

## MINISTER'S NOTES

### How Do You Spell Success

The Apostle Paul didn't have a cell phone or the Internet, yet he took the Gospel into the long-reaching corners of the Roman Empire.

Here are the reasons for his S-U-C-C-E-S-S:

- S -- Sense of direction
- U -- Understanding
- C -- Commitment
- C - Compassion
- E -- Enthusiastic faith
- S -- Service to others
- S -- Staying power

### **S - Sense of Direction**

Paul had a crystal clear sense of direction. He knew where he was going and how to get there. He said in Romans 15:20: *"It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else's foundation."*

The type of ministry Paul selected is not important to this discussion; what's important is the fact that Paul knew what he wanted to do. The reason many people never succeed is because they don't really know what they want. They do something for a few years, then switch and do something else, then switch again. Finally, they get to 40, 50, or 60 years old, and they've done 10 different things. They've never focused their lives on anything specific. Paul's success was due largely to the fact that he had a clear sense of direction.

### **U - Understanding**

In Philippians 4:12, Paul said, *"I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation..."* Contentment must be learned, and it's a tough lesson. It might seem like a contradiction to say that you need to have a goal and you need to be content, but it's not. Contentment isn't the absence of a goal; it's being happy with where you are as you work toward your goal. There will always be a tension between the real and the ideal. You need to keep the ideal in your mind, but you must live with the real and not be frustrated by it. Paul understood this.

### **C - Commitment**

In Acts 20:24 Paul said, *"I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace."* Paul knew what God wanted him to do and he was committed to doing it. He held nothing back. That's commitment. Jesus put it this way in Luke 9:62, *"No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."*

**Direction, Understanding and Commitment:** these are three reasons the apostle Paul was so successful in his ministry. (Tune in next week for the continuation of this article.)

## **Foreign Mission Matters**

It is always uplifting to hear good news, and to see the power of God at work. *"We know that all things work together for good to those who love the Lord, and to those who are called according to His purpose."*

Last year, I told you about Bro. R. He fell victim to cruel and severe persecution at the hands of radical Hindus. Threats were made to rape his 14-year-old daughter if he continued to preach the Gospel. He was beaten, his house burned down, and the thugs took him to the police station where the police officer kicked him in the face, kicking out his 4 front upper teeth. He is OK now, and preaching about 100 miles from where this took place. After 10 court appearances, all false charges have been dropped.

But the story only begins there. In June, his sister was contacted by the police officer who had kicked him, asking to find him. Of course, the family was hesitant to reveal his location. After many visits, the sister was finally allowed to give the officer a cell phone number. A meeting was arranged, and, when the officer arrived, he fell to the floor, begging forgiveness, and asking to learn about the Lord! After several hours, the officer asked to be baptized. WE NOW HAVE A NEW BROTHER IN CHRIST!!! God is good.

In Him,  
R

## **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

### **Sunday**

Bible Class	9:30 AM
Worship Service	10:30 AM
Devotional (Knopp #1)	3:30 PM
Singing	5:30 PM
Evening Worship	6:00 PM

### **Wednesday**

Ladies' Bible Class (Sept-May)	10:00 AM
Evening Class	7:00 PM

### **SHEPHERDS**

Dan Hartmann	997-6903
Zach Kirkland	997-6034
Duery Menzies	997-6409
Jerry Taylor	990-2814

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### **A MEASURE OF OUR LOVE**

#### **ATTENDANCE REPORT**

	Last Week	Last Year
A.M. Classes	91	122
A.M. Assembly	(39 visitors) 157	203
P.M. Assembly	(4 visitors) 85	123
Wed. Discussions	--	--

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Need	6000	5800
Contribution	5462	6797
Average	5617	5759
Special Contribution	--	--

