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ROGERSVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

Table containing service details for September 22, 23, and 24, including Morning and Evening services, Children's Devotional, Sound Room, and Attendance/Contribution information.

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SUN AM Bible Class . . . 9:00 a.m. SUN AM Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. SUN PM Worship 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study6:30 p.m. Tues. Bible Study. . . . 10:00 a.m.

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You Never Mentioned Him To Me An article by Bryant Perkins, Liberty church of Christ

James Rowe is one of the more prolific composers featured in our hymnals, and yet most of us have probably not heard of him. He was born in Devonshire and worked for the Irish government before immigrating to the United States in his late 20s. Eventually, he became a full-time writer, composing hymns and editing music journals for publishers in Tennessee and Texas. Among his best-known works are, "Home of the Soul," "Ring Out the Message," Redeemed," and "Love Lifted Me."

My favorite composition of his is unfortunately not featured in our current songbook, though it has frequently appeared in hymnals in the past. I seldom have heard it sung in other congregations even when in the book, but I imagine that many of us know it. It is entitled, "You Never Mentioned Him to Me," and it speaks directly to the concept that emerges from the text in Ezekiel above.

The song pictures Judgment Day, as we stand ready to hear our fate pronounced. But before our appearance at the bench, another is condemned to eternal death. He cries out an accusation toward us, expanded on in the chorus:

"You never mentioned Him to me, You helped me not the light to see; You met me day by day and knew I was astray, Yet never mentioned Him to me."

That is a harrowing thought – and, perhaps, that is why the song is sung so infrequently. It makes us uncomfortable. But the hymn isn't intended to make us feel guilty about our shortcomings in talking about Jesus as an end in itself; that traumatic scene is designed to motivate us to avoid such a possibility.

The song reminds us that we are watchmen. Scripture charges us to take the good news about Jesus to others, to sow the seed. Now, we know that not all soil is fertile; the responsibility to respond to the gospel lies with the (continued on next page)

hearers, not with us. As Ezekiel continues, But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul. (Ezekiel 33:9) Our charge is to be faithful – to plant and water, but to leave the growth to God (cf. 1 Corinthians 3:6-7).

I have occasionally encountered objections to this song from those who do not appreciate poetic license – Scripture never indicates anything like this can or will happen at Judgment. Perhaps not. But the imagery reminds us of what is happening, in reality, every day of our lives. If we are faithful to our commission, whether we are successful in our efforts or not, this hymn should be an encouragement. But if we are not, songs like this should be a powerful appeal to redouble our efforts. Which is it for us?

-Scott Wright

Sick

Wayne Lentz is in the hospital with pneumonia.

Benjy McCafferty had shoulder surgery last week.

Genell McLemore is having problems with her blood pressure.

Shelby Carlton fell and broke her hand and foot. She cannot put any weight on her foot for at least a month.

Millie Goode is at home recovering from surgery.

Ursela Rose is doing well.

Martha Flanagan is at home recovering from a fall.

Betsy Kalakau is undergoing tests for her back.

Kaysi Whitman Wallace had major back surgery Wednesday.

Doris Fry, mother of Mike Fry, has bone cancer.

Kathleen Phillips, sister of Doris Jackson, had a back ablation. She is under hospice care.

Toni Tate, niece of Shirley Haraway, is not doing well.

Oaklynn Jackson, daughter of Eli & Taylor Gordon Jackson and granddaughter of Tammy Gordon may possibly go to New York for surgery.

Kim Schaffer, sister of Donnie Lane, is in hospice care in Huntsville.

Margie Pittman, grandmother of Brandi Springer, is home.

Extended Illness: Cecil Haraway, Dude Weathers, Jerry Bedingfield, Wayne & Sylvia Lentz, John Embry (father of Melia Owens and brother to James Embry), Whitney Skipworth (friend of Shirley Haraway), Marleigh Gilbert, Lisa Grossheim, Rachael Weir, Dennis Raney, Mattie Pugh, Larry Pugh (relatives of Floyd & Millie Goode, Jacob Black, uncle of Kim Lane, Larry Bailey (friend of Gearld Whitman)

Shut-Ins

Mary Ann Kerr (home), Vera Cox (Lauderdale Christian), Neal Trousdale (home), Vella Green (Rm 2308 Col. Robert L. Howard State Veterans Home, 7054 Veterans Pkwy, Pell City, AL 35125), Willie Mae Eldridge (El Reposo 260 Milner Chapel Rd, Rm 217, Florence, 35634), Alice Ezell (home), Bob Fay (Avita of Brunswick, 89 Admiral Fitch Ave., Brunswick, ME 04011), Mahlon & Gladys Graham (home), Ruth Comer (Cedar View Rm 113, Killen 35645; ph. 256-272-6071), Dixie Kelly 109 Stone Hedge Dr. Rogersville

Baptism

Sydney Speake was baptized into Christ Tuesday night. We are so proud of Sydney and her decision to become a Christian.

Trip

A trip to the **Creation Museum** and **The Ark** is being discussed. If you would be interested in this two-day trip, please sign the list on the education wing table.

Reminder

Next Sunday is the fifth Sunday of the month. All contributions over our monthly budget will be applied to the annex debt. Our current balance on the annex is \$17,000.

Wednesday Evening Meals

Please remember this Wednesday night meal at 5:15. Bring drinks and desserts. Also, \$5 per person eating, if you are able, to keep the meals going.

Teachers Needed

If you would be willing to teach Wednesday nights next quarter, please sign the list on the education wing table. Also, men are needed to teach the auditorium class beginning in October.

Beth's Babies

Beth's Babies is an organization in Athens that is collecting new and gently used children's coats for the upcoming winter months. We are currently collecting size 2T up to a youth extra-large. We are also collecting warm blankets (small size) that could be used for infant car seats. A box for these donations is in the main foyer. If you have any questions, please see Audri Ragasa.

Healing Hands International MAGI Boxes

If you would like to fill a box, but did not get one, please let us know. We have more available.

Please return filled boxes to the main foyer by next Sunday night and give \$8 cash or check payable to "Rogersville church of Christ" to Donnie or Kim Lane. Read more about this good work at www.hhi.org/magi. Thank you!

Events

Fall Festival October 19 at the home of Brock & Leslie Owens

Area Event

Atlas September 04 - October 02 Wednesday Night Series

Lone Cedar Homecoming with Eric Lyons September 22

HCU September 23 at 6 PM "Navigating Grief" Mental Health Forum

Coxey Ladies' Day September 28

Lucas Street Gospel Expose October 3-6

Week 39
September 22-28
I Chronicles, Ezra,
Colossians, Titus
(46 chapters)



Week 40
September 29-October 05
II Chronicles, Ester, Jude
(47 chapters)