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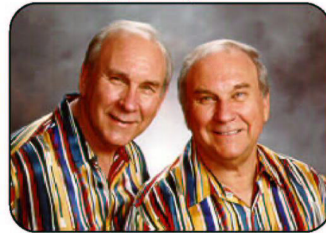
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THE GOOD TWINNS

"Music That Makes You Feel Good"

Dwight & Dwayne Good



Sunday, August 23rd
5:30pm
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Bible Reading Plan

Week of August 23:

- Sunday- I Timothy 4-6
- Monday- Numbers 5-8
- Tuesday- I Chronicles 10-14
- Wednesday- Psalms 99-101
- Thursday- Proverbs 19
- Friday- Hosea 1-7
- Saturday- John 7-9

5th Sunday Combined Service

Sunday, August 30th

- ◆ 9:00am - donuts
- ◆ 9:30am - Bible School
- ◆ 10:30am - Special Combined Service in the Auditorium
- ◆ 12:00pm - Potluck in the CLC

Sunday, August 23

- 8:15 a.m. Early Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Bible School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 5:30 p.m. Good Twins Concert

Monday, August 24

- 10:00 a.m. S.A.M. - Ethel Long will share some of her life experiences and her poetry

Tuesday, August 25

- 6:00-7:00p.m. Worship Team rehearsal

Wednesday, August 26

- 6:30 p.m. All Church Cook Out

Thursday, August 27

- 9:30 a.m. Priscilla Ladies' Bible Study

Prayer Requests:

ST MARY'S

Grover Malan

BARNES

Jim Nash

Missions of the Month

Eastern Illinois Campus Ministry;
U of I Campus Ministry; St. Louis
Christian College; Lincoln Christian
College; Ozark Christian College;
Kentucky Christian University;
Cincinnati Christian University

AT HOME

Peggy Wilson

Warren Williams

Riley Lockhart

Earl Gain

Chery Olafsson

Weston McGhee

Rodney Rubenacker

Leonard Ferguson

Cindy Wyatt (Steve's wife)

Karl Squibb

Claude Williams

Maraladene Huddleston

Arlie Goff

Karen Harding

Mack & Joyce Myers

Jade Perkins

Sandy Dries

Facts & Figures August 16, 2009

Bible School	162
Early Worship	176
10:30 am Worship	222
Total Worship	398
*Ministry Fund Offering	\$12,175.69
Weekly Ministry Needs	\$12,461.54
*Add. Designated gifts	\$ 274.50
Total	\$12,450.19



Anessa Little	26
Carrie Smith	26
Joe Pemberton	26
Joyce Myers	27
Olivia Bierman	27
Ron Thomas	27
Bob Russell	29
Karen Tinsley	29
Bob Wilson	30
Chris Johnson	31
Elliott Brinkmeyer	31
Glenda Schultz	31
Jerry Holmes	Sept 1
Marilyn Wiggins	1

ANNIVERSARIES

M/M Fletcher Sarver	26
M/M Kenny Holmes	26
M/M Jay Luse	28
M/M Marty Adams	28
M/M Steve Tucker	28
M/M Wayne Puricelli	28
M/M Bob Moore	31
M/M Shannon Kell	31

Thank You

Thank you so much for all the birthday cards. It was wonderful to receive so many beautiful thoughts from so many of you.

In Christ, Pat Baldrige

Coming Up on the Calendar

August

- 23-The Good Twins concert, 5:30pm
- 26-All Church Cookout, 6:30pm

September

- 1-Leadership Team Meeting, 7pm
- 4-7-Family Camp @ Oil Belt
- 7-Labor Day, Church Office Closed
- 8-Prayer & Praise, 6:30pm
- 8-Board Meeting, 7pm
- 10-Senior Adult Day @ Oil Belt
- 13-Mission Comm Meeting, 4:30pm
- 15-Prayer Meeting, 7pm
- 19-Walk for Life
- 20-Youth Leader Meeting, 8:15am
- 22-Prayer & Praise, 6:30pm

Elders: Tom Garrett, Doug Williams (underlined - Offering prayer)

Meditation: Doug Williams

Deacons: 8:15-Terry Barnfield, Jerry Boswell, Mike Dye, Chuck Tinsley, Steve Tucker, Will Webb, Randy Helm, Wayne Puricelli; 10:30-Mark Zinzilieta, Tim Alvis, John Williams, David Lamb, Duane Snow, Randy Rose, Phil Williams, Gary Kennedy...underlined to serve shut-ins, asterisk to serve Doctor's.

