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FOUR KINDS OF HEARTS

The word "parable" is from the Greek word "parabole," meaning "that which is thrown alongside." So, by using parables, Jesus was able to cast a story alongside some spiritual truth. The story generally contained elements well known to His listeners, but the spiritual truth was often unspoken. Jesus said that the wise teacher is a man "who brings out of his treasure things new and old" (Matt. 13:52). Parables, then, were a new way of teaching old truth. They were comparisons drawn between a more or less familiar situation and an unfamiliar spiritual truth; the known and the unknown.

The "Parable of the Soils," found recorded in Matt. 13, Mark 4 and Luke 8, is told to show the way different hearts respond to the preaching of God's Word. The sower (preacher/teacher) casts the seed (Word of God), which falls into one of four types of soil; wayside (pathway), rocky, thorny, or good (fertile). Each soil represents a condition of the heart relative to the reception of the Word of God. Let's consider the four kinds of hearts represented in this parable.

- 1) **The Hardened Heart (Wayside/Pathway Soil).** This person's heart has been trampled down by indifference or prejudice. He has become "hardened by the deceitfulness of sin" (Heb. 3:13). This person seemingly has no interest in the gospel message. He lacks a "love of the truth" (2 Thess. 2:10). When he does happen to hear the Word he fails to understand it and the evil one quickly snatches it from his heart. We must pray that we never harden our hearts to the Word (James 1:21).
- 2) **The Shallow Heart (Rocky Soil).** This soil represents the shallow minded, superficial individual. He quickly obeys the gospel, but just as quickly his interest dies. Perhaps he fails to "count the cost" of discipleship (Luke 14:27f). So, when persecution/affliction comes he quickly falls away.
- 3) **The Divided Heart (Thorny Soil).** This person shows much potential for growth. But, unfortunately his heart is full of worldly "thorns." He is full of the cares of this world, the pleasures of this life, and the lust of secular things. His "fruit" never really reaches maturity.
- 4) **The Good and Honest Heart (Good Soil).** This soil represents one who understands, accepts and appropriates the Word to his life. In his heart the Word can germinate, grow and eventually produce fruit. His "delight is in the law of the Lord" (Psalm 1:2). Different soils of good earth have different potential, but all are productive of fruit.

Let us pray to have good and honest hearts. May we be ready to receive the Word and anxious to obey it that we might be productive of much fruit.

John

Justin Time

Valentine's Project

Last Wednesday we had 15 young people come and help deliver the packages that the secret friends made for our shut-ins. I am so proud of all the young people who helped out.

Upcoming Youth Devotionals

When: Sunday, March 7th (9th-12th grades)

Sunday, March 14th (5th-8th grades)

Needed: We are in need of people to host these devotionals. Please sign-up on the youth board if you are willing to host one of these. You will not be responsible for providing all the food!

Devotional and Ice Skating

When: Saturday, February 27th

Cost: \$8.00 plus money for food.

Time: Meet at building at 5:00 pm.

Ages: 6-12 Grades

Please Sign-Up on the Youth Board by
Wednesday, February 24th.

Spring Advance Staff Sign-Ups

If you are willing to help out with Spring Advance please sign-up on the youth board and indicate the area you are willing to help with.

Spring Advance applications are available!

Sandy Hook Kid Rally

When: Saturday, March 27th

Cost: Free, but bring money for lunch at McDonald's

Time: Leave building at 7:30 am

Ages: K-5th Grades

Please Sign-Up on the Youth Board!

Important Dates To Remember

Area Wide Devotional at Church Street - Feb. 21

Spring Advance - March 19-21

Senior Night - May 16

Summer Camp - June 6-12

VBS at Church Street - June 21-24

Bible Day Camp - TBD

Summer Mission Trip - TBD



BEWARE OF TERRORIST GROUPS IN CHURCH

Latest news reports are that five terrorist cell groups have been operating in many of our churches. They have been identified as: **Bin Sleepin, Bin Arguin, Bin Fightin, Bin Complainin, and Bin Missin.**

Their leader, **Lucifer Bin Workin**, trained these groups to destroy the Body of Christ. The plan is to come into the church disguised as Christians and to work within the church to discourage, disrupt, and destroy.

