

<u>Building/Communion Schedule</u>		
Belk	Jan.	9
Gomez	Jan.	16
<u>Children's Bible Time</u>		
Peyton	Month of	January
Sheldon	Month of	February

Preacher

Cecil Belk

Associate Preacher

Walter Hulett, Sr.

Ministers (Servants)

Every Member

Times Of Assembly

Sunday

Bible Class & Nursery... 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Assembly..... 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Assembly..... 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST Weekly Messenger



"O Lord, ...
 in the morning
 I lay my requests
 before you and
 wait in
 expectation."
 Psalms 5:3

Area & National TV & Radio Programs
Know Your Bible
 WJSB-1050 AM/WAAZ-104.7 FM, 5:45 a.m., Mon.-Sat. -
 Jason Green, Airport Rd. Church of Christ
In Search Of the Lord's Way
 DirTV channel 364 — Sundays at 7:30 a.m. EST
 INSP Network: Galaxy 1R — Transponder 17 — Orbit Position 133 West
 Sundays-7:30 a.m. EST — Dish Channel 259, Sunday 7:30 a.m., EST
 Gospel Broadcasting Network (GBN) Sun. 7:00 p.m. EST
 Mon. 2:00 a.m./2:00 p.m. EST Thurs. 5:00 a.m./5:00 p.m. EST
Daily Program Streaming & Printable Bible Studies
 Web Sites: www.thegospelofchrist.com—www.searchtv.org
Gospel Broadcast Network (GBN) Satellite Dish Broadcasts
 24/7 on www.gbntv.org or by a home satellite dish (K band) and receiver.
 See their web site www.gbntv.org for details.
 Dish Network, "Good News Today" ch. 9407 - Sundays, 8:30 a.m. ET
 Direct TV, Ch. 364 — Sundays, 7:00 a.m.. ET,
 ISPN (Nationwide) - "Good News Today" - Sundays, 7:00 a.m. EST

A Christian Must Live The Cause

There is a **fighting aspect to faith**. Faith involves conviction, not neutrality, involves surety not indecisiveness, certainty not uncertainty. It involves marching forward onto new ground. It leads one onto the battlefield in the name of the Lord. Faith may even lead one to die for the Lord.

ing a soldier in warfare who lives outdoors, dirty and sweat caked every day. Imagine having a wife and children whom you love dearly; and not seeing them nor being with them for a year or more. Imagine eating soldier's rations out of a package or can, being in harm's way daily, not knowing whether you will see a tomorrow. **Imagine going into battle against the enemy knowing you might give up your life! Why do those in the military do this for us, their countrymen, year after year? They have a cause they believe in!**

The apostle Paul, by inspiration of the Holy Spirit encouraged Timothy to, "Fight the **good fight of faith**, lay hold on eternal life, ..." (1 Tim. 6:12). He also said, "You therefore must endure hardship **as a good soldier of Jesus Christ**." (2 Tim. 2:3) No one **willingly** enters into hardship as a soldier unless they believe in a cause.

There is a **fighting aspect to faith**.
 Faith involves conviction,
 and action,
 not neutrality, nor inaction.

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"And having been perfected,
 He (*Jesus Christ*) became the
 Author of eternal salvation
 to all who obey Him!"
 Hebrews 5:9

Address Label

Take our men and women in the military for example. Imagine be-

1 Samuel chapter 17 tells us for 40
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Thought for the week: The most important decisions are not made in the White House, nor the Congressional House, but in your house.

