

## How Is Your Vision?

“Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.” Proverbs 29:18

Nearly 400 years ago a shipload of travelers landed on the northeast coast of America. The first year they established a town site. The next year they elected a town government. The third year the town government planned to build a road five miles west into the wilderness.

In the fourth year, the people tried to impeach their town government because they thought it was a waste of public funds to build a road into a wilderness. Who needed to go there anyway?

Here were people who had the vision to see 3,000 miles across an ocean and had overcome great hardships to get there. But in a few short years, they were not able to see even five miles out of town.

Does this happen to us today? How's your vision?

There are people all around us—all ages, attitudes, and lifestyles—who do not yet know the love and freedom that comes from a relationship with Christ. They live down the street, work alongside us, and attend the same social events as we do. They are wandering in the wilderness not even five miles out of town.

But is ministering to the lost in our community really part of our vision?

Sometimes we have a hard time seeing ourselves as ministers of the gospel, but Jesus commanded his followers to “Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation” (Mark 16:15). Sometimes we need reminded that “all the world” includes all those within a five mile radius as well as all those beyond.

-Adapted from Kevin McKinney May 9, 2011 Oldfield Church of Christ

### Leadership

**Elders** Hayward Blanton, Jerry Casey

**Deacons** Clint Smith Sr, Clint Smith Jr,  
Robby Stocksdale, Joe Sweeney

**Pulpit Minister**

**Associate Minister** Irvin F. Williams

### Panama Missions

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### Those Privileged to Serve

#### AM Service

Song Leader Michael Hawkins  
Opening Prayer Rick Martin  
Scripture Robby Stocksdale  
Sermon Jerry Casey  
Lord's Supper  
Message Greg Blanton  
Attendant Brandon Montgomery  
Attendant Jerry Montgomery  
Closing Prayer Clint Smith Sr

#### PM Service

Song Leader Clint Smith Jr  
Bible Reading David Blackwell  
Selection 32  
Prayer Leon Stocksdale  
Sermon Harold Tincher  
Closing Prayer Kevin Blalock  
*If you are unable to serve,  
Call Art Patrick 502-819-9481  
Or Harold Tincher 288-5956*

#### AM & PM Services

Announcements Joe Sweeney  
Lord's Supper Hank Tincher  
Offering Grover Blanton  
Usher Fin Burton  
Count Offering Art Patrick  
Assist Count Robby Stocksdale

#### Last Sunday

Contribution \$2566  
Attendance 99

### Schedule of Services

#### Sunday

Bible Class 10:00 AM  
Morning Worship 11:00 AM  
Evening Worship 6:00 PM

#### Wednesday

Bible Class 7:00 PM



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## Every Mother is a Working Mother

Every mother is a working mother.

When we are small they work hard to keep us fed, clean and dry.

When we begin to talk they teach us what to say, how to pray, and never to lie.

When we begin to walk they work to keep us from trouble.

When we're old enough to start school,

a mother's work begins to double.

When we reach the teen years and want to be independent,

a mother prays; walk with Jesus, and with His ways be content.

Every expression of love shows she cares like no other;

because every mother is a working mother.

“Being a full-time mother is one of the highest salaried jobs... since the payment is pure LOVE!” ~Mildred B. Vermont

“A suburban mother's role is to deliver children obstetrically once, and by car forever after.” ~Peter De Vries

“All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel Mother” ~Abraham Lincoln

“A Mother's love is the fuel that enables a normal human being to do the impossible!” ~Marion C. Garretty

“Mama exhorted her children at every opportunity to ‘jump at de sun.’ We might not land on the sun, but at least we would get off the ground.” ~Zora Neale Hurston

“You don't really understand human nature unless you know why a child on a merry-go-round will wave at his parents every time around – and why his parents will always wave back.” ~William D. Tammeus

“Mom, If I had a single flower for every time I think about you, I could walk forever in my garden!” ~Attributed to Claudia Ghandi

There is only one pretty child in the world, and every mother has it. ~Chinese Proverb

“A mother is a person who seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie.” ~Tenneva Jordan

“‘Mother’ - that was the bank where we deposited all our hurts and worries.” ~T. DeWitt Talmage

## Can You Count the Apples in a Seed?

The late B. C. Goodpasture used to tell of the time when James A. Harding held a gospel meeting in Clark County, Kentucky.

The year was 1877. When an elder of the church asked about it he said it was "not much of a meeting. Oh, Brother Harding did his usually powerful preaching, the attendance was fair, but the results were negligible. Only little Jimmy Shepherd was baptized."

Someone has said that you can count the number of seeds in an apple, but you cannot count the number of apples in a seed. When applied to the preaching of the gospel that means that you can count the number of people who respond to gospel preaching to be baptized, but you cannot count the number of good things done in the life of one person who becomes a Christian, as in the case of brother James W. Shepherd.

Brother Shepherd went to the College Of The Bible, Kentucky University, and graduated in 1884. On February 29, 1888 he traveled with his family to New Zealand, remaining there two years. From New Zealand he went to Australia, where he remained almost three years, during which time he preached in Sydney, Melbourne, Balarat, New Castle and Adelaide. Leaving Australia he returned to the United States by way of the Orient. He traveled extensively, passing through the Suez Canal, he could see Mt. Sinai in the distance, but he did not visit the Bible lands. He did visit Scotland and England, and being a lover of books he collected many volumes for his private library and materials for books which he would later write. From 1905 to 1912 he served as "Office Editor" for the Gospel Advocate. Later he preached for churches of Christ in Detroit, Michigan; Washington, D.C.; Richmond, Virginia and Birmingham, Alabama.

His famous Handbook on Baptism was published in 1894. His teacher at the College Of The Bible, Professor J. W. McGarvey, referred to the book as, "The best and most comprehensive work of its kind in existence." In 1910 brother Shepherd edited and compiled Queries and Answers, containing questions answered by David Lipscomb in the Gospel Advocate. He put together material for another volume bearing the name of David Lipscomb, that being the book entitled, Salvation From Sin. Also, at the request of the aged Lipscomb, brother Shepherd took Lipscomb's notes on some of the New Testament epistles and completed them for publication in the Gospel Advocate series of New Testament commentaries.

Brother Shepherd passed from this life on Tuesday evening, July 27, 1948. The good that was accomplished in the response of little "Jimmy Shepherd" to a gospel sermon heard long ago, can never fully be measured in human terms. It is when we can "count the seeds in an apple" that we think the greatest amount of good is done.

The great amount of good accomplished for the cause of Christ by men and women of average existence are the apples in the seed of truth that we are rarely possessed to the patience to count. Try to count the apples in a seed!

Dennis Gullledge, Mabelvale church of Christ, Little Rock, AR

## Hamburg Pike Happenings

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. Sign the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend. Please come join us.

The 2014 Spring Mill Bible camp is scheduled for June and July. Registration forms are available in the foyer. Please see Clint Smith Jr. for details.

A baby shower for Cassie Tincher will be on Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> after the morning worship at the building. Cassie is registered at Target.

On Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup> we will have a combined fellowship group meeting at the home of Hank and Cassie Tincher. There is a sign-up sheet on the table, more details to follow.

The Building Committee will meet Thursday May 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm at the building.

## **May God bless all the Mothers**

That give of themselves  
And tend to their household needs  
Before the needs of 'self'  
For they are there with comfort  
For each child's broken heart,  
Bringing them to God in prayer,  
With His love to impart.

*M.S.Lowndes*

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