



Central Church of Christ

October 18, 2009

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY:

Our deepest sympathy to **JOY CHAPMAN and FOY CAMPBELL** on the loss of their mother Theo Lee. Services were Thursday, October 15th. **JESSIE MCKONE** had a heart cath Tuesday, October 13th. **DAVID TUCKER'S** 12 year old grandson **Luke Long** is very sick.

Also keep these people in your hearts and prayers:

Bettie Smith, Clayton Williams, Myrtle Jennings, Paul Cox, Evelyn McCrary, John & Frankie Brookins, T.A. & Gene Hayhurst, Jay Weddel, David Tucker, Alvis Miller, Linda Hayhurst, Mabel Sadler, Steve Dickey and Jimmie Scott.

We will be going to the hockey game in Amarillo today. The tickets are there waiting for us. We will be leaving around 2:15 or 2:30. You will only need money if you plan on getting something to drink at the game. We will be going to McDonald's to eat afterwards.

There is a youth rally at the Bovina Church of Christ October, 25th, if you are interested in going please let me know. Supper will be provided.

KFC will be this Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m.

Morning Service

Singing-Toby

Song

Song

Song

REFLECTION & LORD'S SUPPER WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION

Song

Song

Prayer

Song

-Bruce-

“God's Leader”

Song

Announcements

Kenneth Littlefield

Youth Corner

I Am Second

A good friend of mine sent me a video this week through my facebook. After watching this video, I thought this is the best video I think I have ever seen. As I write the article, the Texas Longhorns play the Oklahoma Sooners on Saturday. As we read this article on Sunday we know who won. As most of you may know I am not a Texas Longhorn fan, so I am hoping that OU won this game. What does this have to do with the video that was sent to me? Well the video was Colt McCoy, the Texas Longhorns quarterback and Sam Bradford, the OU quarterback talking together about their commitment to Christ. I am going to show this video to our youth group on Wednesday night, but if you would like to see it before then you can go to my blog at thehowell-house.blogspot.com or go to

www.youtube.com/watch?v=cnxZmungsGi

These two great athletes are talking about being leaders. Sam Bradford, the 2008 Heisman trophy winner talks about how everything is a battle, and how you need the Lord in your life to take on those battles. Colt McCoy, whose team is ranked number 3 in the nation right now, talks about how he realized a few years ago that God was not number 1 in his life and how he had to change that. It is wonderful that these two great athletes are reaching out to our youth and telling them how important it is to have Christ in their lives. On Saturday these two great players are going to be trying to beat each other as they compete on the field. But after the game they will continue to reach out to young people together and show the importance of having Christ in their lives. Who ever won on Saturday, we can all know that each team was lead by a quarterback that has God number one.

Records for 10-11-09

Bible Class: 79 Worship: 87 Contribution: \$2,815

A Word from Bruce

Every institution is but the lengthened shadow of its leaders. As a general rule of thumb, when you find a dynamic and growing church, you will find a church with a dynamic and growing leadership. A congregation which has merely been "keeping house" for the Lord, little changed for the past ten years, (except maybe getting smaller), and you will find a leadership which is stagnant and lifeless. I believe one of the saddest expressions I hear from ministers and members alike is; "We're getting by" or "We're holding our own". The church is the body of Christ. It is the only medium through which the world is to know the way of salvation from its sins. It was purchased with the blood of Christ. It is important to the world that the lengthened shadow of the church, with its leaders, be growing ever longer and reaching toward perfection. Surely we're doing better than, "Getting by." or "Holding our own."

Another general rule of thumb, "With leadership comes great followership!" I doubt very many people would say that Jesus was a poor leader yet a majority of the people was not willing to follow Him. Those who believed Him followed Him everywhere. Those who struggled said proverbially, "This far and no more". Which one are you?

Leadership is not magnetic personality. That can just as well be a glib tongue. It is not making friends and influencing people, that is flattery. Leadership is lifting a person's vision to higher sights, the raising of a person's performance to higher standards, the building of a personality beyond its normal limitations. - Peter Drucker.

I believe we have excellent leadership within this congregation. The elders are sound, biblical and unified. They understand their qualifications, qualities, and roles as individuals and as a team. As you know, this congregation is in the process of installing more elders and deacons to help us press on toward maturity. Please, pray, read, study and be active in this process.

*See ya at the gathering place,
Bruce*