

BUILDING CLEANING

We will clean the building on June 14, 2009 following the afternoon singing. All who can stay and assist with this chore are welcome to do so.

LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

Ladies' Bible class will be conducted on June 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the building. All the ladies are welcome to attend.

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Date	Morning	Evening
06/08/09 Monday.....	1 Kings.....15-16	Psalm.....87-88
06/09/09 Tuesday.....	1 Kings.....17-18	Psalm.....89-90
06/10/09 Wednesday.....	1 Kings.....19-20	Psalm.....91-92
06/11/09 Thursday.....	1 Kings.....21-22	Psalm.....93-94
06/12/09 Friday.....	2 Kings.....01-02	Psalm.....95-96
06/13/09 Saturday.....	2 Kings.....03-04	Psalm.....97-98
06/14/09 Sunday.....	2 Kings.....05-06	Psalm.....99-100

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Our services are as follows:

TIMES OF SERVICE

Sunday Morning Bible Study.....	9:30
Sunday Morning Worship.....	10:30
Sunday Evening Worship.....	6:00
Wednesday Evening Bible Study.....	7:00
Ladies Bible Class 3 rd Monday Evening of Each Month.....	7:00

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MISSION OF THE LOCAL CHURCH—EDIFICATION

Jerry D. McDonald

The word "edify" comes from the word "οικοδομη" or "oikodome" which according to *Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon* means: "1) (the act of) building, building up, 2) metaphorically edifying, edification, 2a) the act of one who promotes another's growth in Christian wisdom, piety, happiness, holiness, 3) a building (i.e. the thing built, edifice)" (*e-Sword Bible Program*). Many seem to think that to "edify" means to "entertain," and fill peoples social needs and desires. However, there is nothing in the word either explicitly or implicitly that even hints to such a thing. Churches attempt to justify building gymnasiums in the name of "edification" and call them "Family Life Centers." Some times they will say that they can be used for classrooms; although there are no dividing petitions there to petition off the classrooms and they don't want you wearing hard soled shoes on the hardwood floor, and it just happens to have bleachers and is marked off and has basket ball goals in it. What else is it to be used for? Why not just call it what it is? It is a gymnasium, nothing more, nothing less! We have come to the point of trying to hide things by calling them by different names, and such just doesn't work. A rose, by any other name is still a rose. You can't change what it is regardless of what you call it.

The word "edify" means to build up, and we do this in a number of ways. We edify one another when we exhort one another to stay faithful to the Lord. Paul instructed the Hebrew Christians "*But **exhort** one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin*" (Heb 3:13). This "exhorting" was a means of edifying or building each other up to stay faithful lest any of them be hardened through the deceitful-

ness of sin. We, as Christians, have an obligation to keep each other from sin. It is not a suggestion, it is an **obligation**. Many times, however, we tend to have the idea that what our brother does is none of our business. Paul taught the Corinthian brethren that they were all members of one body and as such all members were important. The physical body doesn't act the way the spiritual body acts, each member cares for the other. This is why the physical body works so well. Just stop and think about all the things that have to happen just in order for you to take "ONE BREATH OF AIR." Your nervous system, your respiratory system, your heart, your lungs, your brain, everything has to work together in sync in order for you to take just one breath of air. What if the heart just decided not to worry about the lungs? O well, too bad...I don't guess that exchange of oxygen and carbon dioxide would get to happen and, well the body would just die. No, every part works to the building up of every other part so that the whole body can work.

The spiritual body of Christ is to function exactly in the same manner. Every member is to edify every other member. That means that every member is to work with every other member to lift every other member up in love so that the whole body can edify itself in love. Notice what Paul wrote to the church in Ephesus: *"from whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love"* (Eph 4:16).

How do we edify one another? There are at least two other ways that we can do this. We can edify one another by working together: *"Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do. And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you"* (1Th 5:11-12). We edify by worshipping together: *"For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified. I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all: Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue"* (1Co 14:17-19). These are ways to truly edify one another.

CHURCH NEWS

PRAYER LIST

We need to remember all those who are sick and afflicted in our daily prayers. We need to remember those who are in the nursing homes, and in the military. We also need to keep Doris Pendleton, Ruby Backus, Tex Kinman, Bill and Verna Butler, Lynna Shanks, Verma Long, Connie Gass, Nelta Brock, Cheryl Harris, Janet Patrick, Evonelle Calkins, Vera Dreyse, Elnora Shanks, Dawn Tivoli, Richard Massey, the Bill Habermehl family, Savannah Shanks, Adrian and Jean Swindler, Sandy Sarchette, and Olivia Shanks. Let us also continue to remember Andy Shanks, Nettie B. Shirley, Dixie Stacy, and Darrell Conley in our daily

prayers. Logan Shanks went back for testing and they have been unable to find the cause of his problem. They think it may have been a virus he picked up. Olivia is on a stronger dose of her medication, let us keep them in our prayers. Chesley is in Frene Valley Nursing Home. We need to remember Delmar Backeus and Marvin Howard and his wife. Scott Thomas had back surgery, and we need to keep him in our daily prayers. We need to remember the Leroy Thomas family in our prayers in the passing of Leroy's uncle Jim Thomas. His funeral was last Tuesday. We also need to continue to remember the family of Leslie Schwegler who passed away. His funeral was last Monday.

THOSE TO SERVE June 7, 2009 A.M.	THOSE TO SERVE June 14, 2009 A.M.
Greeters.....David Shanks & Taylor Shanks	Greeters.....Jerry & Thomas McDonald
Announcements.....David Shanks	Announcements.....Jerry McDonald
Song Leader.....Danny Keeney	Song Leader.....David Shanks
Opening Prayer.....Gary Wallace	Opening Prayer.....Taylor Shanks
Lord's Supper.....Elwood Runge & Leroy Thomas	Lord's Supper.....Danny Keeney & Andy Shanks
Sermon.....Clifton Angel	Sermon.....Jerry McDonald
Closing Prayer.....Leroy Thomas	Closing Prayer.....Thomas McDonald
P.M.	P.M.
Song Leader.....Danny Keeney	Song Leader.....David Shanks
Opening Prayer.....David Shanks	Opening Prayer.....Gary Wallace
Sermon.....Clifton Angel	Sermon.....Jerry McDonald
Closing Prayer.....Gary Wallace	Closing Prayer.....Elwood Runge
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY
Song Leader.....Danny Keeney	Song Leader.....David Shanks
Opening Prayer.....Elwood Runge	Opening Prayer.....Taylor Shanks
Devotional.....David Shanks	Devotional.....Thomas McDonald
Closing Prayer.....Andy Shanks	Closing Prayer.....Gary Wallace

FAIR HAVEN CHILDREN'S HOME

The items for Fair Haven Children's Home this week are "Juice," "Spices," and "Spaghetti sauce."

OUT OF TOWN

Jerry and Thomas McDonald are out of town this week helping the group from Lindsay, Oklahoma in a campaign in Mansfield, TX. This is the same group that came and knocked doors here in Belle with us last month. They will be back next week.

Sermons For June 14th and 21st 2009

June 14, 2009: A.M. lesson: "So Great Salvation (Part 2)," P.M. Lesson: "So Great Salvation (Part 2)." June 21, 2009: A.M. lesson: "The Spiritual Sword," P.M. Lesson: "Having Faith and Love Toward One Another."

FELLOWSHIP MEAL

There will be a fellowship meal following the morning services to get to know brother Angel and the afternoon services so he can get back to Memphis.