Attendance Tabulation: 8:15-Wayne Puricelli; 10:30-Tom Garrett

Worship Tech: Mark Ferguson, Paul Ferguson

Nursery: 8:15-Linda Puricelli, Terri Blair; 9:30-Mary Piper, Katie Mann, Sandra Banning; 10:30-Joli Lybarger, Alyssa Williams, Pat McArthur, Cheryl Kennedy

Preschool Greeter: Nikki Smith

Toddler Room: 8:15-Brittany McKinzie; 10:30-Sydney Tefft

Care Team Leaders: 8:15-Jay & Michelle Luse; 10:30-Jim & Sandy Martin

FIM Captain: Jan Luse

Greeters: Joe & Cheryl Pemberton, Lucy Molenhour, Norm & Diane Barton

Ushers: 8:15-Jim & Nyla Holsapple; 10:30-Pat Baldrige

Section Hosts: #1-Brian Banning; #2-Vernice Young; #3-Betty Jane Easley

Parking Lot: Curt Piper, Kyle Kell, Randy Helm, Jim Jones

Baptismal: 8:15-Janet Padberg; 10:30-Joan Buhnerkemper

Communion Preparation: Will Webb

August 23, 2009

SONSHINE SCHOOL ASSISTANT NEEDED

Sonshine School is in need of an assistant in the Bible Story class. Sonshine School meets Tuesday mornings beginning September 8th. If you are interested or for more information, please contact Lucy Molenhour at 548-4737.



PRAYER & PRAISE

The Prayer & Praise Ladies' group would like to invite you to come and study Colossians and Philemon. The author, Martha Reapsome, wrote this study to explain the vital importance of finding fulfillment in Christ. We will start on September 8 at 6:30-8pm in the Fellowship Hall. We share concerns for others and enjoy light refreshments. If you would like to join us, contact Elizabeth Hite (548-2465) or Pat Baldrige (548-1435). Books are \$4.99 if you would like to purchase one. We would love to see you there!



FCC TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

We are gathering information for an updated church telephone directory. If you have any additions or corrections for the phone directory, please contact the church office.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Casey and Ashley Elmore** on the birth of a baby girl. **Sadie Alyse** was born on Tuesday, August 11th at 7:27am. She weighed 8 lb 3 oz and measured 21 inches.



OIL BELT ADULT CAMP DAY

Adult Camp Day at Oil Belt is Thursday, September 10, 2009. The cost is \$10 (\$15 after September 3). For a mere \$10 you will enjoy a delicious noon meal, worship led by Anita Newlin of Patoka, humor by Steve Ingram of Decatur, and scriptural insights by Bill Hauser of Keokuk, Iowa. We will leave FCC at 7:45 am and return around 3:30 pm. Sign up by the church office door by Sunday, August 30. Give your registration fee to Sharon Sullens or leave it in her mailbox in the office with your name attached. Call Sharon at 548-1563 if you have questions. Wouldn't it be great if FCC had the most registrants?



Love and Respect

The love she most desires / The respect he desperately needs

14 week video series
Open to all
No Cost

Sunday mornings 9:30 am
Large classroom upstairs
Begins August 23



You are invited to a baby shower for Ashley Elmore on Saturday, August 29th at 2pm in the FCC Fellowship Hall. Ashley is registered at Wal-Mart and Babies R Us. It's A Girl!

Mann's Masterpiece

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I confess that I am an avid Facebook user. I have been able to connect with friends all over the world. I really do use it often to communicate with other ministers, missionaries, and long lost friends.

Just the other day I was talking with a friend of mine in Mexico, who just moved there from Hawaii. He and I grew up together. We lived three houses away from each other and were born just one day apart. We hadn't talked with each other in close to 15 years, but thanks to Facebook, we are catching up with each other. Facebook has proven to be a wonderful tool for my family and I since we all live about 1000 miles away from each other. We post pictures and videos online and we can watch all the kids, and grandkids, grow and change. One of my sisters recorded on video her kids singing Nathan happy birthday and sent it via Facebook for him to watch. They couldn't be together on that day, but at least Nathan could see them and watch them show their love for him.

Facebook is great, but I don't think it can ever replace the desire and need for face to face communication. How many of us have emailed someone something and the recipient got a whole different message than you intended. All this because they read words, not facial expressions, not voice inflexions; nothing but words! I believe we can use these social networks to tell people about Christ and for those of us who know how to use them, we need to be using them for the glory of God. But let's remember what Christ said in Matthew 28:19 – 20, "Therefore, **GO** and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

We need to get outside of our huddles and tell people about Jesus. We need to introduce them and once we introduce them we need to baptize them. Then we never stop teaching them about the wonderful truth we know. Get out there and do it. Don't wait for someone to come to you. Jesus tells us to **GO**, so let's **GO**!

Dave's Musings

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Priorities are at the top of my list . . .

