

# Great Treasure Found In Christ

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A man from Ethiopia, south of Egypt, traveled a distance of well over one hundred miles to Jerusalem in order to worship God. His name is not given in scripture, but he was a distinguished officer of Queen Candace's court. As a well educated and skilled man, he was given the responsibility of "all her treasury" as the treasurer of the royal finances (Acts 8:27). Although he enjoyed this important position and saw enormous wealth, the eunuch still lacked the greatest treasure of all — Christ.

God sent Philip to preach to the treasurer on his trip back home. They met "along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza" (Acts 8:26). The Ethiopian was reading from Isaiah 53 and "at this same scripture [Philip] preached Jesus to him" (Acts 8:35). He probably explained how Christ fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah. It is very likely the evangelist declared Christ's sacrifice — "though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich" (2 Cor. 8:9). He disclosed the commands of Jesus (Matt. 28:18, 20). Now the eunuch knew what he needed to do in order to receive the blessings of Christ. As they journeyed, he asked Philip to baptize him without delay in some nearby water, and Philip did so (Acts 8:36-38). The Ethiopian enjoyed true spiritual affluence by having his sins washed away, becoming a son of God, and being acceptable before God (Acts 22:16; Eph. 1:4-7). The eunuch went on his way rejoicing. The treasurer found great riches in Christ.

We, as Christians, possess this treasure (2 Cor. 4:7). Do we realize how blessed we are? We have a fortune far greater than the Ethiopian treasurer managed. Jesus reminded the church at Laodicea that He could provide the spiritual valuables they needed, "that you may be rich" (Rev. 3:18). Paul, recognizing the great wealth found in the Lord, stated, "I count all things a loss for ... Christ Jesus my Lord" (Phil. 3:8). We, like the eunuch, have great spiritual riches which are found only "in Christ" (Eph. 1:3). We must be thankful to God for such prosperity and not be selfish with it but be willing to tell others so they may partake of the riches of Christ.

## Teachers Appreciation Dinner, Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>

Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend the annual Teachers Appreciation Dinner. The dinner will start at 6 PM in the fellowship hall. Jerry Carmichael will be our guest speaker. All teachers of Bible classes and Bible Hour are encouraged to attend the dinner with your spouse or guest.

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**Sunday**  
Bible Class — 9:30 A.M.  
Morning Worship — 10:30  
Evening Worship — 6:00  
**Wednesday**  
Bible Study — 7:00 P.M.  
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## Privileged To Serve

If you can not serve as assigned please contact  
Jerry Willis, James Burden, or Bobby Davis as  
early as possible.