However, there have been reports of a sixth group. A tiny cell known by the name **Bin Prayin** is actually the only effective counter terrorism force in the church. Unlike other terrorist cells, the **Bin Prayin** team does not blend in with whoever and whatever comes along.

Bin Prayin does whatever is needed to uplift and encourage the Body of Christ. We have noticed that the **Bin Prayin** cell group has different characteristics than the others. They have **Bin Watchin, Bin Waitin, Bin Fastin, and Bin Longin** for their Master, **Jesus Christ** to return.

NO CHURCH IS EXEMPT!

News & Notes

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

In The Hospital:

Magdalene Johnston is now at home.

Please add: Garry Warf, brother of Sissie Nichols to your prayer list.

Our Members Prayer List:

Joe Allen, Beverly Ann Cathey, Bettie Ann Coxen, Harold Daniels, Billy Davis, Jack Miller, Ivie Lou Smith, Pam Williams.

Friends & Family of Members:

Gene Bunch, grandfather of Justin Morton, Ed Campbell, Anna Cook, sister of Linda Fulghum, Karen England, cousin of Cindy Cantrell, David & Sharron Fowler, brother of Kay Endsley, Martha Hagood, aunt of Cindy Cantrell, L. R. & Addie Harris, parents of Pat Jent, Nancy Jett, mother of Dana Hall, Mike Johnson, Alma Larsen, Bob Lickteig, brother in law of David Griffith, Margaret Naron, mother of Linda Miller, Charlie Orr, Robert West, father of Lori Wade.

MILITARY: Amanda Whitaker in Virginia Beach, VA. Major Jared Massey, son of Bill Massey & Gail Neenan, Travis & Jared McKnight, Todd Lowrance, Robert B. Allen, Austin Tate, grandson of Ross & Sandy Tate & Charles & Joyce Williamson, is in Kuwait, Adam Thomas, cousin of Yvonne Griffith, in Afghanistan.

MERIHILL: Joetta Bigham, Angelena Boyd, Hugh Chaffin, Agnes Cheek, Vivian Clift, Bettie Ann Coxen, Bessie Davis, Russell Finley, Sara Lowe, Nona McBride, Mary Louise Osborne, Sara Jane Pickett, Lois Redd, Geraldine Richardson, Anne Thompson, Wilma Turner, Betty Wilkes

OAKWOOD: Bertha Garrett, Mary Hatfield, Mary Hughes, Ruth King, Elizabeth Sowell

VILLAGE MANOR: Wanda Brown, Russell Crick, Nancy Dunn, David & Elizabeth Hardison, Mable Payne, Fount Webb

OTHER SHUT INS:

Martha Bagley, Mary Biega, Theola Blue, Martha Boote, J. C. Burgett, Marie Crumley, Mary Davis, Elizabeth Escue, Sadie Graves, Ruby Gunnels, Ruth Grogan, Carolyn Hamilton, Dan Huffman, Lorene Knowis, Chester Lemay, Nina McKay, Joy Ringe, Gene & Lucy Tate, W.P. Thomas, Dot Thompson, & Johnny Thompson.

For The Record

AM	441
PM	176
Bible Class	362
Summit	13
Wed. Night	219

Contribution \$10,915.75



2/21 Jason Haislip - 29
 2/22 Aline Brown
 2/23 Megan Allen - 27
 Sara Jane Pickett
 Boyd West - 47

2/25 Heaven Robison
 Lewis Simmons

2/26 Elizabeth Escue
 Charles Ramsey - 84
 Sandra Wolaver

2/27 Don Bigham
 Fletcher Cathey
 Aiden Hurt - 6
 Greg Wilson
 Tonya Wells
 Kay West

2/28 Kevin Cole
 Gina Davis
 Ryan Wade - 14

2/29 Mallory Haislip - 22



2/28 Stanley & Kimberly Greer



We have received thank you notes from: **David & Elizabeth Hardison, & Gayle Reynolds.**
 Please stop and read.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 21: Baby Shower for Brandy Wilson and baby girl, Harper, in Room 13 from 2 til 3:30. She has requested: books, diapers and gift cards.

Feb. 28: Baby Shower for Robyn Arnold in Room 13 from 2 til 3:30. Think Blue!



ITEMS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S HOME

Green beans, peas, chili, beef stew, cereal, velveta cheese, bar soap, pinesol & other cleaning products. These are urgent needs.

