

Galatians 6:10 *“Therefore as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those of the household of faith.”*

June 5, 2011

Remember in your prayers:

- **Marguerite Thompson** will have her treatments continued at home. **Billy Norris'** (Bunny Richardson's father) condition is the same. **Rhonda Knowles** continues to need our prayers.
- **Tacoda Goshee, Bessie Sides, Xabien Hall, Paul Odom, Conard Rice, Barbara Addington** (is not doing well), **Lea Cooper**, and **Marvin Dryer's mother**, as they battle cancer.
- **Heather Flowers**, and **Laura Russo** who are away at college. **Robert Langley, Jeremiah Hughes** & all of **our servicemen** who are defending freedom. **Our nation** and its leaders. **Those that preach and teach the gospel**; especially those who labor under hardships. Those who have **lost loved ones and belongings** due to the tornado in our area.

BLACK CREEK UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Ladies and Men's Classes** will meet Monday @ 6:00 and Tuesday @ 6:30
- **Summer Bible School** Monday- Friday 9:30-11:00 AM; July 18-22, 2011

Area Gospel Meetings:

Kimberly church of Christ.....Leon Mauldin.....June 5-10.....M-F @ 7:30 P.M.
Pleasant Grove church of Christ.....Karl Hennecke.....June 5-10.....M-F @ 10:30 & 7:30 P.M.
Oak Mountain church of Christ.....VBS.....June 6-10.....M-F @ 10:00 A.M.



A MATTER OF RANK

During the second World War, Brig.-Gen. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. was waiting at an airport for a plane. A sailor stepped to a ticket window and asked for a seat on the same plane, explaining, "I want to see Ma. I ain't got much time." The bright young thing at the ticket window was not impressed. "There's a war on, you know!" At this point Gen. Roosevelt stepped to the window and told her to give the sailor his seat. A friend spoke his surprise: "Teddy, aren't you in a hurry, too?" "It's a matter of rank," came the reply. "I'm only a general. He's a son." – James Keller, *One Moment, Please*.

It's a matter of rank when it comes to being sons of God, too. Paul said, *“For if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God” (Romans 8:13-14)*. Those who are sons of God and live accordingly will live, while those who are not will die. This does not mean it will always be easy as a son. *“The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him” (:16-17)*. We may have to suffer, but we will also be glorified. After all, we are sons! By **TROY NICHOLSON**

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“You have given a BANNER to those who fear you, that it may be displayed because of the TRUTH. “ Psalms 60:4

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Schedule of Services

Lord's Day

10:25 A.M. Worship

5:00 P.M. Worship

Elders

436-3055 Philip Jacks
483-7016 Truman Wallace
491-9695 Van Cooper

Wednesday

7:00 P.M.

Deacons

491-1596 Keith Chaney
491-3723 Roger Key

Evangelist

497-9800 Sammy Bynum

Who We Are: The Black Creek Church of Christ is simply a group of Christians dedicated to serving God. We believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God and it is to be our sole guide. We are committed to preaching the gospel of Christ, which is man's only hope for eternal life.

We are interested in helping anyone who is searching for the way to God. We welcome the opportunity to privately study the Bible with you. If you would contact us, we would be happy to meet with you. In addition, you are invited to visit one of our public assemblies (information is above). At our public Bible studies, we have classes for adults and children of all ages. If we can help you in knowing more about God and His Word, then please visit, call, or write us.

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“Ten Principles to Having a Spiritual Family”

God has a purpose for our lives and for the homes where each one lives. Success or failure depends on whether or not we have a vision for what our homes will be like (Proverbs 29:18). Your family will not automatically reach where you hope it will be years from now. Just as any company or business enterprise must have a mission statement in order to succeed, a family must also do the same. Your mission, should you choose it, is to have a spiritual family. Prayerfully apply the following.

1. Be a committed husband and wife (Matthew 19:6). This is not commitment which avoids divorce, but a commitment which wants to be married. Someone is loyal who has the desire to remain with their spouse because it is what God wants them to do.

2. Spend time together (Proverbs 29:15; Ephesians 5:15-16). Everyone in the home will love the time you can spend with each other. Busyness and loneliness are the two greatest enemies facing every family. If we let busyness get in the way, someone will be isolated. Isolation gives Satan the time he needs to bring resentment,

bitterness, and jealousy into our homes, causing division, dissension, and discord.

3. Have a godly value system and keep it (2 Timothy 1:5,7; Ephesians 6:4). What are your beliefs? In what does your faith lie? Does everyone understand where God is in your home? Does your family realize the impact it has on other families in the world? If there is inconsistency in values, there will be a tendency toward hypocrisy in your home.

4. Have faith to cope with crisis (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10). Families who love God can and will face trials. Abraham's did. Noah's did. Jesus' did. Will your family run away, be afraid, or lose their love for God? God provides grace every family needs to cope with the unexpected. His strength is what every family needs when difficulties come (James 1:2-4).

5. Remember the Builder (Psalms 127:1; Hebrews 3:4). Each father, mother, and child must know what God expects of them when their home is built. Build your home by His blueprints. Let God help you build it with knowledge, wisdom, and understanding (Proverbs 24:3-4).

6. Be watchful for evil (Ephesians 5:7-11; 1 Peter 5:8). Satan does not care what form of evil you allow to enter your house (TV, friends, books, etc.). It will be a daily challenge to remove every appearance of evil (1 Thessalonians 5:21-22). One way to know if evil has entered your home is how well those who live there think on things that are honest, pure, just, true, lovely, and of good report (Philippians 4:8).

7. Ask God every day to bless your home (2 Samuel 7:29; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). Everyone in your home should pray to God for His help, love, grace, and care. When a home prays together, they stay together.

8. Choose every day to serve the Lord (Joshua 24:15). The homes in society follow the sounds and actions of the world. What the world does, they do. No matter what our culture says, let your home choose God's ways. It may not be popular to serve God, but it is the right thing to do.

9. Worship God together (Exodus 10:9; 12:24-28; Deuteronomy 31:12-13; Psalms 100). You cannot be spiritual unless you make time to worship the One who is a spirit. In the Old Testament whole families would gather to hear God's

law and observe the requirements of the law. A family draws closest to the one to whom they give the most honor. Be consistent. Be diligent. Be present.

10. Train your family to see and understand the consequences of sinful action. Warn your family of the consequences of repeating the immorality and ungodly actions of others (Heb 3:12-13). The same thing that happened to them can and will happen to you (Gal 6:7-8).

As a bonus # 11. **Remember the Master of your home [the Lord] will return** (Mark 13:34-35). Be aware each day your house belongs to the Lord. One day the Lord will return and ask how you used your home. “Set thy house in order”(2 Kings 20:1).
By **Shawn Bain**