain in your life. There is still an area of disobedience.*

How frequently do we leave "high places" in our lives but try to justify them by saying they are little things, and little things don't amount to much? How frequently as a church do we here religious neighbors suggest certain matters are small and not worth removing for the life of the Christian or even from the life of the church?

We certainly must understand that we need to approach things in a fashion where we "put the horse before the cart." However it is this

## *Women of Worth*

Thank you to all who came out to our very first Ladies Bible Class. Please join us again this month on Friday, October 17th at 7:00pm in the Fellowship building. There will be refreshments after class. Lesson 2 will be Sarah: The Devoted Wife. If you have not yet received materials and would like to be a part of this next class please see Tiffany.

notion that God has spoken to certain things in spiritual matters, taken His effort to reveal His thoughts on it, but we are suppose to dismiss any discussion about them because someone can find a "bigger" issue of more importance that I find troubling.

The Pharisees certainly were no fan favorites of Jesus, nor did Jesus appear to have much good to say about the group as a whole. Maybe some of the most stinging words of indictment Jesus had for them are found in the 23rd chapter of Matthew. Consider just a small sample:

*"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone. Blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel!" (Matt 23:23-24)*

Though Jesus certainly rebukes them for neglecting the "weightier matters of the law," he also said "these you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone."

*We want to welcome  
our 2 newest additions!  
Lillian Grace Dishman  
and  
Bryant Lewis Eadens*

Jesus was not saying abandon the less "weightier" matters but they should have put them in a proper perspective.

We need to be careful that we do not fall into a failure to pay close attention as Asa did. The "high places" we leave up no matter how small some may tell us they are or we convince ourselves they are, may be the very things that strangle out or spiritual growth and/or cause others around us to stumble. Folks the "little things" do matter.

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## *October Challenge*

For our October challenge we revisit a challenge we have made in the past. With God blessing us with growth in spirit and in number we want to continue to reach out to our family, friends and neighbors. Lets take the month of October and invite two people each week to come to services with us. At the end of the month we can together have extended 400 or more invitations! A simple invitation sometimes is all people are looking for and no matter what we will grow when we challenge ourselves to invite and encourage in the name of Jesus our Lord.

## **PRAYER LIST**

### **Sick**

Gerald Watt  
Bette Gilmer  
Leah Botma  
Riley Daniels  
B. T. Webb  
Vivian McDaniel  
Cane Kinser  
Richard Hurt  
Phil & Joyce Crick  
Natalie Williams  
Cassie Dubree  
Kane Martin  
Becky Dubree  
Rouble & Wilma  
Lawrence  
Roger Wood  
Tammy Edwards  
Billy Burnett  
Phillip Ginsler  
Ruth Ann Cayton  
Daniel Pedigo  
Lana Young  
Jackson Blackford  
Kent Madison  
Bettye Hendrick  
Bill Slade

### **Praise Reports**

We would like to welcome our new sister in Christ, Kristy Burgett.

### **Soldiers**

Theo Raymer  
Jason & Melonie Jones

### **Mission Work**

India  
Athens  
Disaster Relief

### **New Babies**

Lillian Grace Dishman  
Bryant Lewis Eadens

### **Shut-Ins**

Maxie & Dorothy Grounds  
Ruby Doolin

### **Special Requests**

Bonnie Lamberson for Strength

## **SERVICE LIST**

### **Announcements**

Wade Cole

### **Preparing Table**

Diane Crabtree

### **Waiting on Table**

\*Gene Grinstead \*Patrick Staples  
Robert Dishman Timmy Watt

### **Reading**

October 5 - Ryan Cole  
October 12 - Nick Secula  
October 19 - Thomas Watt  
October 26 - Wade Cole

## **SEPTEMBER**

### **Average Attendance:**

Sunday Morning Worship: 77

### **Contribution**

Total for September  
\$5182.00

### **August Building Fund**

\$3480

### **MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING**

October 5, 2008 at 4:30 p.m.



## *Fall Party*

*October 24 at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall.  
Don't forget to dress up!*



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