

## "IMPROPER COMPARISONS"

Barney Colson was an elder for University City Church of Christ in Gainesville, Florida, for thirty-three years until his death in 1998. During World War II at the age of twenty-one, Barney Colson was a skipper of an amphibious ship in the South Pacific. His and three other ships had unloaded their cargo on an island near the end of the day. They backed away from the shore and dropped anchor as the sun was setting. An anchor watch was assigned to make sure the ships did not drift. Everyone else went to sleep. When morning light came, all four ships were within sight of one another with about a quarter of a mile of spacing for safety. When Colson questioned the sailor on anchor watch, the sailor pointed to each of the ships nearby. But then Colson asked him: "Where is the island?" During the night with the limited light available on the dark ocean, the watch had been able to discern the nearby ships. He did not think they were drifting, because the other boats were nearby all night long. What he did not realize was that all four ships had drug their anchors and were drifting together. They drifted over twenty miles, so that the island was completely out of sight over the horizon the next morning. By comparing themselves with one another instead of a fixed point such as the island, they were able to drift all night long while thinking they were securely anchored. When we as humans compare ourselves with one another, we are likely to be deceived into thinking we are doing well. If we are at least average, we think we are making progress, even though we may be drifting away from the standard. If we compare ourselves to a reprobate, even the lukewarm person will be deceived in a smug self-satisfaction. Paul warned against such comparisons: "We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some of those who commend themselves. But when they measure themselves by one another, and compare themselves with one another, they do not show good sense" (2 Cor. 10:12). If we are going to compare ourselves with others, we ought to pick the very best, the holiest, and the most devout persons we know. Best of all, we ought to compare ourselves with God and Christ. We ought to strive to be "perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Mt. 5:48; cf. 1 Pet. 1:15-16). Beware of improper comparisons with an inadequate standard.

# Teen News

.It is good to see all of you this morning and I hope your week went well. Tonight the devotional will be held in the Activity Building and hosted by the widow and widowers group. I would like to remind all of you to show your appreciation to them for their efforts. A special activity has been planed so I hope all of you can come.

Thanks,  
BLAKE



I miss the good old days, when preachers wore suits and ties. Could you see Preacher Dan in this?

### DOOR GREETERS

**Oct. 30 2011**  
**Adam & Diane Harding**

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

**Oct. 30, 2011**  
**Jack Thomason**

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### ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sun: 9:30 AM Class  
10:30 AM Worship  
6 :00 PM Evening  
Wed: 7:00 PM



# FALL FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

TODAY AFTER  
MORNING SERVICES.  
EVERYONE IS INVITED!!  
SINGING GROUP  
"MASTER'S PRAISE" WILL  
BE SINGING FOR US.



**WELCOME**  
**To Our Visitors and Members**  
**Please stay for our Luncheon**  
**And program presented by**  
**Singing group "Master's Praise"**

***From Dan's desk:***

It is a beautiful Fall day and we are glad you are here. It has been a great weekend. Several visitors are here among us this morning and we are delighted that you have come to worship with us. Your presence means so much to us. We hope you will come again whenever you possibly can. We will be having a fellowship luncheon following the worship this morning. We hope you will stay and enjoy the delicious food that has been prepared and then stay for the program presented by "Master's Praise" from St. James, MO. They will do a good job. The C.D. you heard this morning while you were entering the church building is one recently released by this singing group. Thanks to the men who gathered yesterday at Ryan's for breakfast and those who worked doing various jobs for the elderly and retired members of the church. This group of men give of their time and energy to reach out to others. Please remember that tomorrow night is Monday Night For The Master. This gives everyone in the congregation an opportunity to serve the Master and others as well. There is always a lot to do on this ONE Monday night in the month. We hope you will join us for the evening meal at 6:15 P.M. and then work between the hour of 7 P.M. till 8 P.M. We want to remind all parents that we will have CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR tonight at 6 P.M. This is a great opportunity to teach your children about God. We hope to see each of you tonight at services.

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
 IN OUR PRAYERS**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IN  
 YOUR PRAYERS:**

**BRIANNE CAMPOS** will have brain surgery in San Antonio tomorrow.

**TED MISSILDINE** had surgery in Tyler.

**CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:** Dennis Ellison, Marlene Thompson, Daphne Prince, Toni & David Degelia, Ed Martin, Gary Coates, Bobby Johnson, Gary Oliver, Toby Williams, Gerald Wilcher, Connie Lowe, Liam Lowe

**Servicemen:** Jeffery Rose, Blaine Klein & Jason Mottern.

**"MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE  
 MASTER"**

Tomorrow night is Monday Night for the Master. Please make plans to be here and help with all the important jobs. We will meet at 6:15 PM for the meal and then start our works at 7 PM. This will be our last session in 2011. We will have Taco Salad and desserts. If you can make a dessert, please see Jane Grumbles or Mary Stech.



**Fall Fest**



***Date: Sunday,  
 October 30th, 2011***

***Time: 2 to 5 PM***

***Where: Activity Building &  
 Parking Lot***

***Who: Everyone! There will  
 be events for all ages  
 Costumes are Welcome***

***We need people to bring  
 wrapped candy, cartons of 16  
 oz. soft drinks for the ring  
 toss, cup cakes and small  
 prizes. If you can  
 provide these, please  
 do so.***

