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2013 OCTOBER LECTURESHIP

Hear:

DR. SAMMY JONES - WED., OCT. 2nd



Sammy Jones presently serves as Vice President for Spiritual Development at Freed-Hardeman University. He has been employed with the school since 1991 where he has given emphasis to instructing students in psychology, marriage/family, and Bible related courses. He has been the pulpit minister for the Oak Grove Church of Christ for the past six years.

He is a native of Tupelo, MS and married to Rhonda Norwood who serves as an Administrative Assistant to the Dean of Education and Education Licensure Officer at FHU. They have been married for thirty-six years and have three sons, two graduates of FHU and one a junior presently. They are involved in education, one a principal and another a teacher and coach. They have one daughter-in-law and one granddaughter.

Sammy graduated from Tupelo High School. He holds a B.S. degree In Biblical Studies from FHU, an M.A. and Ph.D. in Sociology (Family, Criminology, and Gerontology) from Mississippi State University. He has also completed post-doctorate courses in the area of Counseling Education with emphasis in Marriage and Family Therapy.

His experience has been diversified and extensive. He has served several congregations of the Lord's church in Mississippi and Tennessee. For several years, he served as a teaching assistant in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at MSU. He has functioned as Director of Admissions and as an Associate Professor of Sociology and Bible at Magnolia Bible College in Kosciusko, MS from 1984-1991. He is used effectively as a speaker for brotherhood lectureships, gospel meetings, marriage enrichment seminars, and youth workshops. He has written articles for several brotherhood and professional publications. In addition to the above mentioned involvement, he has authored a marriage workbook, *Methods to Revitalize a Devitalized Marriage*.

The community has benefitted from this good brother's training and abilities. He has been involved in presenting professional papers at Sociological and Gerontological Association meetings. He is a member of a number of professional associations: Southern Sociological Association (SAA), Mid-South Sociological Association (MSSA), National Council of Family Relations (NCFR), and Tennessee Association of Gerontology/Geriatric Education (TAGGE). He serves as a board member for the following organizations: Chester County School Board, Sunnybrook Children's Homes, Families First for Chester County, and Benin Bible Training Center (F.A.C.E. – French Africa Christian Education in Benin West Africa).

We are very pleased to have Dr. Sammy Jones as one of our October Lectureship speakers. The speakers have been requested to help us address our theme for the year, "*Focusing on the Unseen In 2013.*" Sammy's lesson will have two objectives: (1) to highlight significant changes in the institution called the family, putting her in a state of crisis, and (2) to mention several Biblical solutions or ways we can address the crisis.

The Penitent Spirit

Darrell Powell

Penitence is a sad and humble realization and regret of sin. It is the gut-wrenching feeling you have that you get inside when you want to do right, but you know you've done wrong. It was a penitent spirit that caused David, after his sin with Bathsheba, to say, "Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me" (Psalm 51:2-3). And it was Paul's penitent spirit, which motivated him to say, "For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God" (I Cor. 15:9).



Anyone who has a fervent desire to do what's right surely mourns his or her sin. It is this remorse, which brings about repentance. Now, it is possible to realize and regret sin without true repentance. Paul said in II Cor. 7:10, "For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death." And true repentance bears fruit worthy of repentance (Matt. 3:8). True repentance doesn't stop at mere sorrow and regret, it moves in the opposite direction of sin.

When we maintain our penitent spirits in conjunction with repentance, the Lord will remain ready and willing to forgive us. However, if we allow sin to remain in our lives it can harden our consciences and snuff out any trace of godly sorrow. Sin that is tolerated in one's life can scar the conscience as if it had been seared with a hot iron, taking away from the heart its ability to mourn (I Tim. 4:2). It then leaves a fleshly body that "cannot cease from sin": and that is bound for an eternity in hell (II Peter 2:14).

Anywhere there is a desire to get to heaven, there must also be a penitent spirit. One which drives us to do what we should, refrain from doing what we shouldn't, and return to the sheepfold when we go astray.

AREA EVENTS

- A Fall **Gospel Meeting** is being held this week at the **Hwy 15 Church of Christ** in Pontotoc. The guest speaker is *Troy McNutt*. Sun.-Wed. at 7:00pm.
- **Pine Grove Church of Christ** (Fulton, MS) 2nd Annual **Ladies Day** will be held Sept. 28th from 8:30-12:30, with guest speaker, *Mrs. Teresa Hampton*.
- **North Mississippi Ladies Retreat** held at Tishomingo State Park is scheduled for Oct. 25-26. Pre Registration requested by Oct. 15th. *Cindy Colley* will be the speaker and the topic is "Lifted Up on Wings of Eagles." Check the bulletin board for more details.

PINE VALE'S FALL FOOD DRIVE

It's time for the annual Fall Pantry Drive for Pine Vale Children's Home in Corinth. They have requested that our congregation provide; broths, (chicken and beef) or bullion cubes; ranch dressing; cooking oil or Pam type spray. These items will be picked up the week of Oct. 21st. A container has been placed in the foyer for these items.



WORK DAY

The next work day has been tentatively set for Sat. Oct. 5th, at 8:00am There are a variety of projects around the building that are in need of attention. Please make every effort to come and help!



