

To All:

First, I want to thank everyone for being willing to serve and second I want to apologize for not being a little farther along, but we're getting there. I am limping along now but I know God is going to do something special. I just know it.

I want you to know I have completely redone the church web site. In addition, I have added a small groups / bible study section for us. I want to grow this as we grow. You will see when you go to [www.fbcloyd.com](http://www.fbcloyd.com) a Small Groups / Bible Study section on the right side of the Home page. It contains a summary of what I refer to as our mission statement. In addition, it has sections for both youth and adults outlining goals of the classes and tips for running your classes plus helpful links to various Lifeway information sections that should be of great help. Not to mention, you will find the room assignments for the upcoming church year. The major change is that the Empty Nesters and our Seniors are switching locations. The Empty Nesters will be in the Fellowship Hall and the Seniors are moving to Room 5 where the Empty Nesters were (comfortable seats I might add).

### **Notes for First Weekend - September 6**

Remember, we start September 6, which is Labor Day weekend and a few of us are going to be out of town. Robert and Michelle will be out of town so I am hoping to merge them in with Billy's class that weekend plus I will be out of town that weekend as well and am hoping that Roger or Andy will teach the class for me that weekend.

### **Materials Being Used**

Many of us are using the Lifeway materials as our basis to start with. Robert and Michelle Poston are going to be teaching from Lifeway as well as two series of lessons by Andy Stanley (Charles Stanley's son) that I have watched the entirety. Very well developed and a great teaching series I think for our High School age group. It is a tough world out there and we are a product of the decisions we make. This series does a great job of exploring God's Word and the issues of personal choices and paths that we take centering around the issues of temptation and seeking God.

Kevin Harvin and the young adults are going to be teach from a series by Max Lucado called Facing Your Giants. A study series focusing on the Book of Daniel and teaching what God's word says about not living in fear but in His strength leaning heavily on the Book of Daniel. Should be an excellent study.

### **I am Not Against Using Different Curriculum**

God's message can't be limited nor how He leads us as He only can might direct you to seek something different than what we currently use. Please contact me if you are feeling so led. We will develop a curriculum plus I am more than sure there are materials out there including Lifeway that I am sure has something on the subject that you wish to teach. I need to make sure whatever you feel led to teach is completely Scripture based, which I know that you would

too. However, we need to be careful, the deceiver looks for opportunity and well I just do not want to give Him one. We'll get you something, that I can assure you of.

### **Outreach**

We will be getting together next week.

### **New Additions to the Shepherd List and Other Notes**

Keith Shannon and Judah Young will be teaching the Young Marrieds and we are very excited about that. I know the class will be blessed. Virginia Waldron and Betty Lou Calloway are going to be teaching our Grades 1-3 and Eddy and Theresa Lee are going to teach our 4-6 graders. Marilyn Edwards and Emily Groom are going to lead our Age 3 to Kindergarten. Kristen Edwards is teaching our Birth to Age 2. To round out the list for our 7th and 8th graders are going to be led by Billy Hatfield and Ellen Hutsell. I am going to lead the Empty Nesters class with support from Roger Joyner and the Seniors are going to be led by David Hall and Frank Browning.

He already has, He has chosen you to share His Word and Truths. It is an incredible honor to serve God and I know He will bless each and every one of you for your willingness to serve. Your materials are now available for all except the Young Married. they will be in the middle of this week and I will have them hopefully no later than Sunday of this coming week. No Keith it is not going to have an orange and blue cover, but it will definitely be winning material.

Next Sunday, July 30, 2009 is going to be our induction service for the new church year. I have spoken to almost all of you. I will be calling Betty Lou and Virginia this week to discuss things. I owe Betty Lou a big apology for not getting with her sooner but I promise you will hear from me tomorrow. Don't let my incompetence dissuade anyone from teaching. Again, I am limping along now, but we are getting there.

To all, again, I thank you so much for your willingness to serve.

P.S.

I would like to thank Michelle Poston for being willing to coordinate the ETC activities. Donna helped put together the schedule for the upcoming year and Michelle is coordinating the release of the schedules. We really tried to not make any one group of folks have to do more than twice a quarter. In addition, one quarter most only have one time and then the following quarter they have two. In other words, they alternate. Please help Michelle.

P.S.S.

Pray, we all need it and our community needs it. Pray.

In His Service, Mark