If you would like to give to the Colonel Relief effort, please make checks to Church Street and give to one of the Mission Committee members.

ENCOURAGE OTHERS

Encourage our elders as they lead us by example. Encourage our deacons to labor as faithful servants. Encourage our preachers to only preach the truth. Encourage our ill members as they fight health issues. Encourage our weak members to hold on to our hope. Encourage our strong members that there is work yet to do. Encourage our fallen members to return to the God of their salvation. Encourage each other to strive for unity, work in harmony, worship whole heartedly, and give God continuous thanks and all the glory!

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SCHEDULED TIMES OF WORSHIP AT CHURCH STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

February 21, 2010

Sunday 8:30 WORSHIP SERVICE

Open Service - Don Ledford
Read - Pat Garrett - Matt. 7:1-12
Open Prayer - Robert Hopkins
Closing Prayer - Jason Haislip

Sunday 10:45 WORSHIP SERVICE

Open Service - Glenn Hardison
Read - Will Gold - Matt. 7:1-12
Open Prayer - Fletcher Cathey
Closing Prayer - Tommy Jordan

Sunday 6:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Open Service - Lee Morrison
Read - Mike Collins
Open Prayer - Bill Fulghum
Closing Prayer - Jim Rickman

AM — “How To Get Along With Others”

PM — “The World’s Wisest Fool” (Justin Morton preaching)

Sunday 9:45 BIBLE CLASS

Song - Jonathan Pate
Prayer - Kevin Stacey

Wednesday 7:00 - Feb. 24, 2010

Song Leader - Greg Coblenz
Prayer - Ford Crabtree
Ann./Inv. - Joel Hargrove
Cl. Prayer - Justin Morton

ON THE AIR

WJJM — Sun. 7:15 a.m.
10:45 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
WJJM — Mon-Sat. 6:40 a.m.
WAXO 1220 AM — Sun. 9:40
WAXO TV- Sun.9:40 am Sun.4 pm/Wed. 9 pm
Web streams at wjjm.com and waxo.com

Preaching the Gospel

Channel 30 & 3—Sundays 7:30 AM

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COLONET AND BAJA FLOOD REPAIR REPORT

Three members from Church Street, Benny Matthews, Lewis Cope and Roy Holt, met on February 6th in San Diego with approximately 40 members from 4 or 5 other congregations. Mayfair of Huntsville made up the largest group. The purpose of the trip was to help clean up and fix damages to churches and homes caused by the flooding from the torrential rains in January.

We picked up vehicles and tools at the City of Children in Ensenada and broke up into smaller groups with each group headed to a different town and congregation along the Baja. The three of us paired up with 4 workers from a congregation in Winchester, Virginia to work together for the week. We got to Colonet in time to worship with the local congregation on Sunday morning. We met in the preacher’s house by the church. This was the first opportunity they’d had to meet since the flood waters receded. We found the dirt streets still had large muddy areas that required running shots to get through them. After worship service we got out our tools and went to work on the church building until nearly dark.

When we returned to work the next morning Antonio met us with good news. He had baptized a lady the previous night in a 55 gallon drum. We continued the work on the church building. Young men from Baja Missions had been sent the week before to clean out the 10-12 inches of mud left when the river pushed off doors and ran through the church. We set about putting textured plywood on the bottom 4 feet of the walls where the sheetrock was removed. We also put up sheetrock where needed and mudded and taped to make it ready to be painted. The bathroom walls and ceilings were also made ready to paint. A new stage had to be built as the old one had been torn out. Much of the painting was done by Thursday and was left for the local members to complete. We also saw that the septic tank was repaired where the river had unearthed one wall and caved it in. By the end of Thursday, Antonio and Dulse both were feeling much relief and voiced that the church was even better than before the flood. They also got new home furniture as a gift from members of Mayfair.

Friday we moved to San Vicente and worked until nearly dark patching and reroofing several homes. All the crews together patched and or replaced many roofs with new roll roofing during the week. Things are beginning to get back to normal and God’s work continues in the Baja. The local people were very appreciative of the work and thanked us many times each day. We explained that the members of Church Street had sent us as their representatives and the congregation was more than glad to help in their rebuilding.

Roy Holt