

## Directory Mistakes (and so it begins...)

\*In about ten copies, Howard & Deloris Wilson's PO Box was still listed. They no longer have that box and take their mail at their street address.

\* In about forty copies, Kevin Keith's family's cell phone numbers were not updated. They are:

Kevin: 417-439-3154; Brenda: 439-3153

Kaitlin: 438-0710; Taylor: 439-2905;

Presley: 417-291-3931

\* Also in about forty copies, Helen Prater's birthday was printed as 9/26 and should be 9/21.

Please check your directory for these mistakes and correct them if necessary. There will probably be more next week.



The New 2010 Directory is available in the foyer, one per household, please.

## Whose Side Are You On?

Many years ago I read of a man who had been a faithful Christian all his life. Then in his later years, he became completely deaf, yet still attended every worship service and Bible class of the church. Someone wrote him a note asking, "Since you can't hear the sermons, prayers, songs, or Bible classes, why do you still attend?" His reply was, "I want everyone, including the devil and the Lord, to know whose side I'm on!"

There are a number of good reasons why we need to be present for all the worship services and Bible classes. Among them are these:

1. **The scriptures plainly tell us that's what we should do.** "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth." (2 Tim. 2:15). If I choose to stay home from the Bible classes where I could learn about the will of God for my life, I'm violating that scripture. If I stay home on Sunday night, I'm cutting the number of sermons I could benefit from by at least 50%, so once again, I'm not doing my best to become a worker for the Lord who is capable of rightly handling the word of truth. Many take comfort in a misunderstanding of **Hebrews 10:25**, convincing themselves that it refers only to the Sunday morning worship assembly. Interestingly, the worship assemblies in the New Testament where we have indication of the time seem to be on Sunday night. The one in **Acts 20:7-12** certainly was, since Paul spoke until midnight. The first two meetings of the disciples after the resurrection were on Sunday nights (**John 20:19, 26**). Sunday was still a workday, so they often met very early in the morning before going to work and then again after work.

2. **History tells us the same thing.** About A.D. 107, the Roman Procurator of Pontus and Bithynia, Pliny the Younger, an enemy of Christians, records in his letter to the Emperor Trajan that the Christians he was persecuting met both on Sunday morning and on Sunday night.

3. **Our ability to lead others to Jesus is greatly compromised when we are inconsistent in our attendance.** We sing, "O how I love Jesus" on Sunday morning, but if it's not enough to bring us back on Sunday night and Wednesday night, both the Lord and other people may have a right to question the strength of that professed love. And they certainly will view our lack of attendance as hypocrisy and backsliding.

4. **Some see attendance on Sunday morning as a "minimum requirement" for salvation**, but no such concept is found in the Bible. Rather Paul says, "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship" (**Rom. 12:1**). It's hard to reconcile "living sacrifice" with a "minimum requirement."

5. **It lets everyone--other people, the Lord, and the devil-- know whose side we're on!** BD Feb. 10 Jim Mullican Kirbyville, TX

## The Seneca church of Christ

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## Schedule of Services

### Sunday

Bible Study 10:00am

Worship 10:50am

Worship 6:30pm

### Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00pm

### Elders

Tim Hayes (417) 776-8300

John King (417) 776-8381

Darry Sandtorf (417) 776-8334

Clint Siegrist (918) 542-6048

### Deacons

Will King (417) 776-3762

Allen Pendergraft (417) 658-6300

Max Roark (417) 776-3849

Glen Schmidt (918) 257-2599

Mark Vaughn (918) 666-1193

Denny Wilson (417) 776-3013

Welcome

March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010

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## Special Prayer Needs

**Bill Steele**—health problems  
**Carolyn Pendergraft**—health problems  
**Bev Surridge**—cancer, having severe problems.  
**Earl Anderson**—new treatments program  
**Jeff Bennett**—Cecil & Shirley Cox son-in-law, cancer  
**Ray Crabtree**—health problems  
**Judy Orton**—Marie and Shirley’s niece, health  
**Betty Revel** – battling cancer

## Military Service

Beaufort, SC: Joey Clanton & family  
 Fort Hood, TX: Quinton Golden & family

## Our Missionaries/Ministries

SEARCH Program, channel 7  
 Mexico—Dony Rodriguez  
 Honduras— Bible Institute of Honduras  
 Honduras—Amber Foster, missionary  
 Neosho Christian School

## Our shut-ins

<u>Seneca Home Place</u>	<u>Seneca House</u>
Dorothy Reinhardt	Bill Irvin Jr.
	Faye Green
	Harry Cope
<u>At Home</u>	Earline Barnes

Mary Lou Smith  
 Betty Wallace  
 Dorothy Linebarger

## Last Week: Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>

Sunday Classes	144
Sunday morning worship	177
Sunday evening worship	133
Wednesday evening	129
Contribution	\$3910.00

## Next Week’s Assignments: March 14<sup>th</sup>

**Communion:** Jonathan Pendergraft Larry Prater  
 Allen Pendergraft Darren Wilson  
 Mike Ton Darren Wilson

**Announcements:** Wayne Litherland

**Evening Song Leader:** Matt Hayes

**Door Greeters:** Don & Melba Elkins

**Wed. Night Devo:**(Mar 17) Thomas Pendergraft

## *2010 Daily Bible Reading Schedule*

	<u>New Test.</u>	<u>Old Test.</u>
Sunday, Mar 7	Mark 9:30-50	Nu 15-16
Monday, Mar 8	Mark 10:1-31	Nu 17-18
Tuesday Mar 9	Mark 10:32-52	Nu 19-20
Wednesday, Mar 10	Mark 11:1-14	Nu 21-22
Thursday, Mar 11	Mark 11:15-33	Nu 23-24
Friday, Mar 12	Mark 12:1-27	Nu 25-26
Saturday Mar 13	Mark 12:28-44	Nu 27-28

**Speaking** to us March 21<sup>st</sup> during Bible Class, Sunday morning worship and evening worship will be Kevin Pendergrass, an evangelist working with the worldwide TV/Radio/Internet evangelistic work known as **The Gospel of Christ**. Kevin travels throughout the world preaching the gospel, engaging in public debates and sharing with others how they can use the abundant, efficacious free resources **The Gospel of Christ** has to offer. This program is overseen by the McLish Avenue Church of Christ in Ardmore, OK.

## This week: March 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>:** Bible class, 10am; Worship: 10:50am, 6:30pm; Singing at Seneca Home Place, 6pm; Faith by Works Groups meet, 7:30pm

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup>:**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>:** Teen Devo & Donuts, 7:30am ;

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>:** Bible class, 7pm; Devo by Rowdy Harris; 7:45pm;

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>:** Grief Support Meeting, 7pm; Birthdays: Wanda Edmondson, Delinda Vaughn

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup>:** Birthday: Kathy Ackerson

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>:**

## *Coming Events*

*Please schedule all church events on the calendar in the front office.*

March 14<sup>th</sup>: Teen pizza & movie night, here after services

March 17<sup>th</sup>: Teen Hang Time, here, 7-9pm hosted by Jason & Sarah Giebler

March 29<sup>th</sup>: Egg Hunt at Will & Lisa King’s

March 30<sup>th</sup>: Teen Hang Time at Mark & Delinda Vaughn’s.

April 17<sup>th</sup>: First Annual Young Adult Rally, Mill Street Church of Christ in Cassville, for ages 19-39.

April 18<sup>th</sup>: Kite Flyin’ Picnic at Mark and Delinda Vaughn’s.

May 23<sup>rd</sup>: Tri-State Youth Series in Joplin

June 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>: Annual Ladies Retreat