

## Remember in Prayer:

### The Sick:

**Billy Creek**, Dorothy Shaver's brother, has improved and is currently undergoing rehabilitation.

**Carolyn Lowder** is at home recovering from surgery on her neck and wrist.

**Johnny Adams**, Anita Carman's uncle, received the results of a biopsy which shows cancer has returned and is inoperable. He is currently evaluating treatment options.

**Jeremy Condor**, Xenna's grandson, is back in Vanderbilt Medical Center undergoing treatment for an iron deficiency.

**Donald Lockamon**, Billie Keller's brother-in-law who recently had a heart attack, underwent a procedure to implant a defibrillator and is currently recovering at home.

Continue to remember those recovering from sickness, surgery and those dealing with cancer or chronic illness, including **Brownie Spicer, Karen Shelton, Xenna Gooch, Burton Brown (Bettye's brother), Cecelia O'Brien, Lucille Hall (Ethel's mother), Jean & James Tanksley and John Pryor (Clara Burkett's son).**

### **News & Notes:**

--**Group 2** will meet today in the Library after the morning service.

## Moses & Miracles

1. What did Moses mount on a pole as a way for healing the ailing Israelites? Numbers 21:5-9
2. What bird served as miracle food for the Israelites? Exodus 16:11-13
3. What did Moses do to bring forth water from the rock at Kadesh? Num.20:1-11
4. What animal came forth out of the Nile in droves? Exodus 8:5-7
5. What miraculous thing happened to Moses' hand? Exodus 4:7
6. What did Moses' staff turn into? Exodus 4:2-4
7. What everyday substance was changed into a plague of lice? Exodus 8:16-17

**Answers:** 1. A brass serpent; 2. Quail; 3. He struck it twice; 4. Frogs; 5. It became leprous, then normal again; 6. A serpent; 7. Dust

**ELDERS:** Doug Driver  
Johnny Felker  
**DEACONS:** Ralph Brown  
Mark Claypool

**Service Times**

**SUNDAY**  
Bible Study—9:00 am  
Worship—9:55 am & 6:00 pm

**WEDNESDAY**  
Bible Study 7:00 pm

# Perry Heights Weekly Bulletin

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*"...let us consider how we may encourage one another"  
Heb. 10:24*

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## Why Should I Attend?

Not very many ask the question seen in our title above. Usually they don't question the wisdom of attending. Instead, they offer their excuses for not attending. Sometimes they are valid, sometimes they are transparent. This seems to send a message far stronger than I could put into words for an article. If one makes excuses for not being present, it is as good as a confession that attendance is not important. If attendance were not important, we would not make excuses, but instead question the necessity of it.

So why should I attend all of the services? Concentrate on these important aspects of assembling, and shut out the distractions that would lure you away from attending services as you should.

### *The Object of Worship...*

Do you think of yourself as worshipping the creator of all when you attend services? We must not forget that we assemble to worship, and that God is the object of our worship. We are very keen on John 4:24, which tells us that those who worship God must do so in spirit and truth. We emphasize the truth, but sometimes forget the spirit. Our hearts must be in this effort. Our minds must be considering the things said and done, directing our attention to the throne of God. Unless we do this, all of the truth under heaven will not save us! Let us say as David did: *"I was glad when they said to me, 'let us go into the house of the Lord.'" (Psalm 122:1)*

### *For Yourself...*

I've heard many people in the past say, "I just don't get anything out of the service." I must ask in reply, "What do you want to get out of services?" We have become so entertainment oriented that we can't enjoy an hour of giving instead of getting. That's what worship is. Paying homage to someone else. We have gathered to give our hearts to God. Edification also involves giving. Our presence gives encouragement. Our singing teaches and admonishes (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16). So at the very least I must ask, "If I received no joy from the service today, where was the joy of having given of myself?"

## Preacher's Pen points

## Getting Rooted by Worshipping Meaningfully



*Our worship assemblies provide a great opportunity to get rooted in the word  
...if we make the most of the opportunity!*

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### The importance of \_\_\_\_\_.

We need to be \_\_\_\_\_ prepared.

Come as \_\_\_\_\_ as you can.

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Take time to \_\_\_\_\_ your Bible class lesson.

Take time to \_\_\_\_\_ (if you know it) the text for the sermon.

We need to be \_\_\_\_\_ prepared.

Spend time each week reflecting upon God's \_\_\_\_\_ in your life.

*I was \_\_\_\_\_ when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." (Ps. 122:1)*

### The importance of \_\_\_\_\_.

*Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an \_\_\_\_\_ manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does not \_\_\_\_\_ the body rightly. For this reason many among you are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and a number sleep. (1 Cor. 11:27-30)*

Avoid \_\_\_\_\_ circumstances that hinder concentration in worship.

Stay \_\_\_\_\_ in the worship, knowing the privilege of being God's priests.

*Through Him then, let us continually offer up a \_\_\_\_\_ of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name. And do not neglect doing good and sharing; for with such \_\_\_\_\_ God is pleased. (Heb. 13:15-16)*

**Proper worship gives us a renewed vision of God, a renewed sense of purpose, and a renewed feeling of partnership. It also makes available to us the power of God's word to make us more fruitful, if we worship meaningfully!**

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### *For Example...*

I've actually seen visitors show up at a service and ask where a couple of the members were. They knew they attended there, and for that reason had come. In each case, they were members who didn't seem to think it necessary to be at all of the services. As a matter of fact, they were invited to a gospel meeting, but found that the one who invited them wasn't there.

I've heard children ask why so and so didn't come to all of the services. I wish I could have said it was because of health or necessary work; but I could not. You see, they just weren't interested in serving God with their whole heart. Our young people see a great deal more than we imagine. The truly sad aspect comes when the children can't come because the parents just won't try. Here is a genuine case of sowing the wind. I've seen cases of children who grow up and won't serve the Lord; but then their parents only served half-heartedly to begin with. Remember this: Your children won't learn to serve the Lord with a whole heart if you teach them to serve half-heartedly (Ephesians 6:4; 1 Timothy 5:14; Proverbs 22:6). Coming to services is an important aspect of your child's spiritual education.

### *For Others...*

When we think to ourselves, "I'm not really going to get anything out of this class/sermon." Are we really taking in the full picture? Of course, we've already asked, "What do you expect to get out of the service?" And your answer may not truly reflect your feelings deep down. But have you considered your brethren? Have you thought about the effect of an empty pew on them? Have you considered the young people here? Have you thought about the effect of an empty pew on them? Have you considered the visitors that may be present while you are absent? Have you thought about the effect of an empty pew on them? The old adage rings true which says, "The empty tomb affirms Christianity, but an empty pew denies it"

Let's not think only of ourselves as it comes time to assemble with the saints. Let's remember others as well.

Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. (Philippians 2:3 & 4).

--Bob Pulliam