

The Secret to Satisfaction

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I read an interesting article recently about a study that was done concerning happiness. The results were reported in the March 21, 2008 issue of Science magazine. The gist of the results was that spending on others brings people greater satisfaction than buying things for themselves. The article also interestingly noted: "What's more, most people seemed unaware of this hidden key to happiness,' the researchers said."

I guess you could say that money can buy happiness - when it is spent on others! All humor aside, it is important to note that this great discovery by this particular team of researchers is not new information - the Bible beat them to it.

It is God's plan for man to give. He designed it so that giving is what would bring great satisfaction to our lives. Parents know well at gift-giving time the great pleasure that comes with giving wonderful gifts to their children. Spouses realize that even a small gift given out of love is not soon forgotten and brings happiness long after the moment of giving.

As children of God, we should well realize the importance of giving to others in the name of the Lord. We should want to give because God has given us so much. We should desire to bless others because God has blessed us so abundantly. We should even be willing to sacrifice in giving to help others because we so well know the rewards and help we reap from Christ's sacrifice. Christians should live to give, knowing that blessings follow. Would you like to be more satisfied with life? Then, try giving more!

"...And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" (Acts 20:35)

"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. 9:7)

"He who has a generous eye will be blessed..." (Pro. 22:9)

"Give, and it will be given to you
... For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you." (Luke 6:38)



MOUNT ZION CHURCH OF CHRIST

- SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2008 -
EST. 1852

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Honored to Serve

A.M. Morning Worship

Announcements-----**Jerry Basham**
Sub-----Kelly Hudson
Song Leader-----**Steve Croslin**
Sub-----Greg Sandidge
Opening Prayer-----**Allen Brian Stewart**
Sub-----David Eadens

Sermon-----**Gary Hays**

Lord's Table

Center-----**John Miller**
Sub-----Steve Lyons
Assist-----**Barry Basham**
Sub-----Jerry Stahl
Assist-----**Ellis Basham**
Sub-----Ryan Barrick
Assist-----**Terry Simpson**
Sub-----Greg Barrick

Closing Prayer-----**Greg Sandidge**
Sub-----Charles Sandidge

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MOUNT ZION WELCOMES YOU

We welcome you to the worship services at Mt. Zion. We are delighted by your presence this Lord's Day. Mt. Zion is a well known congregation in the community looking to grow numerically and spiritually by studying and praising our creator above. We encourage you to visit with us again soon and pray you will make Mt. Zion your church home. The men's restrooms are located in the foyer on the right as you enter the building, and the women's are located in the back of the fellowship hall on the right. There is an unattended nursery in the back of the fellowship hall on the left.

Schedule OF Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study-----10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship-----11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship-----6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study-----7:00 p.m.

Elders

Ellis Basham-----777-3654
David Eadens-----777-3786
Charles Sandidge-----777-1168

Deacons

Greg Barrick
Steve Lyons
Greg Sandidge
Jerry Stahl

Minister

Gary Hays-----846-4283

Prayers Needed

Allen Brian Stewart was sick this past week.

Betty Runnels will be having knee replacement surgery tomorrow at the Medical Center.

Peachie Loafman had to visit the doctor this past week with severe irritation in her one of her eyes.

Melodye Whalin's surgery went well this past week.

BT Webb returned home to Bowling Green Thursday night.

Remember in Prayer

Dale Bush, Billie Jean Butler, Linda Cox, Judy Davenport, Georgia Eadens, Mary Elkin, Gus Elmore, Joe Elmore, Henrietta Embry, Bobby Floyd, Yvonne Floyd, Myrna Floyd, Nicole Gowin, Tonya Gross, Toni Hayes, Imogene Hightower, Donald Huff, Hilton Jones, Sybil Kloviski, Coleman Larsen, Sondra Lyons, Theo Maddox, Tyler Madison, Cain Martin, Harley Mestas, Hamp Milam, Karen Morrison, Dolores Overton, Iris Rich, Hazel Rucker, Margarette Stahl, Kristy Thompson, Emily Towe, Anita Turner, B.T. Webb, Gary Whalin, Lana Young.

