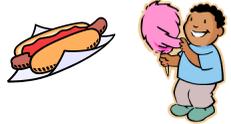


September 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1 Church Office Closed</p>  <p>Labor Day</p>	2	<p>3 5:30pm Finance Committee 6:00pm Handbell Choir Practice 7:00pm Prayer Meeting 7:00pm Youth & Children</p>	4	5	6
<p>7 Rheubin L. South Missouri Missions Offering Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am & 6:00pm 10:45am Lord's Supper 12:00pm Trustee's Meeting 5:00pm WMU Meeting 6:00pm Children, Youth, Adults</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>MEALS ON WHEELS</p>	9	<p>10 6:00pm Handbell Choir Practice 7:00pm Prayer Meeting 7:00pm Youth & Children</p>	11	12	<p>13 8:30am Beth Moore Simulcast at Bolivar First Baptist Church</p> 
Meals On Wheels — September 8th thru 12th						
<p>14 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am & 6:00pm 5:00pm Ladies Bible Study 6:00pm Children, Youth, Adults 7:00pm Business Meeting</p>	15	16	<p>17 6:00pm Handbell Choir Practice 7:00pm Prayer Meeting 7:00pm Youth & Children</p>	18	<p>19 7:00pm Alpha House Trivia Night at Bolivar First Baptist Church</p> 	<p>20 11:00am Family Fun Event at Bolivar Grace Fellowship Baptist</p> 
<p>21 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am & 6:00pm 6:00pm Children, Youth, Adults</p>	22	23	<p>24 6:00pm Handbell Choir Practice 7:00pm Prayer Meeting 7:00pm Youth & Children</p>	<p>25</p> 	<p>26</p> 	27
Black Walnut Festival — September 24th thru 27th						
<p>28 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am & 6:00pm 10:45 am Benevolence Offering 6:00pm Children, Youth, Adults 7:00pm Deacon's Meeting</p>	29	30				

September
Birthdays of the Month

1. Jacob Wheeler
2. Asia Graham
4. Kacey Hottes
8. Terri Vance
9. Shriley Cutcher
Willis Cagle
Dillon Chronister
Betty Jo Smith
11. Michelle Wheeler
16. Tony Vance
John Wilson
18. Sandy Camp
26. Anthony Vance
30. Susan Applegate

Anniversaries of the Month

5. Matt & Rachel Noblett
6. Greg & Melinda Gumm
9. John Sam & Barbara Pate

OUR OBEDIENCE... HIS ABUNDANCE.

During the month of Sept. we will be collecting a special offering for The Rheubin L. South Missouri Missions Offering.

Our Church Goal
\$300



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He Chose to be a Servant...Scott Wilson

Scott Wilson went home to the Father on August 11, 2014.

Scott had some sayings he was known for. A few years ago Ron, my son Gabe and I developed a list via email. Here are a few of those sayings, some intentionally left out for public listening. See if you recall any.

“Thought for a second I was going to drop that.” (Said after dropping object)

“Point over there and I’ll take your picture.”

“I feel about as good as a sack of door-knobs.” (I Don’t know what that one means)

“Ahhhh...you didn’t have to, but I sure am glad you did.”

“Man that’s a nice boat...I wish I had that one and he had a better one.”

“I thought I’d leave the price tag on it so everybody would know it’s new.”

“That is K-U-L-E...cool.”

“Well I guess I’ll whiz on back home and see what granny’s got for me.”

“I can’t find my wrench...maybe I ate it...”

“Does my hair look okay?”

Probably the saying he was best known for, and what I want to dwell on for a few minutes was, “Anything I could help you with today?” Was that ever a start or conclusion to a conversation you had with Scott? It was a question he was asking until the day of his stroke.

I believe that unfortunately Scott is a part of a dying generation in our churches today of men who unselfishly ask the question, “Anything I could help you with today?” Men like Ray Kenney, Charlie Armstrong, Scott Wilson, and Pepper Martin are a few from our church who would ask the question sincerely and not just rhetorically. You know the type of men I am talking about. Men you could count

on to keep their word and see things through to the end.

Philippians 2: 2-8 says: ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. (ESV)

Senior Pastor of Willow Creek Community Church, Bill Hybels, commented, “Christ knowingly and actively embraced a life of giving, serving, losing and dying. What was and is really hard for Jesus’ followers to swallow is that we are called to do the same. To make ourselves nothing... We must believe that as painful as it sometime feels, descending is the only way to greatness... Jesus obeyed for the sake of love... We the recipients of His love are asked to do the same.”

When Jesus was asked about the two greatest commands he replied, “To love God and love one another.”

Scott shunned the idea of what was convenient for him and asked instead, “What can I do for you?” He promoted the idea of unity with Christ and rejecting self. Certain things became evident in his life, most notably a servant’s heart. Biblically we know that he who serves will be last, but shall be exalted. On

Monday August 11th Scott was exalted before the Father. If you knew Scott Wilson at all you know that recognition was something he never sought.

Here we see the difference between choosing to serve and choosing to be a servant. When we chose to serve, we still want to be in charge. We decide whom we will serve and when we will serve. If we are in charge, we will worry about someone taking charge over us. When we choose to be a servant, we give up the right to be in charge. When we choose to be a servant, we surrender the right to decide who and when we will serve. We become available and vulnerable.

True servant hood is learning to listen with your eyes, your ears and your heart. It means truly caring about one another and putting ministry before convenience. That is not an attitude that any person can create within themselves, but comes only from the transformational power that Jesus Christ brings.

In our world being loud, ambitious, goal-driven, self-made, self-centered, powerful, and wealthy are the ways to greatness. You will never find those words in a description of Scott Wilson. Instead you would find him working in prison ministry, loaning his car to someone that did not have a car, calling widows to help them around their house, delivering meals on wheels, and visiting people in the hospital and nursing home.

Scott chose to be a servant, but never chose who to serve and fulfilled the command of Galatians 5:13 “through love be servants of one another.” Scott recognized that when we serve and love others, we serve and love Christ.

Your brother in Christ,
Ken Spurgeon

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