



## Sick

### At Home:

*Georgia Brooks*  
*Mary Davis*  
*Freda Womack*  
*Junah Bouldin (nephew of Kirstie Dixson)*  
*Judy Cook*  
*Debbie Fitro (Rickey Hurst's sister)*

### In The Hospital:

*Preslie Slatton (granddaughter of Jim & June Slatton)-Ronald McDonald House*  
*Lawrence Lane-St. Thomas*  
*Bessie Atnip (Eddie Palmer's mother) - River Park ICU*  
*Chris Burks - outpatient surgery on Friday at Baptist Medical Plaza*

*Those listed in nursing homes have now been moved to the shut-in list.*

## Restorations

This past Sunday morning sister Clara Scott came forward requesting the prayers of the congregation. On Sunday evening sister Regina Templeton also asked for prayers.

## Singings

The *Pleasant Knoll church of Christ* will host an area-wide singing on Friday night, November 16, beginning at 7 pm.

The *Altamont church of Christ* will host an state-wide singing on Friday night, November 23, beginning at 7 pm.

## Sermons Topics

Sunday AM .....Have You Read The Headlines  
Sunday PM ..... Jesus, the Son of God

## Notes From Steve

### TABS

The next TeenAge Bible Study will be at Grundy Street (Tullahoma) this Sunday (11/18.) The bus will leave at 5:00 PM.

### WEDNESDAY NITE YOUTH SOMETHING

Once again it is time for W.N.Y.S. scheduled for next Wednesday (11/21.) Everyone is asked to bring their favorite board or card game and don't forget the annual "Connect-the-Dot" World Championship. Refreshments will be provided. The schedule is on the youth bulletin board.

### SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

On Wednesday night, November 21st, all classes will meet in the auditorium for a period of singing, Scripture reading, and prayer. If any men would like to lead in any way, please see me before the 21st.

## Peanut Butter and the Church

How many of us still enjoy a peanut butter sandwich from time to time? Archeologists have discovered what they believe to be the first signs of a peanut paste being used by the Incas in South America around 950 BC. Many believe that George Washington Carver invented peanut butter. But he simply included a recipe in his book for a gritty peanut spread. He did not discover peanut butter as we know it today. It is thought that this happened around 1896. He did not patent the substance believing that all food products were a gift from God. George A. Bayle, Jr. marketed a similar peanut substance in 1890 as a nutritious food for people with bad teeth. In 1895 Dr. John Henry Kellogg patented a process to produce from peanuts a "nut meal" which, he served to his patients at the Battle Creek Sanitarium. In 1922 Joseph L. Rosenfield invented a machine that made a very smooth peanut butter. In 1928 he licensed the machine to the Pond Company who began making Peter Pan Peanut Butter. In 1932 Rosenfield began producing his

own peanut butter for sale under the name Skippy. (This information can be found at [www.about.com/inventors](http://www.about.com/inventors) and other web sources.)

Today, if you look carefully in the supermarket you will find many different kinds of peanut butter on the shelf. But which one was the oldest peanut butter? Was it George A. Bale, Jr., Joseph Rosenfield, or the Incas? If archeologists are correct, then it was the Incas almost 3,000 years ago.

What does this have to do with the oldest church? If you look at the historical facts and the biblical record it yields some very interesting information about which church is the oldest.

The community church movement was popularized by Bill Hybels at the Willow Creek Community Church in 1975 near Chicago. Since then community churches of all sorts have popped up all over the country and have now spread around the world.

The denomination called the Assemblies of God began in 1914 in Hot Springs, Arkansas by a group of people. That same year the Church of God, Holiness began in Atlanta, Georgia by K. H. Burns. D. S. Warner had previously started a denomination called the Church of God in 1880.

In 1874 Charles T. Russell started the Jehovah's Witnesses Cult in Pennsylvania. Ellen G. White started the Seventh-Day Adventist Church in 1846 in Massachusetts. Another cult, the Mormon Church, began in 1830 in Seneca, New York with Joseph Smith as the leader.

The Freewill Baptist church began in New Durham, North Carolina in 1780 with Benjamin Randall as its builder. John Wesley, in 1729, started the Methodist Church in London, England. The Quakers, behind George Fox, began in England in 1650. King Henry VIII created the Church of England (Anglican Church) in 1535. That same year John Calvin started the Presbyterian Church. He had been influenced by Martin Luther who started the Lutheran Church in Germany in 1530.

Some have taught that the Roman Catholic Church is the oldest church. But in fact it is not. It actually began

in Rome. That is why they call it the Roman Catholic Church. Its headquarters is located in Rome. The Catholic Church actually began in the year 606 when Boniface III declared himself to be the pope (father) of the universal church thus bringing into being this new church with himself as the head. But the Bible knows nothing of a Catholic Church, and it certainly does not recognize a pope as being the head of the church (Matthew 23:9; Ephesians 1:22-23).

Who was the first person to create peanut butter? The answer to this question may be a bit sticky for some. But whether you prefer Peter Pan or Skippy, it will not determine the eternal destiny of your soul. But consider the following facts from the Bible:

1. Jesus only built one church (Matthew 16:18)
2. Jesus is the only head of that church (Ephesians 5:23)
3. That church is the body of Jesus Christ (Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:24)
4. There is only one body (Ephesians 4:4)
5. There are to be no divisions (denominations) in that body (1 Corinthians 1:10; 12:25).
6. The Saved (those who obey the gospel) are added to that one church (Acts 2:38, 41, 47; Ephesians 5:23).
7. The Bible calls that church "the churches of Christ" (Romans 16:16).

We know this is the oldest church because it is the one we read about in the Bible. This church has only one head--Jesus. It has only one book to follow--the Bible.

Peanut butter is made from peanuts. And whether you prefer Peter Pan, Skippy or Jif makes no difference. But the church in the Bible is made by the blood of the holy Son of God. The question is, "What church does Jesus prefer?" Well, the Bible gives you the answer to that question---the church of Christ.

~Steve Vice~