# IN WORSHIP & PRAISE



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP- February 28, 2010

*What a Mighty God We Serve* 993

**Greeting & Announcements** Larry Boyd

*Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You* 768

**Shepherd's Prayer** Dan Hartmann

*Glorify Thy Name* 77

*Redeemed* 458

*He Bore It All* 351

### **The Fellowship of Communion**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** Todd Jennings

### **The Privilege of Giving**

*True-Hearted, Whole-Hearted* 629

**AM Sermon** Tommy LeFan  
**Eighth Step to Good Health**

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* 389

*Bind Us Together* 704

**Closing Prayer** Jerry Taylor

### **Nicaragua Campaign Report**

Our mission is to love God, promote the spiritual health of our members and plant the Gospel throughout the world while sharing the abundance of God's physical blessings. In all things, we will strive to bring as many as possible to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

## FAMILY NEWS & NOTES

### Pray For:

- **Rest Home Residents**—Genevieve Jones, Janice Lofland, Hugh & Margaret Savage, Ione Cheshier, LaJean Ramey & Clyde & Charlotte Cox
- **Our members & relatives in the military**

### Those Struggling With Health Problems:

Prayer List Address – <http://prayer.fbgtxchurchofchrist.org/>

- **Glenda Johnston** has been moved to room 585 which is a regular room. Family asked to limit visits. Her address is on the bulletin board.
- **Pat Brown** had a biopsy on Tuesday. It is stage 2 glioma and he meets with the doctors this week to discuss chemotherapy treatment.
- **Julie Duecker** is recovering from gallbladder surgery.
- **Rodney Sauer** is recovering from knee surgery.
- **Susan Dodson**, Gary Tabor's sister, has been diagnosed with adenoid cystic carcinoma with perineural invasion, which is a mouth cancer.
- **John Krugh**, Michael Cusack Jr.'s brother-in-law, was diagnosed with Guillain Barre Syndrome.
- **Those struggling with cancer or long-term illness:** J.T. Abshier, Ione Cheshier, Shelby Beer, Jessica Cox, Greta Campbell, C.D. Pruet, Stephen Rodgers, Glenda Woods, Caleb Akins, H.A. Dobbs, Jacquelyn Knapp, Eleanor Ottmers, Lana Albers, Nan Kuse, Gretchen Seal, Ricky Wright, Mike Reeves, Janice Stevenson & Jason Rodgers

**We extend our condolences to Shelby Beer** on the death of her mother, Dorothy Beer. Dorothy died last Sunday morning at HCMH. Her funeral was Wednesday.

**Bible School in a Box** workday is scheduled for Tuesday at 9:30am.

**We will host a baby shower for Jeff & Marcie Lawrence** on March 21<sup>st</sup> following evening service. She is registered at babies"r"us.com, target.com and babysupermall.com. They are expecting a girl, Emily Kate, and the room colors are: salmon red, off-white, sage green, black & white gingham check bedding that has butterflies and dragonflies on it. This will be in conjunction with Third Sunday Fellowship so remember to bring your favorite finger food and/or dessert.

**March Worship Assignments are on the table in the foyer.**

## YOUTH MINISTER'S NOTES

**LTC** Practice today at 4:00pm.

**Middle & High School Devo Tonight.** The LeFans are hosing an outdoor "flashlight" devo tonight! This devotional is for middle& high school students only. Bring a flashlight and dress appropriately. Activities will begin and end at the building. Everything is provided. Kids may be picked up at 7:30pm at the building.

### White as Snow

If you're like me, you were thanking God for the beautiful blanket of snow we were covered with this last Tuesday. It was so wonderful to watch the big snow flakes falling and covering everything in white. I'm sure people from up north would laugh at how excited we get over a little snow, but it's not common to us in the south. Snow for us is something new. It's different than how things have been. It's a complete change from our normal life in the world. Everything changes because it is covered in beautiful, pure, white snow.

As wonderful as that is, it's nothing compared to the joy and wonder that comes from becoming a Christian. When someone decides to give their life to Jesus, it's like that uncommon snow. We've probably seen it before, but it's so beautiful. It's just not something you get to see everyday, so we marvel at it. We stand in awe of what Jesus has done for us. He is the reason we can stand in God's grace, and what a wonderful place to stand.

### Isaiah 1:18

"Come now let us reason together," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."

### Habakkuk 3:2

I stand in awe of your deeds. O Lord.