

Sunday School Report

Jan. 23, 2011

Record (March 29, 1998)	210
Members Enrolled	296
Total Present	114
Previous Week's Attendance	106

Service Opportunities

Deacon of the Week for Jan. 30
Bro. Ted Blackmon
Deacon of the Week for Feb. 6
Bro. Otis Wilson

Upper Room Schedule:

DATE	TIME	NAME
1-26	PM	Cindy Jones
1-30	AM	Pat Jobin
1-30	PM	Raye Jones
2-6	PM	Sharon Jones

Nursery Volunteers:

Sunday, Jan. 30
AM—Tammy Howard
PM—Jennifer Edwards
Sunday, Feb. 6
AM —Cindy Jones
PM—Sheryl Winn



G.R.O.W.

All GROW Outreach Teams Will Meet Monday, Jan. 31st @ 6:30pm!



FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER



Reservations required!

Sign up on the reservation sheet in the foyer or call the church office. Meals are served from 5:30-6:15 p.m. Prices are \$4 per adult and \$2 per child (6th grade and under).

Menu for Feb. 2:

Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Whole Kernel Corn, Bread, Dessert, Ice Cream



The Narrow Road

Join us Sunday, January 30th @ 6:30 pm for a concert with The Narrow Road.

A Finger Food Fellowship will precede the concert @ 5:30.



Wild Game Dinner



February 15th at 6:00 pm.



A Youth Lunch Fundraiser will be held immediately following the morning service on Feb. 6th in the Fellowship Hall. Come eat, fellowship, and at the same time help the youth in their activities to become better equipped as God's children.

Devotions for Jan. 31-Feb.5
"Peace, Be Still"

Monday:	Mark 4:35-41
Tuesday:	James 4:13-17
Wednesday:	James 1:2-8
Thursday:	Matthew 9:18-22
Friday:	John 16:31-33
Saturday:	Proverbs 8:35 Habakkuk 2:4

ATTENTION CHURCH!

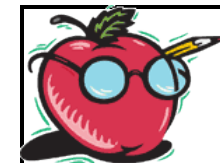
The adult choir is about to begin work on their Easter musical. We have plenty of seats available and would LOVE to have you come and join us! It doesn't matter if you CAN carry a tune, or "can't carry a tune in a bucket"....we would still love to have you!



Choir practice is held on Wednesday nights from 7:30-8:30.

Please seek God's will in determining if singing in the choir is the ministry He has for you!

In Christ, Diana



Teachers Needed

Help Wanted! Sunday School teachers for youth and children's classes. Experience preferred, but not required. On-the-job coaching will be provided and a trial period is available to ensure you fit the job and the job fits you. Qualifications include a willing and loving spirit with a desire to influence young lives to become the Christian leaders of tomorrow. To apply or for further information contact David Wittenberg today.

It's time for the RA's Pinewood Derby! Setup: Feb. 11 from 6-9 pm Derby: Saturday, Feb. 12 from 8-12



The Youth Winter Retreat to Fort Mountain State Park in Ellijay is February 18-20. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer—don't miss out!

CALENDAR

Wednesday, Jan. 26

- 5:30 pm Family Night Supper
6:30 pm Bible Study & Prayer, Youth
On Mission, Kids of the
Kingdom
7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, Jan. 27

- 10:00 am Cancer Pad Project

Saturday, Jan. 29

- 6:00 pm CAP Party/ Parents' Night Out

Sunday, Jan. 30

- 9:15 am Bible Study
10:30 am Morning Worship,
Children's Church & KIDMO
5:30 pm Finger Food Fellowship
6:30 pm "The Narrow Road" Concert

Monday, Jan. 31

- 6:30 pm All GROW Teams

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PASTOR'S PAGE



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According to the Associated Press, in June 1997 an employee at a Massachusetts store found a \$20 bill on the washroom floor with a note folded inside.

"HELP KIDNAPPED CALL HIGHWAY PATROL," the note said on one side, and listed two Oklahoma phone numbers. "MY FORD VAN CREAM & BLUE OKLA," it said on the other side.

The police were notified, and after they determined the names of the elderly couple registered at those phone numbers, Floyd and Rita Rupp, they put out an all-points bulletin. The media published photos and descriptions of the missing couple. The two daughters of the couple sat anxiously by their phones waiting for news as the interstate police search lasted twenty-four hours.

Then a phone call was received at the office of Mr. Rupp. The office manager heard a familiar voice report, "I'm sitting here enjoying the view of the ocean."

It was none other than the missing man.

"You have no idea what's going on, do you?" said the office manager.

No, he didn't, but when he found out, he and his wife were quite embarrassed. It turned out his wife had been feeling insecure about the drive back to Oklahoma, which she would be making alone. She had written the kidnap note and kept it in her purse just in case she needed it. It had accidentally fallen out of her purse in the store washroom.

When our fears—and our elaborate efforts

to find security—are brought into the open, what once terrified us can seem silly. The basis for a strong sense of security is a deep trust in God.

God's Word says in 2 Timothy 1:7: "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

Look with me at this verse to see how God wants us to counter our fears:

- "Fear": a cowardly, shameful fear caused by a weak, selfish character; this does not come from God!
- "Power": it seems God has already given us all the spiritual resources we need for any trial or threat (Matt. 10:19-20); see also Eph. 1:18-20; 3:20; Zach. 4:6.
- "Love": centers on pleasing God and placing others ahead of yourself.
- "Sound Mind": a disciplined, self-controlled, and properly prioritized mind; opposite of fear because we then focus on God and His perfect purposes which allows us to control our lives through Godly wisdom and confidence (see also Rom. 8:28-39).

To summarize: God has given us HIS power and spiritual resources to face anything as we center our love and purposes IN Him and allow Him to give us guidance, discernment, and wisdom so that we know all things are going to work for HIS plan in our lives.

"Fear not" or some derivative of it is said to be found in the Bible 365 times. Some say this is not true. All I know is that if God says it once, then that is enough for me. Trust...Submit...Surrender to Him and allow HIM to take those fears away!

Yours In Christ,

Bro. Phil

Mark 10:45

