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**“Now go to sleep!”**

The above statement is from an article I ran across that Molly Dawidow wrote several years ago. It is from a statement her father-in-law, Walenty Dawidow said to her when she, Mike, Walenty and another couple were traveling during the Communist era in Poland. The five of them had to spend the night in a two-room apartment in Warsaw and “Dzaidek” (Polish for grandfather and what they call Walenty) had to sleep on the floor.

Molly expressed her sympathy to “Dzaidek” for his conditions and he said, “Molly, we must always remember all we have to be thankful for: no one is cold; no one is hungry; no one is sick; no one is wet; and no one is shooting at us! Now go to sleep!”

Here is the next paragraph of Molly’s article:

“I thought back about how, during the war, he had been in exactly these circumstances when he and his family were caught between the retreating German and advancing Russian armies: cold, hungry, sick, wet, and with bullets and bombs flying all around them. What would they have given then for a place on the floor in a safe, warm dry apartment in Warsaw?!”

Can you today thank God that you are content with your situation? Paul said, “*Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.*” (Philippians 4:11-13)

I don’t know about you, but I don’t often enough truly think about the blessing of being able to lie down at night and go to sleep without the worries that so many in this world have. Treva says I’m usually asleep shortly after (or sometimes before) my head hits the pillow. I jokingly say that you can go to sleep if you have a clear conscience.

The truth, though, is that my conscience is not always ‘clear.’ I must take that to my God and ask for His help to make it clear.

However, when I think of those like Walenty who have gone through things I have only read about, I thank God for such attitudes that can help me appreciate what I have. I don’t mean just a comfortable bed, good health, and safety - but the security God offers when things are not so good. Then I can sleep.

See you when the saints meet, Lord willing.

Love, Tony

(Note: Walenty “Dzaidek” Dawidow, nearing ninety years of age, is still a great encourager to the church in Sopot, Poland where he continues to serve as an elder. His positive attitude is a great blessing to those of us who have the privilege to share in the work the Sopot church and the Dawidow family is doing.)



**Schedule of Services**

**Sunday**

Bible Study – 9:00 a.m.  
Worship – 10:00 a.m.  
Worship – 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday**

Bible Study – 7:00 p.m.

**Measures of Love**

Sunday, July 25, 2010

Bible Class - 124  
A.M. Worship - 178  
P.M. Worship - 89

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

Bible Class - 117

Budget – \$6,602  
Contribution – \$5,564  
YTD Avg. – \$6,040  
Loan Balance – \$63,611

**Sunday Morning – August 1, 2010**

Opening Prayer	Jim McMillan
Song Leader	Bob Knappe
Scripture Reading	Don Jesch
Closing Prayer	Ron Schoonover
Communion	<b>Ray Myers</b>
Lee Brittenham/Jerry Moody/Bud Lohmann/ <b>Vernon Lakey</b> /Kenny Prather/Ryan Stratton/Steve Hinnergardt	

**Greeters:** North Door – Bill & Margaret Reeder  
East Door & Lobby Monitor – Don & Judy Keheley

**Operate Overheads:** Rick Pollard

**Pick up cards:** Jacob Dillon/Skyler Schoonover

**Sunday Evening – August 1, 2010**

Opening Prayer	Danny Anderson
Song Leader	Robert Hamm
Closing Prayer	Jim Stacy
Communion	Doug Sanders/Roy Hopkins
Lobby Monitor	Ray Myers

**Wednesday – August 4, 2010**

Opening Prayer	Jim McMillan
Song Leader	Ryan Stratton
Closing Prayer	Chuck Martz
Lobby Monitor	Layne Parham

**Elders**

Robert Hamm  
Ralph Jackson  
Carl Lee  
Brent Taylor  
Terrel Taylor

**Deacons**

Steve Hinnergardt  
Don Jesch  
Don Keheley  
Vernon Lakey  
Chuck Martz  
Steve Meadors  
Doug Sanders  
Ron Schoonover  
Jim Stacy  
Ryan Stratton  
Mark Tucker

**Preacher**

Tony Lalli

**Youth Minister**

Jimmy Hyde

# REFLECTING

It's great to see our kids come home from camp 'pumped up' spiritually. Jimmy reports it was a great week despite the hot weather. Well.....the camp is called Burnt Cabin. (Poor attempt at humor....)

A really great thing from Sunday was that **Tori Davis** was baptized in Christ to become our newest sister. Tori is Angela Davis' daughter. God bless you, Tori, and may you continue your growth in God's Family here. Tori was among our young people who went to camp.

Posted on the bulletin board is a copy of an article written by **Molly Dawidow** and published in the latest issue of Christian Woman magazine. Thanks to Janice Newell for calling it to our attention.

The Red Cross blood drive was a success with twelve units of blood collected. The goal was thirteen. They have sent a note of appreciation. I add my thanks to those who help in providing lunch for those who come to donate blood. This is just one more way of showing the neighborhood that we care.

