

# *Northside Church of Christ*

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***Vacation Bible School Starts Tonight!  
Be Here For Every Service; You Won't to Miss a  
Single Lesson !!!***

### **Remember in Prayer**

Arianna Miller (tests); Lisa Fairchild; Donna Smith; Charlotte Merrell; Carla Murray; Betty Gay; Louise Fairchild; Dorothy Hedke; **Shut-Ins:** Rachel Wynne (Palm Terrace); Susan Jacobs (Alhambra) **Friends and Family:** Renee Jordan (Anita's daughter, US Army, soon to go to Germany); Ralph & Willeen King; Alvin Collins; Pat Ledford's son (cancer of tongue); Jessica Kennemore (Betty Famiglietti's granddaughter); Janice Miller's nephew Chris (in Iraq); Barry Pardue (Anne Langford's brother); J.A. Thornton and Jewell Thornton (Anne Langford's step-father and mother, Booneville, MS); C. J. McKinney; Joyce Welsh' and her mother (moving her mother into assisted living).

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- **VBS starts tonight at 7:00 PM and will continue through Thursday evening.**
- **July 29<sup>th</sup> – Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> *Spiritual Growth Workshop* in Orlando.**
- **August 6-7, *Evangelism Training for Youth* at Palm Beach Lakes. See Paul if you are interested in going.**

### **FOOD PANTRY**

Please help with our food pantry by bringing cans or jars of pasta sauce and pasta.

**Please help with cookies for VBS.** See Betty Famiglietti if you are willing to bake or buy cookies.

### **Directory Update**

**Jarod and Tiffany Peck** are now living in Tampa and will be worshipping with a congregation closer to them. We will miss them.

Please update your address for brother **Sidney Hooper**; N. Meadows, 8044 Coley Davis Road, Nashville, TN, 37221 (615) 662-3208

### **How Can You Help?**

If you'd like to pitch in with the following projects, please let Paul know.

- Yard care (ongoing, weekly)
- Keep parking lot's blown free of leaves and debris (ongoing, weekly)
- Seal & patch parking lot
- Paint curb and parking bumpers in parking lot
- Prune shrubs and bushes
- Weed the landscaping beds

***THANKS TO ALL WHO CAME  
YESTERDAY FOR THE WORK  
PARTY. WE ACCOMPLISHED  
A LOT THANKS TO GOOD  
PARTICIPATION.***

**Food Co-op** flyers on in the back.  
Delivery will be August 27<sup>th</sup>.

## **Blessed Are the Pure in Heart**

The condition and disposition of one's heart determines his actions and attitudes. Jesus tells us that those things which come out of the mouth issue from the heart and they defile us (Matt. 15:16-20). Those to whom He was speaking had the mistaken notion that what went into a person defiled him, or made him unacceptable to God.

When does one commit an outward and overt sin that does not first begin in his heart? Never. Solomon teaches us to diligently keep or guard our hearts. Why? For out of the heart comes the issues of life (Prov. 4:23). He states further, "For as he thinketh in his heart, so IS he..." (Prov. 23:7) It is no wonder, then, that Jesus admonishes us to be "pure in heart". What does this mean? Perhaps it is valuable for us to notice some characteristics of one who is pure in heart. In doing this, we can understand what Jesus expects of us.

A pure heart is a *regenerated* heart. One's heart is regenerated when it is purified. How is one's heart made clean. First, he must hear and believe the Word of God. Jesus said "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you." Hearing and believing is not all we should do. We must also obey God's word. Peter said "...ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth..." ( I Peter 1:22). Hearing and believing are only effective when they move us to action and obedience. Remember the words of Jesus when He said "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into

the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." (Matt. 7:21)

Secondly, one who is pure in heart has an *undefiled* heart. The pure in heart do no pollute their hearts with the things of the world (I John 2:15-17). To do so, excludes one from the love of God. This is difficult in our society. To keep one's heart undefiled by the things of the world puts him in a position of being called a "fanatic" or "extremist" or "right winger". Nevertheless, God says pure religion and undefiled before God involves being "unspotted from the world" (James 1:27).

The faithful Christian does not find amusement where the world finds it. He dresses, speaks and behaves differently. He is set-apart and peculiar. His faithfulness condemns and indicts the behavior of pseudo-Christians around him as well as those who are of the world. These traits can cause discomfort and even inconvenience but the rewards of being pure in heart dwarf any perceived negatives.

Finally, a pure heart is an *unpretentious* heart. Jesus makes it clear in Matthew 6:1-18 that our motives are important. In this text Jesus lists three religious activities. One should not only do the act of praying, fasting and alms giving, but he should do them from the right motives. The right motive is wanting to be pleasing to God, not to show off before men.

Remember, God looks on the heart, (I Samuel 16:7).

## **Purpose Statement**

The Northside Church of Christ strives to ***bring glory to God***. We do this by rendering to Him faithful and reverent obedience (*Eccl. 12:13-14*). To this end we are...

- **Proclaiming** the good news of Jesus Christ to the lost and dying world around us (*Mark 16:15-16, Matthew 28:19, 2 Cor. 5:17-21*)
- **Praising** God in scriptural, sincere and heartfelt worship (*John 4:24, Heb. 13:15*)
- **Promoting** holiness and mature, Christ-like discipleship in every believer (*Matt. 28:20, Gal. 6:1-2, Heb. 3:13*)
- **Providing** for those in need with the love and compassion of Jesus (*James 1:27, Gal. 6:10*)

<i>The record for 7/18/2010</i>	
AM Bible class	40
AM worship assembly	64
PM worship assembly	40
Wednesday Bible class	45
Sunday Offering	\$1,826.00

## **Excuses That Will Keep You Out of Heaven**

Text: *Luke 14:16-22*

An excuses is the skin of a truth stuffed with a lie

## **“Everybody's Doing It”**

1. Following God has always been a \_\_\_\_\_ position.
2. Noah and Lot

## **“Times Have Changed”**

1. God does not \_\_\_\_\_.
2. People and customs \_\_\_\_\_.

## **“It Doesn't Matter What You Believe as Long as You're Sincere.”**

1. What about \_\_\_\_\_?
2. \_\_\_\_\_ was sincere.
3. Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ line.

## **“I'm Not Good Enough.”**

1. Those in Acts 2 were the very ones who \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Paul called himself the \_\_\_\_\_ of all sinners.