I've been thinking about priorities lately. I'm not really sure what sparked the conversation in my own head, but nonetheless, it's there. Maybe it's because I like golf, but stink at it. Maybe it's because we're having our third child in January and time will be even more

at a premium. Or maybe because God is working something in me to make me more like the man He wants me to be. Chances are, it's all of the above and more.

What is important to you? It's a simple question, really. We often tend to segment our lives in order of their importance. I'm at the point that segmented life leaves me feeling, well, segmented. Like nothing is moving in the same direction. People often urge us to live a balanced life, but can we? Is it really possible to "balance" everything? No, it isn't. Striving for balance is like chasing a carrot attached to a pole on our backs. Every time we step toward it, it moves a step away. And every time it eludes us, we feel fragmented and out of whack. Well, I don't want to stand for that anymore. God does not call us to a life of balance, He wants the scales tipped completely to his direction. The problem is that we, in striving for balance, tend to only add the amount of God we need to keep everything else in check. It's time for a different paradigm. It's time to not only say what is important to us. It's time to be what is important to us. Too often what we say are our priorities and what we live out as our priorities are completely different lists. Let's put our money where our mouth is.

We need to see everything through our relationship to God, instead of seeing our relationship to God through all of the stuff we already have programmed in our lives. I want to live a wholly unbalanced, holy life. It's gonna take a lot of work. Not work to be saved. Work to get rid of the things that don't help me act like I'm saved. Pruning my priorities will allow me to realize my full potential.

Humbly, Dave

Case in Point

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Well, of course I must do a little bragging and mention with a father's pride that my beautiful daughter, Sadie Alyse, was born on August 11th. Even though she is only a week old she has already taught me so much.

I have learned from her that there is no limitation to love. I love my parents. I love my brother, my sister, and the rest of my family. I love my friends. However, when I met Ashley a whole new love entered into my life. When you meet the girl of your dreams, it's hard to imagine life getting much better (I apologize for the mushiness of this article). But then God sent us Sadie Alyse and yet a whole new love has entered into my life once again. It's a little overwhelming, but in a good way. Each time I think that love could not be any greater; God shows me that it is.

My point is that love is far deeper and stronger than we can imagine. There is nothing else like it and there is nothing better. We can begin to understand God's nature when we recognize that this amazing, overwhelming feeling comes from Him.

1 John 4:8-10 says, "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."

God's love is powerful. We do not have to earn it. He already loves us in a deep, self-sacrificing way. We do not have to worry about if God loves us or even how much. The only thing we should be concerned with is how we are going to respond. The choice we have to make is whether or not we are going to love God in return. If so, then we receive the gift of eternity with Him. If not, then we will receive an eternity without. But let me ask you this: what will an eternity without love be like?

From Phil's Desk

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Downsizing to Get the Upmost

One day, an enthusiastic admirer of Michelangelo's sculpture of David, ran up to the great artist and asked, "How did you carve the statue of David?"

Michelangelo replied with this strikingly simple description: First, I fixed my attention on the slab of raw marble. I studied it, sketched a few simple pencil drawings on it, and then "chipped away all that wasn't David."

The questioner was stunned. When pressed further, the artist explained: "In every block of marble, I see a statue as plain as though it stood before me, shaped and perfect in attitude and action. I have only to hew away the rough walls that imprison the lovely apparition to reveal it to the other eyes as mine see it."

Could life sometimes be that simple – just take away that which doesn't belong?

In times of economic stress, job instability, and hectic schedules, one would think we would back off a bit – downsize, cut, spend less, slow down... but no, we pile it on. We've taken multitasking to a whole new level. Multiple jobs, homes, cars, phones, computers, TV's, sports, hobbies, and, believe it or not, some families attend multiple churches. In addition to all that we now attempt to keep up with all 543 friends on Facebook! Whew, I'm tired thinking about it.

We wonder why our life looks like a big slab of marble, bogged down, immovable, cold, hard, and void of emotion. We're tired, stressed, and sick of the rat race, yet we can't seem to jump off the spinning wheel.

Maybe we need to apply Michelangelo's concept to our life. Maybe we need to remove the clutter from our lives with some strategic "no's." Or, as Michelangelo said, "I saw the angel in the marble and carved until I set him free." We need to be set free. We need to chisel away at our lives and remove the stuff that prevents us from living the life God intended (and I can guarantee it isn't a maxed out – stressed out life).

Here's two simple steps to begin chipping away in order to get to the beautiful life God wants for you:

1. Get quiet and pray. Kierkegaard said "A man prayed, and at first he thought that prayer was talking. But he became more and more quiet until, in the end, he realized that prayer is listening." Isaiah 30:15 says "In returning and rest you shall be saved, in quietness and in trust shall be your strength."
2. Find the way that God has uniquely gifted you, and pour yourself into it. Instead of doing a lot of things with mediocrity, we need to do a few things really well.

In His Grip, Phil



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