### Sunday A.M. August 31

**Song Leader:** Marty Gillespie

#### **Reading:**

1 Tim. 6:17-19 & prayer: Kelvin Keath

1 Cor. 11:23-29 Rod Kendrick

**Prayer:** Gerald Ingram & Everett Donaldson

**Foyer Assist :** Shirley Johnson

**Greeters:** C. Kimbrell, Brian & Lisa Highley

### Sunday P.M. August 31

**Song Leader:** Jim Kelley **5th Sunday Singing**

**Prayers:** Dwayne Goldy & Ray Johnson

### Wednesday P.M. September 3

**Song Leader:** Josh Moore

**Prayer:** Doug Frazier

### Sunday A.M. September 7

**Song Leader:** Doug Frazier

#### **Reading:**

Gal. 6:6-10 & Prayer Jim Brown

Matt. 26:17-29 Marty Gillespie

**Prayer:** Lindsey Back & Rod Kendrick

**Foyer Assist :** Phyllis Carpenter

**Greeters:** Phyllis C., Karen P., Jan G.

### Sunday P.M. September 7

**Song Leader:** Jim Kelley

**Prayers:** Aaron Imel & Kelvin Keath

### Wednesday P.M. September 10

**Song Leader:** Everett Donaldson

**Prayer:** Steve Lech

#### **Serve Communion During August**

Earl Collins Rob Frederick

Brent Wilson Kenney Gulley

Kenneth Donaldson Michael Willis

Dwayne Goldy (rear) Tom Tipton

#### **Prepare Communion in September**

David Donaldson & Tommy Willis

**Close Building August:** James Burden

**Announcements August:** Charles Willis

Close Building September: Josh Ginter

Announcements September: Robert Garrett

*Contact elder in Aug: Mike Donaldson*

*Contact elder in Sept: Eddie Ingram*

## **Remember These In Prayer**

“The fervent prayers of a righteous man can accomplish much.” James 5:16

### **Sick or In Need of Prayers**

**April Vernon** remains in Central Baptist Hospital. She loves having visitors.

**Tom Caudill** had successful surgery on his knee and foot but is now suffering with breathing problems.

**Ardith Daniel** will be having tests run at the hospital tomorrow.

**Bradley Toy** will be having a spinal fusion done next Wednesday in California. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

**Vickie & Stephen Rogers'** address is: 3211 Brockfield Dr. Newburgh, IN 47630. Vickie is not doing well at all and she loves getting cards.

**Serving in the Military: Brandon Coats, Chris Newkirk, and Ray Frederick.**

Remember those in the nursing homes.

**Pauline Cockrell** has moved to #510 in the Montgomery Square Apartments.

**We are saddened by the death of our dear sister *Eureva Donaldson*** whose funeral was on Monday. Eureva was an active member of the Lord's church in Mt. Sterling for many years. She was an encouragement to everyone who knew and loved her. She will be greatly missed. Our sincere sympathy is extended to *David & Diann* and to Gary and his family.

## **For the Record**

<b>Budget: \$6800</b>	<b>Aug. 24 : \$ 6044</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug. 24</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Bible Class	179	193
Sunday Worship	311	314
Sunday Evening	203	177
	<b>Aug. 27</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
<b>Bible Study</b>	173	195

**Ladies, don't forget the bridal shower for *Sarah Donaldson* on Sunday, August 31st at 2:30** in the afternoon in the fellowship hall. They are registered at Wal-Mart, Lowes, and Etc. Etc.

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Visitation Group #3 will meet Sunday after evening worship in the fellowship hall. We will be packing up the CARE PACKAGE for **Brandon Coats** so please remember to bring your items.

## **Church Directory Update**

If your last names begins with the letters **A through J** we ask that you come to the fellowship hall after worship on Sunday morning or Sunday evening to have your photo made for the new directory.

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**The Young At Heart Class** will meet on Tuesday morning at 10 in the fellowship hall. We will go to the Golden Corral in Winchester for lunch.

# September 2008

## Rolling Hills Church of Christ

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Danielle/Jimmy Johnson <b>Labor Day</b>	<b>2</b> Brent Wilson Irvin Carpenter Jimmy Johnson	<b>3</b> Erin Willis Karen Rowe Jim/Pam McGinnis	<b>4</b> Alex Townsend Betty Vinson Bryan/Florence Walters	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> John Moore Foy/Carolyn Ingram James/Karen Compton <b>Teachers Dinner</b>
<b>7</b> Visitation Group #1	<b>8</b> <b>7:00 PM Ladies Singing Night</b>	<b>9</b> Shirley Johnson	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Allen Johnson Danny Smallwood	<b>12</b> Wayne/Kim Bailey	<b>13</b> Bradley Garrett Mary Barrett Karen Young
<b>14</b> Ice Cream Fellowship Jacob Webb Susan Conley Visitation Group #2	<b>15</b> Brack Duncan Clay Duncan <b>Youth Rally</b>	<b>16</b> Jackie Richmond	<b>17</b> Raymond Bennett	<b>18</b> Becky Hart	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <b>Windsor Care Singing</b>	<b>22</b> Autumn begins Robert Amburgey Delaney Wills	<b>23</b> Sandy Abner Danielle Johnson Michael Eddings	<b>24</b> Austin Lykins	<b>25</b> Ruby Boyd	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Eliza Cheek Eddie/Rita Ingram
<b>28</b> Dane Conley Homecoming Visitation Group #3	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Diann Donaldson Tommy Cockrell	<b>GOSPEL MEETING WITH JERRY CARMICHAEL</b>			