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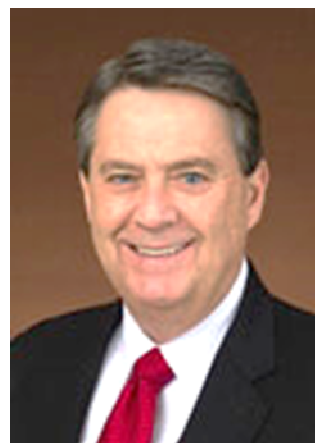
Wednesday - September 24th

Speaker:

BILLY SMITH

Henderson Church of Christ

Freed-Hardeman University



A native of Woodbury, Tennessee, Billy Smith is a graduate of Freed-Hardeman (A.A., 1970), David Lipscomb University (B.A., 1972), and Harding University Graduate School of Religion (M.A., 1976, M.Div., 1986, D.Min., 1990).

His service with FHU began in 1974. In 1996 he was selected as a Distinguished Professor of Biblical Studies. He has been appointed to the E. Claude and Delores Gardner Chair of Excellence in Biblical Studies.

In addition to his teaching duties at Freed-Hardeman, Smith sponsors the Preachers' Club, leads Horizons (Future Church Leaders Workshop) each July on the FHU campus, and serves on the Annual Bible Lectureship Committee. He is on the ministerial staff of the Henderson Church of Christ.

Dr. Smith conducts ten gospel meetings each year and has worked in mission campaigns to Scotland, England, New Zealand, Argentina, and South Africa.

His wife, Joan, taught elementary school for thirty-two years. They have two children, Scotty (wife, Ginger, a Radiation Therapist), an English teacher at Southaven High School in Southaven, MS, and Monica, who with her husband, Brad Schultz, are elementary teachers at Greater Atlanta Christian School.

Billy and Joan have three grandchildren, Sydney Caroline Smith, Evan Colt Smith, and Dawson Alan Schultz.

WHEN YOU PRAY, PRAY

Prayer was Jesus' lifeline. Remember when he left early one morning to pray? "And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed" (Mk. 1:35). I wonder if that inspired M.A. Kidder's "Did You Think to Pray?"

*Ere you left your room this morning,
Did you think to pray?
In the name of Christ our Savior,
Did you sue for loving favor? . . .
Balm of Gilead did you borrow
At the gates of day?*

Far too often, our prayers become what Jesus called, "vain repetitions." Instead of really praying our prayers, we just say them--kind of like the "now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep" prayer that some children have been taught to say before bedtime.

Jesus warned, "But when you pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking" (Mt. 6:7). I like the way Shakespeare put it when he wrote, "My words fly up, my thoughts remain below; Words without thoughts never to Heaven go."

We must pray with thoughts behind our words, and a belief that God is going to answer those prayers. Jesus tells us to pray, expecting that God will answer (Mk. 11:24; Jas. 1:5-6). It's been said, "We lie to God in prayer if we do not rely upon Him after prayer."

When you pray today, really pray.

~ Neil Richey

Truths To Remember

- Faith is the ability to not panic.
- If you worry, you didn't pray. If you pray, don't worry.
- As a Child of God, prayer is kind of like calling home every day.
- Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape.
- When we get tangled up in our problems, be still. God wants us to be still so He can untangle the knot.
- Do the math. Count your blessings.
- God wants spiritual fruit, not religious nuts.
- Dear God. I have a problem. It's me.
- Silence is often misinterpreted, but never misquoted.
- Laugh everyday, it's like inner jogging.
- The most important things in your home are the people.
- Growing old is inevitable, growing up is optional.
- There is no key to happiness. The door is always open.
- A grudge is a heavy thing to carry.
- He who dies with the most toys is still dead.
- We do not remember days, but moments. Life moves too fast, so enjoy your precious moments.
- Be more concerned with your character than your reputation. Your character is what you really are while your reputation is merely what others think you are.



Youth News

- Senior Bible Bowl will be held at the Antioch congregation Sept. 21st. Our youth will eat at the Tupelo Mall before their competition.
- Junior Bible Bowl will be held at the Mayfield congregation on Sept. 27th.
- There will be a Youth Devo, Sun. Sept. 28th. *Phil & Paige Young* will be hosting.

PRAYER LIST



Mabel Erwin, is experiencing a lot of back pain. She will be going to Batesville, MS beginning this week for a series of shots in her back.

Barbara Davis, mother of Emily Gann has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She is to have a port put in this week.

