

CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

- **Scott Sykes** - Friend of Brooke Brown - Will have surgery Aug. 19 to remove his kidney.
- **Josiah Gaines** - In UAB because of seizures.
- **Ashley Reed** - Ethel Pollard's Granddaughter - Has been having problems with anger outbursts recently.
- **Snow Family** - Annie will be undergoing surgery and the girls' future will be decided in the next few months.
- **Meghan Peters** (Merle's Granddaughter) - Does not have bladder cancer but is suffering from a serious infection.
- **Mable Perry** - Medical issues with tests coming soon.
- **Morris Family**
- **Macon Family**
- **Wiggins Family**
- Continue to remember Pat Campbell, Margaret Hines, Geraldine Wilkins, June Poyner, Dot Debeice, OP Boling and the sick and shut-ins in prayer.

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SERVICE ROSTER

Week of August 9, 2015

Sunday

Announcements	F. Youngblood
Singing	G. Kendrick
Table & Giving	G. Wiggins
Assisting	C. Jennings
	S. Nagy
	R. Holdridge
	J. Macon
Sermon AM	L. Snow
Sermon PM	L. Snow
Closing Prayer	D. Johnson
Counting	W. Phillips

Wednesday

Invitation	R. Wilson
Invitation Song	L. Snow
Prayer	W. Phillips

RECORDS - August 2, 2015

Sunday AM	80
Sunday PM	61
Wednesday	63

SCHEDULE:

Sun.	9:30AM - Bible Class
	10:30AM - Worship
	1:00PM - Worship
Wed.	7:00PM - Bible Class
Mon.-Thu.	9:AM-2PM - Office Hours

LIFE LINES

OF THE WARM SPRINGS ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 9, 2015

A LIVING MARTYR

“Stephen wasn’t a martyr because he died; he died because he was a martyr.”

After reading that sentence, you may be saying, “Steve, I don’t get it. What do you mean?” Well let me see if I can explain.

Did you know that the Greek word translated as “martyr” (Gr. martureo) is the same Greek word that is also translated as “witness” and “testimony?”

What does that mean? It means that Jesus sent out his disciples to be (Gr. martureo) i.e. “witnesses/testifiers/martyrs” (Luke 21:13; Acts 1:8). But how were his disciples supposed to be “witnesses/testifiers/martyrs?” By faithfully recounting the things they saw and heard about Jesus. And as we know, some faithful “witnesses/testifiers/martyrs” were even called upon to forfeit their lives as did Stephen (Acts 22:20) and Antipas (Revelation 2:13).

You see, Stephen’s death was a result of his decision to be a “witness/testifier/martyr” of Jesus. His death didn’t make him a “witness/testifier/martyr” of Jesus, his death was the result of being a “witness/testifier/martyr” for Jesus.

Friends, I hope you’re already a “martyr” for Jesus. And if someday being a martyr for Jesus demands we must also die for him, I pray that we all have the courage and conviction to do so. Give it some thought.

- Steve Higginbotham (preachinghelp.org)