In the Nursing Homes

Medco – Margarette Stahl
Christian Healthcare Center – Georgia Eadens
Rm. 106

JULY ASSIGNMENTS

Building and Lord's Supper Preparation

Jerry & Ann Stahl

Sunday Morning Teachers

Nursery – Debbie Lyons

Pre-School- Anita Sandidge

1st and 2nd Grade – Marilyn Basham

Intermediate – Greg Sandidge

Dates TO Remember

- **TODAY** – Breakfast in the fellowship hall before Sunday Bible Study – 9:30 a.m.
- **July 27** – Fourth Sunday night singing here at Mt. Zion. Men's business meeting following service.
- **Oct. 18** Annual hayride, hot dog roast/TALENT SHOW at Barry & Wanda Basham's. 6:00 p.m.

Happy Birthday

Terry Young – July 21, Buddy Bush – July 22,
William Cherry – July 23, David Phelps – July 24,
Gina Willoughby – July 25, Lori Gray – July 25,
Debbie Lyons – July 26, Hannah Miller – July 26

Happy Anniversary

Greg & Lynn Barrick – July 24, Nathan & Mollie Mellencamp July 25, Kevin & Beth Smith – July 25, Mike & Shelia Hayes – July 26

Continue to watch for your birthdays and anniversaries on WBKO during A.M. KY Live and Mid Day Editions (Mon. – Fri.).

Pray For Our Troops

Shaun Hays	Chad Stackpole
Bradley Hines	Todd Stewart
Nick LaMastus	Anthony Wilson
Aaron Lynch	
Alden Lynch	
Michael Mestas	

VBS Wrap-up

I never ceased to be amazed when it comes to VBS. After this past week it is very evident that the good news has been and continues to be spread in this community. Our theme this year was "Walking in Son Light" and each night we learned about a different person from the Bible. I'm sure everyone came away from this week a little more enlightened.

Our attendance each night was very pleasing...

Sun. 68 Mon. 67 Tues. 70 Wed. 67 Thurs. 75

...with an overall average of 69. Thanks to everyone who got out and picked up kids and invited others to participate in our study together. A BIG THANK YOU goes out to all of our teachers: Debbie Lyons, Sondra Lyons, Danielle Hudson, Wanda Basham, Lori Gray, Tami Lyons, Bridget Evans, Marilyn Basham, Lynn Barrick, Ann Stahl, Mary Turner, David Eadens, and Jerry Stahl. YOU ALL did an excellent job. From the looks on all the children's faces it appeared they had a lot of fun learning. I know teaching can get very tiresome when working an entire day and coming home to get children ready and fed, then on top of that having everything prepared for class. However, through God's help everyone got everything accomplished and we appreciate that.

Mt. Zion is also very blessed with talent. Not many congregations can use their own members to help teach the adult class. It was very nice to hear both David Eadens and Jerry Stahl teach on different nights. They both did an outstanding job along with David Hefner and Chris Young.

Also thank you to Gary Hays. Gary conducted the children's singing prior class dismal. He interacted very well with the children and brought a lot of energy to VBS.

Thank you to everyone that brought ice cream and desserts on Thursday night. They certainly tasted great after all that pizza. Lastly, thank you everyone that attended each night. Our attendance was pretty consistent and it would not have remained that way without your help.

I certainly feel VBS 2008 will go down as being very successful. The children went away knowing more about the Bible than when they came. Let's not forget VBS is not the only time when we can learn with one another. If you know someone that attended this past week that normally does not attend church...KEEP INVITING OR BRINGING THEM BACK. We have a weekly Sunday school that starts at 10 a.m. We would be honored to have them. **SOME PICTURES FROM VBS HAVE BEEN UPLOADED TO THE WEBSITE....** www.mtzioncoc.com click the pictures link.

For The Record



July 6

Sunday A.M. Worship – 62

July 13

Sunday A.M. Worship - 77

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

Hear: Romans 10:17

Believe: John 3:16

Repent: Acts 17:30

Confess: Romans 10:9-10

Be Baptized: Acts 2:38

Live Faithful: Rev. 2:10