

GETTING "SETTLED"

All of us who have preached for any length of time have received them. My fellow preachers will immediately recognize the phone call I'm describing. An apologetic, somewhat sheepish voice on the other end of the line saying, "My name is _____, and I need your help. Now, I want you to understand, I *am* a member of the church. The reason you don't know me is because I just haven't gotten settled yet in a church home."

The unfamiliar caller then goes on to explain his or her request: perhaps they want assistance in making a utility payment, or they are seeking free counseling to deal with family problems, or maybe they're looking for someone to conduct a wedding. I even received one phone call from a family with whom I was unacquainted asking me to provide a personal reference in a custody battle! I thought that over the years I'd heard them all, but I ran across a story that topped any of my experiences.

In the December, 1999 issue of the *Gospel Advocate*, Neil W. Anderson tells the true story of a funeral director in Nashville, Tennessee who called the minister of a nearby church of Christ to ask if he would conduct a funeral. The minister was informed that the family of the deceased did not "have a preacher" because they had not yet gotten settled in a church home after moving to Nashville.

When the good preacher visited the home of the bereaved, the family expressed their appreciation for his willingness to help them out in their time of need. They assured the minister that they had been active in the church before moving to Nashville, but they just had not yet connected with the church in their new home. The preacher asked them, "And when did you move to Nashville?" The family answered, "In 1941."

You might think I'm going to use this story to make some cynical comment about free-loaders who take advantage of the ministry supported by faithful Christians, only to disappear until the next crisis. Few preachers I know, however, will refuse to help a family in genuine need, even if they aren't members of his congregation, and I've done my share of funerals for strangers over the years. Moreover, I realize that occasionally a crisis can be used by God to lead people back to faithfulness.

No, I am more concerned by this story because it doesn't surprise me at all. I know from long observation that it is all too easy for people who have moved to fail to connect with a new church home. In the hectic busyness of "getting settled" in a strange new city, without the support and influence of Christians who know and care for them, some folks let their priorities slip and never get around to searching for a new church home. Before long, regular worship and participation with a body of believers become distant memories, and a life without active service in the body of Christ becomes an entrenched habit.

By losing the healthy influence of Christian fellowship, and by failing to make themselves accountable to the oversight of the leaders of a local church body, these individuals become more vulnerable to Satan's attacks, a condition Jesus described in the awful phrase, "like sheep without a shepherd" (Matthew 9:36; cf. Acts 20:28-31, 1 Peter 5:8-9). God never intended for His children to be spiritually homeless. As soon as Paul returned to Jerusalem after his dramatic Damascus conversion he sought to "join the disciples" (Acts 9:26).

So, when you move to a new location, get your phone connected, get your power turned on, and get your soul secured in a new fellowship of believers. Don't put it off until you encounter some spiritual emergency; now is the time to get "settled"!

- Dan Williams
Vice-President for Church Relations
Harding University
Searcy, Arkansas

Elders

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| Mark Freeman | Gary Erwin |
| Raymond Walker | Butch Merriman |
| Elton Stubblefield | John Rowe |

Deacons

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| Involvement & Greeting | Brian Lee |
| Fellowship | Tim Riggs |
| Sound | Mark Jetton |
| Children's Programs | Richard Hyde |
| Administration | Ryan Coleman |
| Communication | Anthony Dozier |
| Building & Grounds | Ken Purvis & Doug Tucker |
| Local Evangelism | Troy Conrad & Chuck Bryant |
| Special Ministries | Dan Gray & Nathan Ingram |
| Foreign Missions | Paul Gidden & John Oliverio |
| Finance | Jeff Fleming & Brandon Smith |
| Youth | Todd Watrous & Matt Hemphill |
| Sharing | Bradley Welborn & Kyle Gordley |
| Education | Quinn Tolbert & Morgan Whatley |
| Worship | Bill Malone, Scott Blake & Brant Mathis |

Ministers

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| Pulpit | Ken Stegall |
| Youth | |

Bible Class Coordinators

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| Pre-School & Elementary | |
| Cradle Roll | Jean Erwin |
| Adult | Cleo Tarver |
| Youth | |

Office Staff

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| Gina Talbott | Rose De Pena |
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Supported Mission Works

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| Ron Clayton | India |
| Tyrone Mynhier | South Sudan |
| Benin School of Preaching | West Africa |
| Mission Printing | Arlington, Texas |
| Pat Scheaffer | Adventures in Missions |
| Steve Austin | Texas International Bible Institute |
| Ralph Williams | Director of Development-Bear Valley Institute Extension School Program |

Uganda School of Evangelism
Eastern European Missions
Biblical Institute of Central America

Supported Children's Homes

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| Arms of Hope | Olive Branch Ministries-Peru |
| Cherokee Home for Children | Sunny Glen Children's Home |
| Children's Homes of Lubbock | Hannah's Hope-Cambodia |

Schedule of Services

Sunday

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| 8:00 AM | Morning Worship Assembly |
| 9:30 AM | Bible Classes (offered for all ages) |
| 10:30 AM | Morning Worship Assembly |
| 6:00 PM | Evening Assembly |

Tuesday

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| 9:30 AM | Ladies Bible Class (Starts up again Sep. 9th, dismissed for Summer) |
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Wednesday

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| 7:00 PM | Bible Class |
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Thursday

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| 10:00 AM | Community Bible Class |
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Sunday, June 8, 2014

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| 8:00 AM Worship | 244 |
| Class | 383 |
| 10:30 AM Worship | 268 |
| 6:00 PM Worship | 237 |
| Contribution | \$15,439.55 |

