

# The Voice

*"A beacon of light and a harbor of hope"*

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## WHY DON'T **YOU** ATTEND EACH SERVICE?

Richard Kirkland

**"Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day drawing near."**

(Hebrews 10:24-25)

Sometimes it is easy to miss worship because we have grown so cold and indifferent in our spiritual life that worship is not meaningful to us anymore. Jesus would say, "Remember therefore from whence you are fallen, and repent and do the first works" (Rev. 2:5). I ask you, Christian, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" (Heb. 2:3).

Have you considered the effect your absence is having on your spiritual life?

1. Your absence hinders your prayers, breaking your line of communication with God.
2. Your absence destroys your good influence toward others.
3. Your absence robs you of spiritual strength.
4. Your absence makes it easier to say "no" to other important duties also.

Have you considered the effect your absence is having on others? Your absence has an effect on every faithful Christian. It causes them sleepless nights of concern and hours of fervent prayer that could otherwise be spent on those who have never heard the gospel of Christ. Your sin is hindering their work!

Your absence has an effect on the unfaithful Christian. It is a stumbling block to them as they become aware of your negligence. They say, "Well, if I can miss so can I." Their souls are being put in jeopardy of hell because of your poor example. Would you want to be "laid to rest" knowing that you have been the "stumbling block" in the path of others?

Your absence has an effect on poor, lost sinners. Your conduct says, "The church doesn't matter. Worship isn't important." Or maybe it says to them, "There is nothing there you need, I wouldn't bother going either." Whatever the voice of the empty pew communicates, it is all negative. But you can be sure the voice of the empty pew is eloquent indeed!

What if today was the last day for you to "get right" with God? What if Christ should burst through the clouds this Sunday morning during the worst hour? Will you be there? Are you ready? You are missed and we are praying for you.

### Worship Schedule

Sunday

Bible Class 9:30 AM

AM Worship 10:15 AM

PM Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 PM

### Elders

Jack Jones

968-4277

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### Deacons

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Freddy Nelson

Kenneth Pirtle

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**TO OUR GUESTS:** We welcome you to our worship assembly! We are glad that you have come to be with us today. Our prayer for you is for God to be leading you in your life and in your search for a church home. We are continually praying for God to send more people to help us with His work. If you want to be a part of this loving Christian family, please fill out one of our visitor cards and place it in the collection plate when it is passed. One of our elders or the preacher will then soon contact you personally.

**OUR SICK:** Please continue to remember the following individuals in your daily prayers: Bill Abernathy, Bob Baker, Raymond Barton, Jack Brown, Doranda Finley, Lois Galloway, Sue Griffin, Tim Green, Lillian Hare, Jerrie Hare, Lilden Hefley, Mike Hickman, Faye Jimason, Jessie Kirkland, Dwight Mask, Morgan Melton, Lou Mitchel (cancer), Bob Molden, Jr., Joyce Poynter, Jamie Rees, Reba Spradlin, Etoile Sweeney, Sandy Sweeney, Emmett Wade, Dan Woods, Martha Yates.

**OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL:** Derek Jones, Phillip Sweet, SPC Destry Benton Branch.

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**DEVOTIONAL SPEAKERS FOR THE MONTH:** June 23—Ben Hare, June 30—Matt Sweeney, July 7<sup>th</sup>—Adam Sweeney, July 14<sup>th</sup>—Freddy Nelson, July 21<sup>st</sup>—Chris Hare, July 28<sup>th</sup>—Jerry Yates, Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>—Vernon Howard, Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>—Jack Jones, Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>—Jim Harrelson, Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>—Nick Nelson, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>—Donnie Miller, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>—Ben Hare, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>—Matt Sweeney, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>—Adam Sweeney

*In SEARCH of the Lord's Way* is presented on Sundays on channel 4 at 7:30A.M. Tune in this week! Presentations for the month July:

- July 11<sup>th</sup>—Search Me, O God
- July 18<sup>th</sup>—Authentic Christianity
- July 25<sup>th</sup>—You Can Be Sure

**Becoming a Christian:**

We believe that we are saved by the grace of God which is accessed by our obedient faith to Him. Obedience includes making public confession of our faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God, repenting of our sins, and receiving baptism by immersion for the remission of sins in the name of Jesus. Through this response we are forgiven of our past sins, receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, and enjoy the promise of eternal life. We welcome at any time a request for baptism.

**Becoming a member at Fifth and Greenwich:**

All believers who have received baptism by immersion for the remission of sins are welcome to place their membership with us. Doing so places you under the care of our elders and commits you to active participation in the work of this congregation.

**Responding:**

If you have any need – baptism, repentance, confession, the desire to place membership, or desire the prayers of the church – you are invited to come to the front of the auditorium during the singing of the song after the sermon. The preacher will help you communicate your need to the church.