A Christian Must Live The Cause (continued)

days Goliath taunted the camp of the Israelites (Vs. 16). The whole army, and King Saul, were all afraid of Goliath and would not fight him (Vs. 11 & 13). David saw the situation as Goliath defying God and God's army (Vs. 26). David wants to know why no one in the army has taken care of that egotistical giant who is defying God (Vs. 26). David's oldest brother Eliab rebukes David (Vs. 28). David's reply is, "... **Is there not a cause?**" (1 Sam. 17:29) **David's cause was, defend the name of God!** Goliath was **defying that fearful Israelite army of God's people --- and that reflected on God.** David didn't want that -- He wanted God's righteousness to triumph over the Philistine's wickedness. **David had a cause!**

James the brother of John was slain by the sword (Acts 12:2). Stephen was stoned to death (Acts 7:58-59). It's said Peter was crucified upside down for the cause. It's believed Paul was beheaded for the cause. In Galatians 2:20 the Apostle Paul said, "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ

who lives in me ..." **There's his cause!** What's yours? **Dear Christian – do you have a cause?** **The Christ died on the cross for the cause!** The Holy Spirit exhorted Christians through Jude saying, "Beloved ... I found it necessary to write to you, **exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith** which was once for all delivered to the saints." (Jude 3) **God is no triviality** dear Christian and friend. Our response to Him must not be a casual one. **He either has first place in a person's life – or He will have no acceptable place at all!**

In Matthew 10:37-38 our Savior said he who loves father, mother, son, or daughter more than Him is not worthy of Him. He who does not take up his (own) cross and follow Him is not worthy of Him. He that loses his life for His (Christ's) sake shall find it.

What are you going to do about that cause of His? Will you take it up for His sake? Will you fight **the good fight of faithful service?**

Cecil Belk, Evangelist



A WARM WELCOME
TO OUR VISITORS.
**YOU ARE
HONORED GUESTS!**

FAMILY NEWS

PRAYERS & THANKSGIVINGS



Pray earnestly for more souls to be saved, and more Christians to be involved in the work!

We praise God and thank God for the sacrifices on our behalf that our service men and women stationed all over the world are making.

Jack Mullins, awaits tests concerning a tumor. Prayers.

Ben Cisneros, for him to regain his strength and mobility. Prayers.

Billy Lee back problems, waits MRI results. Prayers.

Sherri Belk, experiencing vision and other health problems: awaiting test results. Prayers.

Millie Sanders, upcoming knee replacement. Prayers.

Odette Smith, Deloris Peyton, and Betty Clepper, Brenda Andrews, Catherine Stewart, health, prayers.

Audrey Otto, Dorene Gicker, Pat Mullins, Jane Powers, Cathy Laird, & family, Bruce Bishopric, prayers.

Judy, (Skip Sheldon's sister) at home. Prayers.

Franklin King, (Deloris' Peyton's father) Prayers.

Estelle and Clifford Drisco: (June Curran's grandparents), & **Lorraine** (June's mother), prayers.

Bobby Lingley, chemo-therapy. Prayers.

Tom & Peggy Stripp, (Joyce Lee's aunt & uncle), the **Thompson family**, prayers.

Steve and Ted Katowski, Kerry Mullins, prayers.

No bulletin was published for January 2nd, 2011

January Events Calendar

Friday, January 7th, 10:00 a.m.
Women's Bible study in Proverbs

Sunday, January 9th, 12 noon
Sunday Potluck Fellowship

Friday Fellowship Luncheon, Jan. 21st,
12:30 p.m., Jo & Eddie's, Eglin Parkway

5th Sunday Special Collection
Sunday, January 30th, morning assembly

Special Thanks

We thank **Walter Hulett, Sr.**, and **Tim Gray** who preached sermons for us while Cecil was with family in Oakton Virginia.

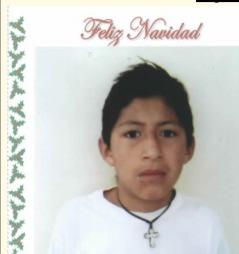
January Birthdays & Anniversaries

23rd Curran (A)

28th Craig McIntosh

30th Skip Sheldon

Sponsored Child



Feliz Navidad
Richard Pillamunga sends this Christmas card. A letter from him dated Oct. 2010 is also posted on the board. He is in the 10th grade and hopes to become an engineer. He states, "Your generosity will stay engraved in my heart."

Sympathy

Our love, sympathy and prayers are with Mattie Neal and family who recently lost her husband, James Neal. Mattie is the sister of Irene Sumter.