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

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| 7:00 PM Bible Class | 205 |
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THOSE CHOSEN TO SERVE TODAY

| June 15, 2014 | 8:00 AM Service | 10:30 AM Service |
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| Hosts | Karen Hopper Nelda Baldacchino | Karen Hopper Nelda Baldacchino |
| Sound Booth | Craig Cox | Austin Alloway |
| Song Leader | Sonny Taylor | Sonny Taylor |
| First Prayer | Tim Riggs | Pat Higginson |
| Communion Coordinator | Bill Malone | Bob McDougal |
| Communion Prayer | Brett Rodriguez | Steven Long |
| Second Prayer & Scripture Reading | Matt Hemphill | Brad Raphelt |
| Closing Remarks | Gary Erwin | Mark Freeman |
| Nursery | Rachel Alarid | Gina Talbott |
| Lead Coordinator | Pedro Salazar | Scott Blake |



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Announcements

VBS Begins Today



Today from 6PM - 7PM in the Education wing
Monday - Thursday from 9 am to 11:45 am
Hotdog supper Thursday evening at 6 pm

Please register your children and their friends online or in the foyer. We can always use more volunteers and appreciate your support of VBS! Remember to bring cookies to the kitchen. No Nuts. We need lots of cookies.



GOLF TOURNAMENT FOR ARMS OF HOPE

There will be a GOLF TOURNAMENT benefitting Arms of Hope on June 23rd at The Woodlands Country Club Palmers course. For more information and registration, contact Scott Ferguson at 832-947-3235 or sferguson@armsofhope.org.

Welcome to Woodland Oaks Church of Christ. We are honored you chose to worship with us this morning. Please fill out the attendance card in the pew in front of you and place it in the contribution tray. Thank you for visiting us today! We look forward to meeting you!

We invite you to join any of our adult bible classes:

“Spread of the Gospel in the First Century” by Elton Stubblefield
Location: Auditorium

“Ecclesiastes: Purpose & Wisdom in Today’s World” by Michael Matheidas
Location: Magnolia Rm.

“A Study of Jonah” by Bradley Welborn
(20s & 30s i.e. TNT)
Location: Annex Room B107

“Christian Living” by Robert Shock and Sam Bradley
(Singles & Young Professionals)
Location: Annex Rm 208

Announcements

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

We will **not** have a meal this Wednesday. The fellowship supper schedule for the summer will be **only** the 1st Wed. of each month (the Potato Supper) during **June, July, and August**.

Seniors please remember to take your gift boxes home today.



FAREWELL PARTY

Everyone please plan to stay after the evening service on July 29th for food and fellowship as we honor Drew, Meredith, Ty, Hayes and Mercer Hendricks.



Hannah’s Hope Mission Trip

Siem Reap, Cambodia - July 25-Aug. 4th

VBS, maintenance/repair Hannah’s Hope, visit AngkorWat. Cost \$2,025.00 (Possible travel support available). If you are interested see Bradley or Danielle Welborn or Rick Medford.

COMMUNITY BIBLE CLASS WILL NOT MEET THIS THURSDAY, JUNE 19TH.

Family Fun Night



Join us for a night of fellowship and fun on June 27th 5:30-8:00pm at Bouncin' Bears (6526 FM 2920). This is a free event open to all ages. Bring your socks.




FAMILY CAMP

There will be a Family Camp Informational Meeting Wednesday, June 18th following class in the auditorium. If you have not yet paid, remember to put your check in the collection plate TODAY.


ALL MEMBERS

PLEASE PUT YOUR COMPLETED ATTENDANCE CARD IN THE COLLECTION PLATE

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| June 27 | 5:30-8 P.M. | Family Fun Night |  |
| June 29 | | Farewell party for the Hendricks family | |

THIS WEEK

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| Today | 6-7:00 P.M. | Kickoff for VBS |  |
| Monday | 9-11:45 A.M. | VBS | |
| Softball | 8 P.M. | Field #2 | |
| | 10 P.M. | Field #3 | |
| Tuesday | 9-11:45 A.M. | VBS | |
| Wednesday | 9-11:45 A.M. | VBS | |
| | 5:30 P.M. | No Fellowship Supper | |
| | 7:00 P.M. | “Sarah” by Frank Farr | |
| | | Family Camp Meeting | |
| Thursday | 9-11:45 A.M. | VBS | |
| | 10:00 A.M. | No Community Bible Class | |
| | 6:00 P.M. | VBS Hotdog Supper | |
| Fri-Sun. | | Family Camp | |

EXPECTANT FAMILIES



Jami & Brant Mathis
Anna & Brian Flournoy
Crisanna & Bobby Hulett
Meagan & Cody Mann

Krista & Stephen Brewster
Maegan & Brett Rodriguez
Andrea & Michael Rich



JUNE SHARING PANTRY : Boxed dinners and canned meats

Please leave donations in the far stairwell of the Education Building.

CHANGE FOR LIFE

Its as easy as 1-2-3!

- 1-Take a bottle from the foyer
- 2-Fill it with coins/cash/checks
- 3-Return it



PRAYERS

- † Diane Struttmann, Bert Johnson, Rudy Bates and Nelda Baldacchino/cancer treatments.
- † Shirley Jones/health issues.
- † James Walter/currently attending a preacher training camp at Bear Valley School of Preaching in Colorado.
- † David & Chelsea Sparks/traveling in Ukraine.
- † Traci (Cleo & Judy Tarver’s daughter)/found a mass on her esophagus.
- † Janaye Ince/traveling with Aggies for Christ in Thailand.
- † Please remember Sue Dunn, Linda Alexander, Liz Coleman, Margie Biggs and Velma Sparks