Can you believe it!! School starts up again in just a couple weeks. Wow - where has the summer gone? Tempus fugit - especially the older I get!!

**A Look Ahead** - Several have expressed the desire to have another combined singing session with the Adams Boulevard church and we are planning one on September 26th.



**"How blessed are the people who know the joyful sound! O LORD, they walk in the light of Your countenance."  
- Psalm 89:15**

**Prayer Requests:** *Harland and Ivy Maltbie*, Loretta Hamm's brother and sister-in-law, are suffering with health problems. *Beulah Ivie*, Howard Rawlins' mother, and *Dona Campillo*, Howard's sister, are having some health issues. *Dick Humble* is in St. Johns Hospital in Tulsa and will be moving to a new care center when released. A letter from Cindy is posted on the lobby bulletin board with his new address. *Betty Bennett* is back at Heritage Villa Care Center, recovering from pancreatitis. *Curtis*, David and Susie Finney's grandson, is receiving daily treatment for burns. *Orville Johnson*, brother to Lois Notley and Henretta Beal, will start chemo and radiation treatments. *Dillon Lamb*, Star Kimrey's cousin, is now home in Indiana and will receive treatments there. Continue to remember *all those with continuing health problems* who are listed on the back of your monthly calendar. Remember our *missionaries and our shut-ins*. Remember *Monte and Lori Lalli and family* as they get settled in their new home in El Salvador. Remember *John Atterberry's friend, Kevin*, who lost his wife in an auto accident.

**Our Military:** *Chris Wadsworth* (Hopkins' nephew), *Joel Newton* (Hopkins' grandnephew), *Steven Reed* (Wanda Chapman's grandson), *John Theobald*, *Bryan Sheets* (Ann's grandson), *Ryan McNair* (Ray and Doyle's grandson), and *Steven Wagasky* (Ray and Doyle's grand-son-in-law).



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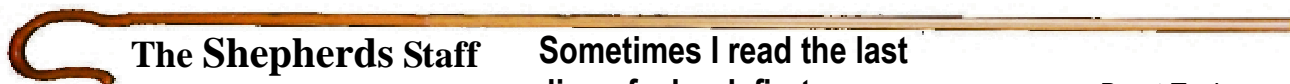
*Sheri + Larry Sheets, who were married on June 5th, invite the church to a come and go reception celebrating the beginning of their life together on Saturday, July 31 from 2:00-5:00 in the Family Life Center. A card is posted on the lobby bulletin board.*

**The Caney Church of Christ invites all ages to their VBS August 1-5, from 7 to 8:30 each evening. A flyer listing the speakers for the adult class is posted on the lobby bulletin board.**

Please mark your calendars for our next Family Day on Sunday, Aug. 29 when we will share a potluck lunch and afternoon devotional. Also on that day we will honor our ministers and their families with notes of thanks and a money tree.

**Volunteers Needed** - If you are able to take communion to shut-ins, please see Doug Sanders, Robert Hamm, or Brent Taylor.

*Dear Church Family, Thank you for your prayers and the very fine & delicious foods. Doing well after my surgery. Again thanks and we love you all. Barbara & Beryl Hicks*



**The Shepherds Staff**

**Sometimes I read the last line of a book first**

Brent Taylor

Sometimes I read the first line of a book and then skip to the final page and read the last line. I love the first and last lines of great books because they frame the body of work like neon parentheses. Here are some of my favorite first lines. I'll let you guess the book. 1) *In my younger and more vulnerable years my father gave me some advice I've been turning over in my mind ever since.* 2) *To the red country and part of the gray country of Oklahoma, the last rains came gently, and they did not cut the scarred earth.* 3) *All happy families are alike; each unhappy family is unhappy in its own way.* 4) *It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a wife.* **I really love this one best: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the final phrase? Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written. John really knew how to frame a story because those are screaming neon parentheses!**



## ***This Weekend Saturday the 31st Lake Trip***

*We will have our lake trip on Saturday, the 31st. We will be announcing details in class on Sunday morning. If you have any questions, just call Bob Knappe.*

## ***Camp was a Great Blessing***

*We had a great week of camp this past week. There were a dozen teens that put Christ on in baptism. We had a huge week of growing closer to God and one another. Praise Him from whom all blessings flow.*

## ***Family Time***

*My family and I are gone and will be traveling back Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd. So please be praying for our safe return home.*

## ***For the Week of Aug. 1st to 7th Another Soul Saved***

*Praise God for working in His people. Tori Davis was baptized for the forgiveness of her sins this past Sunday morning. Please be praying that God will continue to bless Tori and her family. Also be praying for the other teens that are currently studying and for others to begin studying.*

## ***Upcoming Activities***

- Aug. 15th - Family Night*
- Aug. 21st - Service Project*
- Aug. 28th - Girls and Guys Night Out*