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#### Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(473-8760) Dale Bennett
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Kurt Maynard
	Jack Keele
Scripture	Colossians 1:21-23
	*Brian Moody
(S)	*Ronnie Prince
	David King
(N)	Mike Mullins
(N)	Joe Roller
(S)	Caleb Hughes
(S)	Cory Prince
(S)	Kelly Thaxton
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Ronnie Hoover

### Sunday Evening Worship

Lead SingingLeonard Clemons First PrayerBobby Ashford
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ReadingTim Gann
ScriptureMatthew 16:16-19
Lord's Table*Jeff Templeton
*Josh Templeton
SermonTony Lawrence
DismissJamie Brock

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	Ronnie & Elaine Hoover Bobby Ashford Family
Bus Driver:	Rodney Reynolds (473-3570)

	February 17, 2013
Ushers:	Jeff Flatt & Paul Hurst
	Elaine Hoover
Un/Lock Building:	Rodney Maynard/Randy Griffith
Prepare Communic	<b>on:</b> David & Iona King
Assist with Baptisms	:Elaine Hoover & Gail Crouch
Pantry Item:	Hamburger Helper
Elder Closing Remo	<b>arks:</b> Leonard Clemons
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Bible Study	256
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# Sick

#### At Home:

Denise Rhea - following surgery Trena Hayes (Rita Prince's sister) Paul Davis

#### In The Hospital:

Linda Fults - River Park (following hip replacement surgery)

### Sermons For Sunday

AM .....A Plan Comes Together PM.....Battle For Belief (The Church of Christ)

# **Building Stronger Marriages**

We are living in a time in which many marriages are falling apart. About half of the marriages today will end up in a divorce. Then there are marriages that do stay together, but only in appearance. There is no concern, compassion, care expressed by some husbands and wives and then we wonder what is happening to our marriages.

God does not want our marriages to stay together, just to be staying together. He wants our marriages to be something special, to shine, to stand, to succeed, to be stable and to be strong.

What can we do as husbands and wives to build stronger marriages?

- Speak & Show Love For Each Other—(Ephesians 5:25;Titus 2:4)
- Satisfy Each Others Needs— (I Corinthians 7:3-5)
- Set One Another First—(Matthew 19:5)
- Share Our Lives Together— (I Peter 3:7)
- Stay Loyal To Each Other—(Romans 7:2-3; Matthew 19:6)
- Strive To Help Each Other To Go To Heaven— (Hebrews 10:24; Matthew 7:21; I Peter 3:1-2)

Let us strive to build our marriages upon the Word of God and then and only then will we be building stronger marriages.

~ Jerry W Joseph ~

# **Jonestown Revisited**

It happened on Saturday, November 18, 1978, 31 years ago this past week. A total of 918 members of the People's Temple Church in Jonestown, Guyana committed suicide/murder. Of this number, 294 of the dead were children under the age of 18.

I was 16 years old at the time. I remember spending time talking about the events in my 10th grade World Culture class. Though 31 years have passed, I still vividly see in my mind the pictures of hundreds of people lying dead on the ground; arms wrapped around one another, mother's holding their babies, and a father embracing what must have been his wife and children.

The question which people asked then, and continue to ask today is, "How could so many people do such a senseless thing? How could so many people forfeit their lives, and the lives of their children?" While I still find these questions hard to answer, I do believe I have a better understanding of it today, than I did 3I years ago.

I believe the answer can be found in a comment made by the Major in charge of the Army operation to remove the bodies from Jonestown. In disbelief, he said, "There were no Bibles in Jonestown!" These people had been weaned away from the word of God, and had learned to trust in the words of a man.

Can such a tragedy happen again? Of course it can. It happens every day. Not the mass suicides, but people who turn from the Word of God to follow the words of a man. Loyalty to God's Word can save us from the tragedy of following a man to our own physical and eternal destruction.

"Where there is no vision [revelation – S.H.], the people perish..." (Proverbs 29:18).

~ Steve Higginbotham ~

# A cold church, like cold butter, never spreads well.

## The Night Before Sunday

'Twas the night before Sunday, when all through the home, Not a creature was planning, Sis was on the phone;

The Bible's were packed under the bed so fair, In hopes that they would forget they were there;

The children were playing on their video game, While visions of high scores would give them more fame;

And Mom into her TV, and Dad we call Pap, Had just settled down for a long winter's nap,

There was no use to set the alarm, For, sleeping in, had such a charm.

When to the sky, they saw the flash, and The trumpet sounded with oh, such a blast.

There He was, standing in the clouds, And you could hear wing flapping sounds.

When, what to their wondering eyes should appear? Two large books that brought them fear.

Time was done, it happened so quick. Then he pointed his finger and to Dad he did pick.

Get to the left, He shouted so loud, "Get over there and don't even frown."

You had your choice and you had a chance. You chose the world, with party and dance.

To the top of the clouds! To the top of the sky! They watch him ascend, With a gleam in his eye !"

Things of the earth will be no more. The ones on the right have opened the door:

There will be no more obstacles, tears or pain. All that suffering lead to their gain.

And then, in a moment, I heard from the liar, "Welcome to Hell and burning fire."

As I drew in my head, and woke right up, I knew that my dream got me out of a slump. Come on Mom get me a shirt and a tie, Get the Kids up, this dream doesn't lie.

Dust off the Bible's under the bed. We won't sleep in, it's church services instead.

His eyes -- how they twinkled! His disposition so merry! Please hurry he said, please do not tarry!

For if we get ready, don't let the time pass, We can even make it to Bible class.

So with his Bible under his arm, they hopped in the car, And with smoke from the exhaust and a squeal of the tires,

You could hear him exclaim as he drove out of sight, I'll be planning for Sunday on Saturday night.

 $\sim$  Rick Woodall  $\sim$ 

## **Youth News**

**H.E.Y.** (Helping Edify Youth) meets this Wednesday night (2/13.) We are using the theme of "Purity & Holiness" to help encourage our kids that they can deal with issues of this nature. The goal is to build our youth up in a Positive, Biblical, and Practical way.

The next **TABS** (TeenAge Bible Study) is this Sunday evening at Red Hill (Manchester.) The bus will leave at 5:15 pm. Our topic will be "Be Prepared with the Shield of Faith."

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual **SPRING YOUTH RETREAT** is March 22-24, 2013.

## **Bibles for Guyana**

The last day to contribute for the purchase of Bibles for Guyana will be this Wednesday, February 13. If you wish to help with this please make checks payable to Bybee Branch and give them to Joe Collins.

Words are leaves — deeds are fruit.