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**Sermon Series**

**Communion Epitaphs**



There is much more significance to the weekly fellowship of Christians with the Lord and with one another than many have probably ever considered. Enriching our appreciation for the Supper is the purpose of a series of sermons that highlights various biblical epitaphs associated with this communal feast.

Epitaphs communicate the heart of the deceased, helping us to recall that which was most important to him. Some emphasize the contribution made by the deceased. Others are warnings, pointing the readers to that which will prepare them for death.

When Christians come together on the first day of the week to break bread, they commemorate the One Who died in their place and for their benefit. It is an appropriate occasion to renew our covenantal vows.

Various phrases associated with the supper He instituted just prior to His crucifixion help us focus on the significance of His sacrifice and upon our responsibility as His followers. These values and interests He enjoins upon His followers.

Nearly everyone having any knowledge of the Lord's Supper recognizes the most common epitaph, due to the fact that it is most often displayed with the emblems. But even at that, "Do This in Remembrance of Me" may have more significance than most Christians have ever considered.

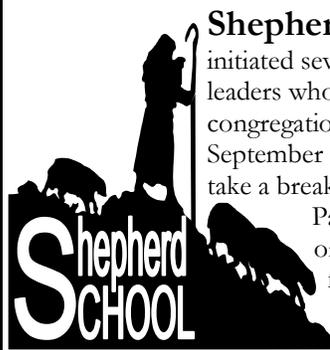
This series will focus attention on various other epitaphs with the hope that our appreciation for and dedication to this weekly dinner appointment with the Lord is enhanced and strengthened. Come to the supper of the Lord and strengthen your relationship to Him as we consider the various themes associated with His sacrifice, including the following.

- "In Remembrance of Me"
- "Crushed for Our Iniquities"
- "By His Wounds We Are Healed"
- "United in His Death"
- "In A Worthy Manner"
- "Examine Yourself"
- "Until He Comes"



**ShepherdSCHOOL** is a leadership development format we initiated several years ago to address the continual need for more leaders who are prepared to nurture spiritual growth and congregational health. The next session will begin the week of September 18 and continue for eight consecutive weeks, when we will take a break for the holidays. It will resume early in 2012.

Participants have entered into a covenant relationship with one another to be accountable for attendance and faithfulness in completing the assignments. Please pray for the participants and for the successful development of leaders.





## Preacher's Pen by Gene McCoy

For other articles and information about our congregation, go online [www.ccmhar.com](http://www.ccmhar.com)



**BAPTISM**

**Joe & Amber  
McNamara**

Were baptized on  
Sunday, July 31

### Thank You

Thank you for allowing the Literacy Council to host our children's summer tutoring program pizza party at your church. It was so nice of you to extend hospitality to us. You made us feel so welcome.

— Nancy Tester

I sat straight up in bed, drenched in perspiration. I had awakened in the middle of a horrible dream. The scene that had alarmed me was that of a dying church. And the words that reverberated in my ears were, "No one would help."

Dreams apparently last only seconds. At least, that is what I think I have been told. But the events that occurred in this dream took years to develop. The effects were gradual, which contributed to the horror as I realized too late the awful results of my neglect. And yes, my selfishness.

I had heard about dying churches but never imagined I would be part of one, much more a contributor to its demise. But this nightmare I accepted as God's messenger that woke me out of my slumber to stark reality. I determined right there in the middle of my bed in the middle of the night that the dawning of the new day would mark the beginning of a new resolve.

In my dream I saw myself sitting in our church auditorium during a Sunday worship service, a scene that was repeated every week in reality. But there was something missing. Something very important.

Something that characterizes every growing church. There were no young families! Everyone seated around me and scattered throughout the sparsely populated audience was over fifty years of age.

I first noticed that the family was gone that used to sit two rows ahead of us. They had the cute little toddler and precious newborn. Then it occurred to me that I hadn't seen them for several weeks but had dismissed it as only a temporary absence. But what really horrified me was when I looked on either side of me and realized that my own children and grandchildren had been missing. Frantic to discover the explanation, I began to inquire of the leaders. Where are all the young families that used to come to this church? And where are my children and grandchildren? I wanted to know. I had to know. Why aren't they here? And what has happened to our once vibrant church?

As soon as church was over, I cornered the person who used to be the Children's Minister. Back when we needed one, that is.

My inquiry about the missing children and young families immediately struck a nerve. With a trembling voice and eyes welling with tears, the former children's minister explained.

"We struggled to keep a volunteer staff in our children's ministry. The nursery staff was comprised of the same few individuals month after month. Those few people grew weary and finally wore out and burned out. Some grew bitter as they saw several capable adults refusing to assist in tending to God's little lambs."

Feeling a tinge of personal responsibility for their plight, I protested pointing out the fact that there are no children in our church to tend to. I pressed for an explanation.

The former children's minister continued. "The young adults quit coming to this church because they couldn't be a part of the worship services, due to the fact that they were the only ones who were available to staff the nurseries. They interpreted that situation to mean that their children were not considered important. So they took their children to another church across town where the nurseries are staffed by willing and caring adults who demonstrate a genuine interest in ministering to their family. That is where you will find your children with your grandchildren."

