

PRESCHOOL EXTENDED SESSION

10:30 AM WORSHIP (June 28)

PRESCHOOL I: Carolyn Wood, Wilma Washington

PRESCHOOL II: Amy Bowling

PRESCHOOL III: Nathan Bowling

USHERS (June 28)

Ellis Smith, Chairman

Chris Bass, Tony Queen,

David Raden, Pete Ham

GREETERS (June 28)

Pete & Janice Ham, Gaye Neeley,

Tony & Renee Queen

July 6 Visitation - Deacon Representatives

Curtis Johnson, Bill Orrick

And the People Came . . . (June 21, 2009)

Sunday School	153
Bible Study (B. Seymour)	89
Homebound	0
SONshine Seniors Bible Study (Fri.)	11
Total in Bible Study last week	253

And the People Gave . . . (June 21, 2009)

Weekly Requirements	\$ 9,573.45
Received June 21	\$ 10,231.78
Designated June 21	\$ 2,155.53

Our church is supported by tithes and free-will offerings.

It is the privilege of all members to give regularly as God has prospered.

The entire month of June we will be receiving a special offering for the Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes, honoring and remembering our fathers for Father's Day. Please remember to give.

Village Fest 2009

Saturday, July 4, 2009

Borden Park

11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Village Fest is participating in the **Second Harvest Food Bank Fun Drive**. Feel free to bring canned goods. All donations will go to **Second Harvest Food Bank**. **Volunteer sign up sheets will be in this Sunday's bulletin. Your help is needed!**

Calvary Baptist Church

Pastor: Dr. Donnie C. Brannen
 Music/Education: Rev. D. Mikel Caywood
 Secretary: Jennifer Ramey
 Organist: Frances Mooney
 Pianist: Debbie Johnson
 Keyboard: Lemuel Mixon
 Drummer: Brian Shoemaker
 Parish Nurse: Barbara Bowling, RN

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Filled with compassion Jesus reached out and touched the man. – Mark 1:41

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Schedule of Ministry

Sunday, June 28

9:15 AM Bible Study

10:30 AM Morning Worship

5:00 PM Parents of Youth traveling to Panama City Information Meeting (FH)

5:30 PM The Refinery

6:15 PM Super Summer Sunday Nights (FH)

6:15 PM Evening Worship

Tuesday, June 30

7:15 AM Children leave for Knoxville Zoo Trip

Wednesday, July 1

5:00 PM Children/Youth Search (2 x 2 Class)

6:15 PM Handbells

6:30 PM Older RAs, RAs, GAs & Acteens

6:30 PM Prayer Meeting

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, July 3

Church Office Closed

No SONshine Seniors Bible Study

7:00 PM Singles & Single Again – Lamplight Theater

Saturday, July 4

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast-

11:00 AM – 3:00 PM Village Fest (Borden Park)

KEEP THE FIRE BURNING!

The LORD said to Moses: “Give Aaron and his sons this command: ‘These are the regulations for the burnt offering: The burnt offering is to remain on the altar hearth throughout the night, till morning, and **the fire must be kept burning on the altar.** The priest shall then...remove the ashes of the burnt offering that the fire has consumed on the altar...and carry the ashes outside the camp to a place that is ceremonially clean. **The fire on the altar must be kept burning; it must not go out.** Every morning the priest is to add firewood and arrange the burnt offering on the fire and burn the fat of the fellowship offerings on it. **The fire must be kept burning on the altar continuously; it must not go out.** (Leviticus 6:8-13 - New International Version - emphasis mine).

The Bible teaches us that many of the things that happened physically in the Old Testament have spiritual application to us as New Testament believers (see I Corinthians 10:11). Such is the case with the regulations given to the priests in Leviticus 6 regarding the care of the altar in the Tabernacle and then later the Temple. Three times in six verses, the Lord emphasized that the fire must be kept burning continuously on the altar and never allowed to go out. Likewise, the New Testament urges us in I Thessalonians 5:19, “*Do not put out the Spirit’s fire*” and in Romans 12:11, “*Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.*” How can we accomplish this? How can we keep the fire of the Holy Spirit from going out? How can we keep our zeal and our fervor for God and the things of God? I think we have some clues in the directions given to the priests for how they were to maintain the continual fire on the altar.