Pat Reed, fell Mon. night and hit her head. Thankfully she had no broken bones and is back at home.



We extend sympathy to the family of Roland and Jo Colman from the Terry St. congregation in Ripley on the death of their grandson and his girlfriend who were killed in a car accident Fri. night.

We extend our sympathy to the family of William Pilcher who passed away Mon. night, unexpectedly. He was just 44. His wife Angela was a co-worker of Andy Clemmer.

Continue to remember:

Roger Clayton, Yolanda Stubblefield, Paul Carruth, John Popson, Nancy Petrowski, Pat Reed, Eleta Grimmitt, Justin Forsyth, Judy Ward, Bobbie Nunnally, J. J. Harris, Glen Jumper, Eulene Hooper, Hudson Grisham, Kelly Fryar, Donna & Roy Crow, Hugh Collins, Jack Dunlap, Prebble Foster, Terry & Betty Young

Shut-Ins:

Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Tauso Branch, Claudia Senter

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Grace Anderson, Charlene Coker, Mattie Golden, Laura Mae Harris, Louise Holcomb, Jennie Frohn

Military List:

Tim Baxley, Barry Wilhite, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud

“HOMECOMING”
OCTOBER 5TH, 2014
We will be looking for you !

I've Learned...
"Purity of the soul cannot be lost without consent."
[Portrait of a man]



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- September 17. Dalton Beard
September 20. Patty Jacks
September 22. Tauso Branch
September 22. Jonathan Clayton
September 23. Helen DePriest

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- September 17. Steve & Lana Todd
September 24. Lonnie & Nicki Weaver



REJOICE

Caleb Jennings was baptized into Christ last Wed. Sept. 10th. His granddaddy, Richard Jennings had the honor of baptizing him. Caleb is the son of Jason and Amy Jennings. We rejoice with him and his family. Please encourage Caleb as he begins his new life in Christ.

NEW ADDRESS

Jerry and Lucille Gibson have moved to a new location just down the street from their former home. Their new address is 207 Union Ave. Please note this change of address in your directory.



WORK DAY



A work day is planned for Sat. Sept. 20th, at 8:00 a.m. There is a lot of work that needs to be done inside the building as well as outside in preparation for our Homecoming. Please make every effort to come out and help, men and women alike!

PINE VALE'S FALL FOOD DRIVE

Please remember the Fall Food Drive now in progress. Our congregation has been asked to help by providing; toothbrushes, light bulbs- mainly 40w and 60w and some 100w, chili seasoning, and pancake syrup. There is a container in the foyer for these items.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....9:30
Morning Worship.....10:30
Evening Worship.....6:00
Wednesday Bible Study....7:00

MINISTER

Mike King 507-0625
Home 534-6872
Office 534-4649

ELDERS

Richard Jennings316-1305
Troy Robertson534-3491

DEACONS

Greg Clayton.....252-9762
Roger Clayton 538-8195
Brad Pounders.....316-7931
Harold Russell..... 507-1180
Randy Wall 316-9255
Lonnie Weaver.....801-8448

TO SERVE

Scripture.....Shane Crotts
A.M. Prayer....Richard Jennings
Closing Prayer.....Phil Young
P.M. PrayerPhillip Young
ClosingRonnie Griggs
Wed.9/24.....Dalton Beard
Wed.9/24.....Perry Jones
Usher & LockLonnie Weaver
Greeter.....G & K Clayton

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....111
Sunday A.M..... 145
Sunday P.M.....87
Wednesday.....122
Contribution.....\$3,331.11
Budget.....\$3,989.47



PANTRY ITEM
Green Beans

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We Are Never Alone

Do you know the legend of the Cherokee Indian youth's rite of passage? His dad takes him into the forest...blindfolded...and leaves him...alone.

He is required to sit on a stump the whole night...and not take off the blindfold until the ray of sun shines through it. He is all by himself. He cannot cry out for help to anyone. Once he survives the night...he is a MAN. He cannot tell the other boys of this experience. Each lad must come into his own manhood.

The boy was terrified...could hear all kinds of noise...Beast were all around him. Maybe even some human would hurt him. The wind blew the grass and earth... And it shook the stump. But he sat stoically, never removing the blindfold. It would be the only way he could be a man.

Finally, after a horrific night, the sun appeared and he removed his blindfold. It was then that he saw his father sitting on the stump next to him...at watch...the entire night.



We are never alone. Even when we do not know it, our Father is protecting us...He is sitting on the stump beside us. All we have to do is reach out to Him. ~ copied ~