<p><i>Southern Christian Home</i>                  Don't Forget to Bring your Food                  Items for this week:                  Toilet Tissue                  Bathroom Cleaners                  Mustard                  Now is time to restock!</p>	<p><i>Record July 4, 2010</i></p> <table> <tr><td>Bible Study.....</td><td>53</td></tr> <tr><td>Worship.....</td><td>65</td></tr> <tr><td>Evening.....</td><td>34</td></tr> <tr><td>Wed. night.....</td><td>37</td></tr> <tr><td>Offering.....</td><td>\$1,611.85</td></tr> <tr><td>Budget.....</td><td>\$1,389.00</td></tr> </table>	Bible Study.....	53	Worship.....	65	Evening.....	34	Wed. night.....	37	Offering.....	\$1,611.85	Budget.....	\$1,389.00
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**FROM THE DESK OF BROTHER RICHARD:**

The updated, new and improved church directory is on its way!! **Jim and Mary Harrelson** have done a wonderful job putting everything together and the finishing touches are being added. If you have any information that needs to be changed, updated, modified, etc. Please let them know this week so we can have the completed directories available soon.

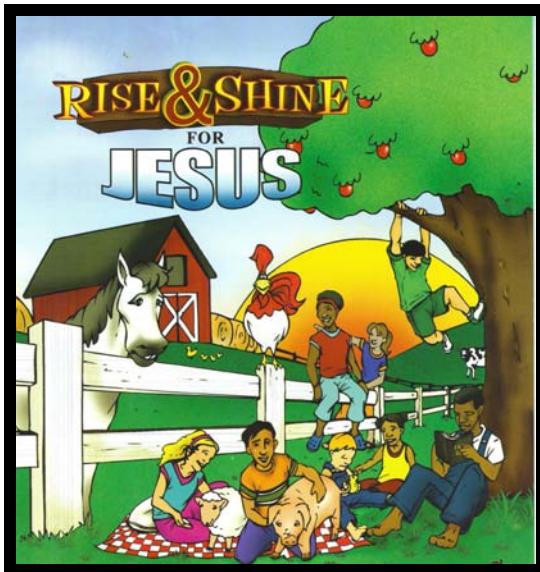
Renea and I were out of town this past weekend on a little mini-vacation. Renea has really had a difficult time this year trying to fulfill extraordinary work responsibilities so I especially want to say "Thank you" to **Anthony Sweeney** for the fine job of filling the pulpit on Sunday.

Keep **Renea** in your prayers as she will have a **heart cath** on Thursday and is expected to need a stint to correct a blockage.

Also, I will be leading a Campaign for Christ effort with the **North Jacksonville Church of Christ on July 14-18**. I would very much appreciate your prayers during that event.

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

## 2010!



## Privileged to Serve

**Sunday Morning**  
July 11

*Announcements*  
Freddy Nelson

*Song Leader*  
Anthony Sweeney

*Opening Prayer*  
Rick Woods

*Communion*  
Bob Bell  
Bill Benton  
James Taylor  
Ben Hare

*Sermon:*  
Richard Kirkland  
(Is There Any Hope?)

*Closing Prayer*  
Jerry Porter

**Sunday Evening**  
July 11

*Announcements*  
Freddy Nelson

*Song Leader*  
Adam Sweeney

*Opening Prayer*  
Donnie Miller

*Sermon:*  
Richard Kirkland

*Closing Prayer*  
Bob Molden

## LIGHT A FIRE!

Phil Sanders

“For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control” (2 Timothy 1:6-7).

God had given Timothy a spiritual gift to use in his ministry. For some reason Timothy had timidly failed to use this gift to its fullest advantage for the cause of Christ. Perhaps he was afraid to speak the gospel as boldly as he ought (Col. 4:2-4). Paul felt it necessary to push Timothy to fire up his gifts for God!

It is easy to allow the worldliness of the world to discourage our hearts. When we feel as if we have made little progress, we may easily lost heart (Gal. 6:10). Our struggles, however, should not hinder us in the work of God. “Therefore my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord you labor is not in vain” (1 Cor. 15:58).

Let us stir up in our hearts a flame of faith! Let’s reaffirm what we believe, why we believe it, and in Whom we believe. This is a time to proclaim our faith in Jesus Christ!

Let us stir up in our hearts a flame for evangelism! Let us pray for God to open up a door for the Word throughout the land (Col. 4:2-4). Let us be soul-sensitive to our neighbors, realizing many of them are without hope (Eph. 2:12).

Let us stir up in our hearts a love for souls! God has committed to us a ministry of reconciliation, a ministry to help people become friends to God once again (2 Cor. 5:16-19). (Edited for space and content)

### **SCHEDULES**

#### **Sunday Bible Class:**

##### **Auditorium**

**The Book of Proverbs**

**Anthony Sweeney, teacher.**

#### **Adult Group Class**

**The Book of Revelation**

**Jack Jones, teacher**

#### **Sunday Singing Practice:**

**Each Sunday at 5:30 p.m.**

##### **Auditorium**

#### **Wednesday Bible Class:**

**The Book of James**

**Richard Kirkland, teacher**

##### **Wednesday**

#### **College & Teen Study:**

**Led by Matt Sweeney**

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