First, to maintain the fire required **CONSTANT ATTENTION**. The first priority of the priests each and every day was to see to the fire, to make sure that it was burning hot and strong. The priests had many responsibilities, but the daily maintenance of the fire came first, at the very top of their “To-Do List.” Likewise, in our lives as New Testament priests (see I Peter 2:9), we have many responsibilities - family responsibilities, work responsibilities, church responsibilities - but nothing is more important than maintaining the fire of passionate zeal for our Lord! Maintenance of the fire doesn’t just happen; it must be prioritized. We must prioritize a daily time of communion with the Lord, speaking to Him in prayer and praise and listening for His voice in His Word, and preferably that time should come at the beginning of our day. Jesus is our example in this. Mark 1:35

tells us, “*Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went to a solitary place, where he prayed.*” It is in the solitude of that morning watch that our fire is fed and stoked. Suppose those ancient priests decided one day that they were too busy with sacrificing to see to the fire, and they allowed the fire to burn low. What would have happened? The first sacrifice they made that day, when they brought it to the altar to be burned, would not have been consumed by the fire; instead, it would have snuffed out what was left of the fire. By the same token, when we rush into our day without seeing to our fire, our daily activities, far from being aflame with the Holy Spirit’s fire as sacrifices offered to our Lord, will become burdens that will serve only to further dampen our zeal and fervor. Joyce Strong, in her book *Instruments for His Glory*, wrote, “People who bear His name must know the way into His presence well and travel it daily, forgetting life’s demands and the expectations of others, content to sit at His feet. This is critical - not optional...”

Christians who forget how to find Him in personal worship - who are too busy performing - will never bear fruit that remains. Those who speak His name but abide only in the land of urgent service will fall into despair long before a single godly goal is reached.” Constant attention to the fire is needed lest we “become weary in doing good” (Galatians 6:9).

Second, to maintain the fire required **THE CLEANSING OF ASHES**. The first thing the priest had to do each morning was to remove the ashes from the previous day’s sacrifices. If those ashes were allowed to accumulate, they might eventually smother the fire. Likewise, in our own lives, there are things that, if allowed to accumulate, will smother our fire. We must remove the ashes of sin through confession (I John 1:9). We must remove the ashes of bitterness through forgiveness (Romans 12:17-21). We must remove the ashes of pride and regret by forgetting what lies behind, whether successes or failures, and pressing on to what God has in store for us ahead (Philippians 3:14).

Third, to maintain the fire required **COMBUSTIBLE MATERIAL**. “*Without wood, a fire goes out*” says Proverbs 26:20. After clearing away the ashes, the priest was commanded to add firewood and then to arrange the burnt offering and the fat of the fellowship offering on the altar. What is the “firewood” that keeps our fire burning brightly? The Word of God, prayer, worship, and faithful service to Christ come immediately to mind. And the sacrifice that is to be arranged on the altar? WE are that sacrifice, living sacrifices who are not to be conformed to this world but transformed by the renewing of our minds (Romans 12:1-2). But we do not burn on this altar of God alone. Notice

that the fat of the fellowship offering was burned alongside the burnt offering. As we gather together in the fellowship of the church, we do so to “*spur one another on toward love and good deeds*” (Hebrews 10:24). Therefore, we must not “*give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another...*” (Hebrews 10:25). No Christian will burn as brightly without the fuel of the fellowship of fellow believers.

May each of us individually and all of us as a church burn brightly with a fervent fire of passionate love for our Savior, and may the smoke of our living sacrifices rise as a fragrant aroma to Him!

Numbers 6:24-26,

Bro. Donnie

Panama City Information Meeting

Parents of Youth going on this trip are asked to attend. The meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 28th, 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

REMIINDER ... Final Payment is due Sunday, June 28
\$150.00 – Total Cost.

The Nominating Committee has prayerfully begun its work in seeking out the servants who will fill the various positions of church leadership for the coming church year. In order to facilitate their work, we are asking anyone who is currently serving in a church position who **DOES NOT** feel led to continue in that position to let the church office or one of the committee members know of your intention to step down by Wednesday, July 8. The Committee Members are Jennifer Shoemaker, Eddie McDavid, James Karnes, Joan Catron, Christine Carroll and Joel Calloway.

THANK YOU

Thank you for all the visits, calls, cards, and especially the prayers during my recent illness.

- Danny Livesay