Feeling the sting and heat of conviction but not wanting to acknowledge my obvious culpability, I asked the former children's minister, "So why didn't you do something about the dwindling nursery staff?" That is when I awoke with the words reverberating in my ears, "I asked you and several others to lend assistance in the nurseries. But no one would help."

Thankfully, it was only a dream. Gratefully, there are still children running throughout our church building. The nurseries still ring with the laughter and activity of God's precious lambs. Our church still enjoys the vibrancy of young families. I can go back to peaceful sleep now. But the first thing I am going to do when I get up is to call our children's minister and volunteer my service in our nurseries!

**NIGHTMARE**



## Meet interesting people at church!

Increase your appreciation for the people at church. How well do you know the people with whom you share a pew?

### This month's questions

1. Who graduated from High School a semester early and immediately went to college?
2. What mother & daughter share the same birth date (day & month)?
3. What man is a Master Gardener?

### Answers to last month's questions

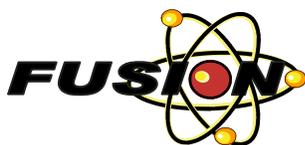
1. Who was the captain of her high school girls' basketball team? Nelda Willming
2. Who drove in stock car races in three states? Forrest Cotter
3. Who performed on the parallel bars on his college gymnastics team? Don Truitt



### Vanessa Peglar, Children's Minister

VBS has officially passed! We are giving God all the glory for a fulfilling week of "Backstage with the Bible!" We had a total of 61 children register, and a sea of volunteers numbering 43! Thank you to all who volunteered, donated craft/snack items, or donated money towards this event. You are appreciated!!!

The gospel was presented with solid biblical teaching just right for kids. And, thanks to many of you, they read from brand new Kids' Study Bibles. Children who did not have a Bible in their home were given one at the end of the week. I pray that these children will get in the Word! Our amazing kids raised \$202 to combat hunger through our mission I.D.E.S. \*



I am officially declaring September 25th "VBS Sunday." The children will receive an official invitation in the mail for a VBS style worship and a slide show recapping the week! I recommend that you eat a hearty breakfast that Sunday as you prepare to participate in this "full body" worship. :)

Kids' praise has just completed the "Life is a Highway" series. Now we are moving on to "BUGS!" This eight-week curriculum for elementary children uses small insects to teach BIG biblical lessons. For example, week one is "The Praying Mantis - The Importance Of Prayer In Our Lives." Week 2 is "Don't Be A Stinkbug - Have A Godly Attitude." I think the children will enjoy and remember these lessons for many years.

One of our priorities this series, as in Miss Gail's class, is to learn how to navigate through the Bible. The mission to benefit

from the offerings will continue to be I.D.E.S.

Wednesday nights???? After three more sessions of "Summer Camp" we will change gears completely! It's a surprise your child doesn't want to miss!! Let's just say I was inspired by our worship at VBS!

Though easily overwhelmed, I know God has taken care of all my needs. I am amazed at the peace I've felt overall being involved with the children's ministry. Thank you for allowing me to serve. If you agreed to lead an object lesson on Wednesday nights, look for a rotation schedule coming soon to your church mailbox! If you haven't volunteered to serve in a ministry, jump on in there! You have heard that 20% of the people in an organization do the work and 80% are not actively serving. Refuse to be in the 80%!!

Love you guys,  
Vanessa

## 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Sundays

Combining an OLDER nucleus with a YOUNGER nucleus to create an EXPLOSION of energy

## SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

- 6 Benevolence Ministry Team
- 7 Finance Ministry Team
- 12 Willing Workers
- 13 Elders
- 16 Outreach Ministry Team
- 16 Building Committee
- 22 Property Ministry Team
- 25 Missions Ministry Team

## Lake Area FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, October 23  
featuring the  
Gateway Singers

## Thank You

Christian Church of Mountain Home,

We were so glad to have the opportunity to come down and meet you. We were happy to see your passion to reach the lost, not only in Mountain Home, but in the whole world.

Thank you for your generous gift of \$405 that you gave us. We will use it towards our start-up costs in moving to Ireland.

Thank you for your encouragement and for your prayers.

Stephen & Alisa  
Walton



## Deployment to Smithville, MS

The team will be deployed to the Smithville, MS area again the week of October 23. Volunteers are needed who are able to assist with various tasks in the field, as well as others who may help with meal preparation and cleaning duties at the base of operations.

Sign the list in the church office to register your plan to serve. Contact Dave McQueen or Gene Frazier for more information.

# Worship WORKSHOP

9:00 a.m.  
Saturday, October 8

Everyone who has a role in the Sunday morning gathering or any other scheduled function throughout the week is expected to participate in the first Worship Workshop in our Worship Center. The purpose of this workshop is to enhance every facet of our ministry to the body by reviewing all procedures and providing instruction in the art of public speaking.

Those whose work or travel schedules prevent them from attending will be expected to listen to a recording of the workshop. Please make every effort to attend this workshop. For many the workshop will last one hour. Those who lead from the platform should plan to stay until noon.



Contact Rick & Jan Schmeski if you want to participate in the joy of victory in this capital campaign.

*Not equal gifts but equal sacrifice*

The LORD'S COMMISSION is OUR MISSION  
Matthew 28:19-20

**Meeting Schedule**  
 Wednesday Evening      Sunday Morning  
 5:30 Supper                9:30 Worship  
 6:30 Bible Classes        11:00 Bible Classes

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