

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

September 4, 2011

Remember in your prayers:

- **Marguerite Thompson** continues treatment for her foot. **Tommy Thompson** (Marguerite's son- Susan's brother) will have his leg removed due to diabetes. **Macon Horne** is now in a regular room. **Lisa Stracner's** gall bladder surgery went well. **Laura Andrews** is hoping to have her cast removed soon. Shawn Flowers' mother, **Frances**, is now on hospice care. **Bunny Richardson** is home recovering from intestinal surgery. **Rhonda Knowles** continues to need our prayers. **Evan Thomason** (5th grader @ McAdory, with stage 4 cancer) is critical.
- Today is **Sawyer's** last day with us for awhile. He will be leaving for the Marine Corp this week. Please keep him in your prayers.
- **Tacoda Goshee, Bessie Sides, Xavian Hall, Paul Odom, Conard Rice, Lea Cooper,** and **Marvin Dryer's mother,** as they battle cancer.
- **Heather Flowers,** who is away at college. **Robert Langley, Jeremiah Hughes, Sawyer Jones** & 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.

BLACK CREEK UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Bible Class** at Donaldson- Today @ 2:00 and Every Wednesday @ 10:00
- **Men's and Ladies Classes:** Monday and Tuesday, Sept 12 & 13 @ 6:00 and 6:30
- **Gospel Meeting:** Fri- Sun, October 21-23, 2011; Philip Owens

Area Gospel Meetings:

Northwood church of Christ.....Gospel Singing9/16/20117:00 P.M.



10 Reasons the Jehovah's Witnesses Are Not the Church of the Bible

1. They have an earthly headquarters in Brooklyn, NY (The church of the Bible has no earthly headquarters; only in heaven - Hebrews 12:22-23).
2. They have mistranslated parts of the Bible to further their particular doctrines (This is disingenuous).
3. They teach that man is now wholly mortal (The Bible teaches man now has a side that continues after death - Ecclesiastes 12:7).
4. They believe there is no hell or everlasting punishment (The Bible says there is - Matthew 25:46).
5. They teach the earth will never be destroyed (The Bible teaches otherwise - Matthew 24:35).
6. They claim the kingdom of God began in 1914 (The Bible claims it started in the 1st century - Colossians 1:13).
7. Their system of religion did not begin until the 19th century, originally called Russellites (True Christianity began in the 1st century).
8. They believe Jesus Christ was created (The Bible teaches He is eternal - Isaiah 9:6).
9. They claim only 144,000 people will go to heaven (The Bible teaches whoever desires to may go - Revelation 22:17).
10. Jehovah's Witnesses do not believe the Holy Spirit is a divine person (The Bible says that He is. He speaks - Revelation 2:29).

- by Whit Sasser

The Banner of Truth

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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

9:30 A.M. Bible Classes

10:25 A.M. Worship

5:00 P.M. Worship

Elders

Philip Jacks 436-3055

Truman Wallace 483-7016

Van Cooper 491-9695

Deacons

Keith Chaney 491-1596

Roger Key 491-3723

Evangelist

Sammy Bynum 368-3511

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.

(Visit us on-line at (WWW.blackcreekchurch.com)

Culture War

There's a culture war ablaze in our nation, and has been for many years. It's a war fought on many battlefronts. It's a war fought fiercely and defiantly in the face of God's order. It's a war in which the victors, for a time, appear to be the defeated. It's the age-old battle of evil against good, of error and wickedness against truth and righteousness. It's a war that challenges and strives to prevail over the most basic standards of good conduct.

God established no standard more basic than that which pertains to human sexuality. That standard is clearly depicted in the Garden. God brought *the woman* He made to *the man* He made. He brought Eve to Adam. God never brought *the man* Adam any other woman or person than *the woman* Eve (Gen 2:18-25). But in our culture war many disavow God's perfect and holy standard. Men and women have multiple "partners" from both genders (they are homosexual and bisexual). Some even clothe themselves in such a way as to attract same sex partners. Some men have multiple wives, and many men even prey on children. Incestuous relationships are not uncommon, though the law of the land will prosecute offenders. Same sex marriages are given a nod of

approval by many people and several State governments. Sadly, God knew that man must be told NOT TO DO the things that he obviously SHOULD NOT DO. That is why the Law of God through Moses contained laws prohibiting the aforementioned sins. The New Testament Law of Christ is not silent on those matters either (1 Cor 6:9-10).

Ideally, you would like to know that the company for which you work and the businesses from which you buy products and services have remained neutral in this culture war. But sadly we are being informed almost daily that the places we "work" and "shop" are actually leading the culture war in support of sin.

For several years, The Home Depot has given its financial and corporate support to open displays of homosexual activism on main streets in America's towns. The Home Depot has chosen to sponsor and participate in numerous gay pride parades and festivals, which exposes children to lascivious displays of sexual conduct by homosexuals and cross-dressers ... The goal of every homosexual organization supported by The Home Depot is to get homosexual marriage legalized (American Family Association – Tupelo, MS 38803 www.afa.net).

You may be wondering what the Chairman of The Home Depot says in response to these facts. In part, Chairman Frank Blake said, "I hope all of our shareholders understand that we're a company that respects the diversity of our associates, our customers, and the communities where we do business." In other words accept the diversity or go away.

While we're on this subject, we learned this week that the retail clothing giant Old Navy has announced that it will sell "gay pride" T-shirts in support of the presidentially proclaimed "Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month" with 10 percent of the proceeds going to the "It Gets Better Project," a pro-LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) campaign. The T-shirt designs include a white shirt with "Love Proudly" written in the colors of the rainbow, and a black shirt with rainbow-colored stripes (Becky Yeh – OneNewsNow).

What is a Christian to do in this culture war? First, he is to "put on the whole armor of God" and start praying about how he should fight this battle (Eph 6:11-18). We certainly cannot knowingly lend our support to sin. So what do we do? Do we refuse to work for the companies that openly condone sin? Do we stop buying their products and requesting their

services? To the degree that this response is possible, I would say yes. Keeping a clear conscience would demand it. However, if we began to look into the policies of all the businesses we frequent and the companies for which we work we may eventually find something that contradicts, perhaps even openly, the commands of the Lord Jesus Christ.

So where does that leave us? It leaves us with the same methods and measures Jesus used in His battle against sin. He spoke out openly against sin, oftentimes in the very presence of the perpetrators (Matt 23). The world knew where Jesus stood on sin. That is why He was crucified. He exposed sin and its consequences. "*Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of hell*" (Matt 23:33)? It's going to take courage, but we are commanded to do as Jesus did. Paul wrote, "*For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them*" (Eph 5:8-11).
By **C. Boyd Jennings**