

# THE POINTER

*A publication of Stony Point Christian Church*

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Morning Worship	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	9:50 a.m.

## Attendance for Sunday, August 2, 2009:

Morning Worship 254  
Sunday School 167

## Offering for Sunday, August 2, 2009:

General Fund N/A  
Other Funds N/A

## THOSE BLESSED BY SERVING THE LORD ON SUNDAY, August 9, 2009:

**ELDERS:** 1<sup>s</sup> Pat Hoyes & Jim Brown

2<sup>nd</sup> Jack Jarratt & Hank Alterman

**CHAPEL:** 1<sup>st</sup> Jim Brown 2<sup>nd</sup> Hank Alterman

## DEACONS:

1<sup>st</sup> Bob Berry, Kenneth Golden, Robb Rosenbaum,  
Andrew Smith, Roger Smith, Mike Golden, Jim  
Knight, Bill Thomas Sr.

2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Underwood, Roger Underwood, Jim Mills,  
Bob Rhodes, Roger Willey, Rod Zugelder, Dan  
Golden Mark Jaimes

**DEACONESSES:** Joy Matthews, Carol Hamman,  
Sharan Hamman, Anita Reach, Devon Heavner,  
Colleen Killion, Miranda Filbeck

**VIDEO TECH:** Mark Ham

## GREETERS:

1<sup>st</sup> **Front:** Homer & Gloria Collier

1<sup>st</sup> **Back:** Cindy Collier & Peter Stathas

2<sup>nd</sup> **Front:** Casares Family

## NURSERY:

1<sup>st</sup> **Crib:** Cindy Collier & Pater Stathas

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Ronna Rowe

2<sup>nd</sup> **Crib:** Joy Godinez & Chelsea Littleton

**WEE WORSHIP:** Kimber Lane

**TRANSPORTATION:** Eldon Barnes

**HOSPITALIZED:** Rex McCord-Shawnee  
Mission Medical Center; Charlie  
O'Neil-Providence

**VISITORS:** Rudia Williams, Utah

## *Bill's View*

### When Conflict Arises

Harsh, angry words were spoken. Feelings were bruised and hurt. Relationships are strained and perhaps forever altered. This scene is, unfortunately, played out in homes, clubs, jobs and churches across the country. No one intends to maul a relationship. No one sets out in the morning to see how many feelings he or she can hurt in a day. I don't think it is planned, but it is real. Broken hearts and "former" relationships clutter the landscape of our lives. What do we do when conflict arises? Rather than add to the debris, is there a better way?

I think the Bible gives us some advice in this area. It was not God's intention that people break and smash into one another and cause damage and harm. Jesus taught us a different way. Let's examine the "HELP" that God offers as intervention.

The first component of the "HELP" method is "Hold on." Paul writes in 1 Thessalonians 5:21, "Hold on to the good." In 1 Timothy 6:12 Timothy is encouraged to "Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses." The Hebrew writer implores, "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess." In all three of the passages there is a common thread. Paul and the writer of Hebrews challenge their readers to hold on in

times of struggle. When things are going crazy, hold on. It is not enough just to "hold on," though. The charge is to hold on to what is good. Hold on to eternal life. Hold on to hope. When conflicts arise in our lives, rather than give in to the impulse that "all is lost" and it will "never be the same," hold on to the hope and possibility that it can be different.

The second aspect of "HELP" is to "Encourage." When conflicts arise, the natural impulse is to jump in with "I told you so." While that may be true, it is a push apart statement, not a pull together statement. What is likely needed more than anything else is encouragement. Acts 4:36 notes Barnabas as a "son of encouragement." His life and ministry as found in Acts certainly supports this name. Acts 20:1-2 Paul is found encouraging the disciples and those throughout the country as he traveled to Greece. When tough times come in our lives it is important that we encourage those around us. Look for the good and emphasize it. Anyone can burn down a barn. It takes someone special to build one.

The third part of "HELP" is to "Love." This is the most critical part. God's love for us never changes. It is not based upon circumstance or situation. When conflicts come, and they do, drink deeply of the love of God. After that, our challenge becomes to spread love when others spread lies. Share love when others share gossip. Offer love when others offer criticism. Peter notes that "love covers over a multitude of sins" (1 Peter 4:8). Paul notes that "the greatest of these is love" (1 Corinthians 13:13). When hard times come and challenges are on every side, love. Love more. Love often. Love hard. Love. Love. Love.

The fourth part of "HELP" is to "Pray." This, too, is a vital part of the help God provides. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 reminds us to "pray continually." Philippians 4:6 says, "But in everything, by prayer and petition, let your requests be made known to God." Prayer is the right verbal response in a conflict or battle. The temptation to jump in with both feet and "give them a piece of our minds" is very strong. The better course, though, is to fall to our knees in prayer. Pray for those who cause conflict. Pray for those who assume the role of enemy. Pray for the Lord to alter a situation that is ugly and wrong.

I hope when your world is rocked by angry, bitter words, that you will get the "HELP" you need. May God bless you.

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to John and Abby Smith on the birth of their daughter, Kendall Rose. She was born Thursday, July 30 and is 20 inches long and 7lbs. 9oz. Russell and Diana Morton are the proud grandparents.

**FAMILY FIELD TRIP PLANNED** to Moon Marble in Bonner Springs! Come and join the fun playing marble games and watching marbles being created! Afterwards we will have games and a picnic lunch in the park. Food provided by the Sunday School staff. Please meet us on Saturday, August 15 at 9:30 a.m. in the lower parking lot behind the CAC. The cost for each person is \$6. Call Eldon Barnes at 913-244-2906 to reserve your spot today! All ages are welcome to attend, however those 5 and under are asked to be accompanied by an adult.

**Stony Point Christian School** is looking for a volunteer to help heat lunches Monday through Friday from 11:30-1:00. If interested, please contact the office at 299-4821 or the school at 299-1873.

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Bill Thomas  
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*Thank you also to Pam Hill for contributing to the remodel of the women's bathroom next to the nursery!*

**BIBLE BOWL** will have a meeting for any students and parents interested in becoming a part of this wonderful program on Thursday, August 6 at 7:00.

## **EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN CONFERENCE**

August 28-29 at the First Baptist Church in Raytown, Mo. Tickets are \$69 per person or \$59 with ten or more. If you need a pick me up, recharge type weekend, this is for you! Please contact Beth Zans at 816-278-6742 for more info or go to [www.ewomen.com](http://www.ewomen.com). Tickets need to be ordered by August 14!!

**Craig Delich's new Bible study** on "Timothy and Titus: Do As You Have Heard" will begin at 4:00 on August 9. It will resume the regular schedule of meeting at 5:00 on August 16 through October 18. All are welcome to attend.

## **SIGHT & SOUND THEATERS OF BRANSON**

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### ***MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS***

A trip is being planned to Branson on November 14-15 to see the presentation of "*Miracle of Christmas*".

\*Cost for the trip: Adults \$60

Teens \$35

Children (3-12) \$26

\*This cost includes ticket to show and transportation cost.

Motel cost: \$75 (2 adults and 2 children)

Reservations must be made by September 1, 2009

Contact Eldon Barnes at 913-244-2906 to reserve your tickets now. Limited number of tickets available!

*Hope to see everyone next Sunday, August 9 at 5:30 for the special program and dessert reception in honor of Bill Thomas. Casual dress is fine.*

### **Our Mission:**

**IN GOD'S LOVE...**

**\*To win the lost**

**\*To strengthen believers**

**\*To make disciples**

**\*To promote holiness in our community**