MARY & MARTHA CLASS

The ladies M & M class will meet at 9:00am Thurs., Sept. 26th in the annex building. All ladies invited.



What is the "light of the body"?

_____ Matthew 6:_____

YOUTH NEWS

- The Junior Bible Bowl will meet Sat. Sept. 28th, for their first competition of the season, at the Mayfield congregation.
- The next Area Wide Youth Devo will be Sun. Oct. 13th, at Antioch Church of Christ.



PRAYER LIST

Harold Crowe has been moved to Union County Health and Rehab for therapy.

Dixie White, is at home but still not feeling well. She returns to her Doctor on Wednesday.

Bill DePriest is at home recovering from surgery.

Frank Mills, father of *Patty Jacks* is in a Florida Hospital not doing well. *Patty's* step-mother, **Caroline Mills** is waiting on test results.

Lisa Norris, a former member was admitted to the Oxford Hospital last week due to fluid in her lungs. Her chemo treatments will be postponed until this problem is addressed.

Donna Haynes, sister of *Darrell Crow* is having complications due to Lupus. Both her lungs and kidneys are being affected.

Ab McCullough, son of *Jason* and *Brandi McCullough* had to be taken to the Tupelo Hospital Sun. afternoon after receiving over 50 ant bites.

Continual Prayer :

Ernestine McKinney, Steve Stokes, Darrell Crow, Martha Collins, Luther Williams, Ken Joines, Polly Sago, Justin Forsyth, Kelly Fryar, Nancy Petrowski, Ruth Ann Stroud, J.V. Davis, Judy Ward, Pat Reed, Rivers Robertson, Ruth Brown, Barry Yancey, Jack Dunlap, Rosie Wilson, Prebble Foster, Norman Brown, Terry Young

Shut-Ins:

Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Tauso Branch, Teresa Clark

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Mattie Golden, Laura Mae Harris, Louise Holcomb, Maxine Carlisle, Jennie Frohn

Military List:

David & Barry Wilhite, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Hamm, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud & Christopher Phagan



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

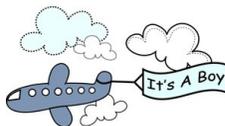


September 28. Perrin Drummond
September 30. Victoria Botts
October 01. Harold Russell
October 05. Claudia Senter



5th SUNDAY

We will have an ALL Day service Sun. Sept. 29th. There will be a meal (potluck) following our morning service. Our evening service will be at 1:15 and led by our Elders. Please invite you friends and neighbors to join us this Sunday for a day of worship and fellowship! The adult III class will be in charge of the fellowship building.



BABY SHOWER

There will be a baby shower for *Jessica Garrett* Sunday Oct. 6th, at 2:00pm, at the fellowship building. *Jessica* and *Austin* are expecting a baby boy in late October. All ladies are invited to attend.

MEN'S ANNUAL CHICKEN FEST

It's time for the annual Men's Chicken Fest out at *Phil Young's* barn. The rules remain the same! 1. No girl friends. 2. No wives. 3. No name, no chicken. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer. Please sign up as soon as possible and mark if you will be bringing a guest. The date is scheduled for Sunday night, Oct. 13th following services.



OCTOBER FALL LECTURES

Our annual Fall Lectures will be held each Wednesday night during the month of Oct. The exception will be Oct. 23rd when we will have 'Singing Night'. Our guest speakers will be: Oct. 2nd, *Dr. Sam Jones*, Oct. 9th *Dr. Kevin Moore*, Oct. 16th, *Donnie DeBord* and Oct. 30th, *Philip Hines*. We will have a meal each Wed. evening beginning at 5:45. Be inviting your friends and neighbors.

Wise Thoughts

You cannot leave footprints in the sands of time while sitting down.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

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

TO SERVE

Scripture.....Drew Drummond
A.M. Prayer.....Lonnie Weaver
Closing Prayer.....Gary Turner
P.M. Prayer.....Harold Russell
Closing.....Terry Stubblefield
Wed.9/25.....Jerry Gibson
Wed.9/25.....Bobby Marques
Usher & Lock....Brad Pounders
Greeter.....B & N Frohn

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....131
Sunday A.M.....138
Sunday P.M.....121
Wednesday.....108
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Budget.....\$3,817.55



PANTRY ITEM

Pork 'N' Beans

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A Thousand Dollars—In Quarters

Fred Craddock, in an address to preachers, caught the practical implications of consecration. “To give my life for Christ appears glorious,” he said. “To pour myself out for others...to pay the ultimate price of martyrdom—I’ll do it. I’m ready, Lord, to go out in a blaze of glory. We think giving our all to the Lord is like taking a \$1,000 bill and laying it on the table — ‘Here’s my life, Lord. I’m giving it all.’ But the reality for most of us is that He sends us to the bank and has us cash in the \$1,000 for quarters. We go through life putting out 25 cents here and 50 cents there. Listen to the neighbor kid’s troubles instead of saying ‘Get lost.’ Go to a committee meeting. Give a cup of water to a shaky old man in a nursing home. Usually giving our life to Christ isn’t glorious. It’s done in all those little acts of love, 25 cents at a time. It would be easy to go out in a flash of glory; it’s harder to live the Christian life little by little over the long haul.”



“And whosoever shall give a drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.” Matt. 10:42