

Look At What's Comin'

Teacher's & Workers Meeting!

Sun. Nov. 12th Teachers and workers meeting following the Evening service, in the deaf church's classroom.

Sun. Nov. 19th Thanksgiving Dinner

Following the morning services, a church wide Thanksgiving dinner will be offered, and all are welcome to come. Invite your relatives, friends, and neighbors to come.

Please help with the meal: Note—Last names beginning with letters **A—L** please bring desserts / letters **M—Z** please bring salads.

(also—a Christmas dinner is planned for Sun. Dec. 17th)

The Lord's Supper will be observed at the 6:00 p.m. hour on **Sun. Nov. 19th**. There will be opportunity given for testimonies, to recognize new church members, and to sing together of Jesus' suffering and death. This is a special service. Let's keep our Lord's command as He has said, "*This do in remembrance of me.*"

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A life without God says, "*Let us make us a name*" Gen. 11:4

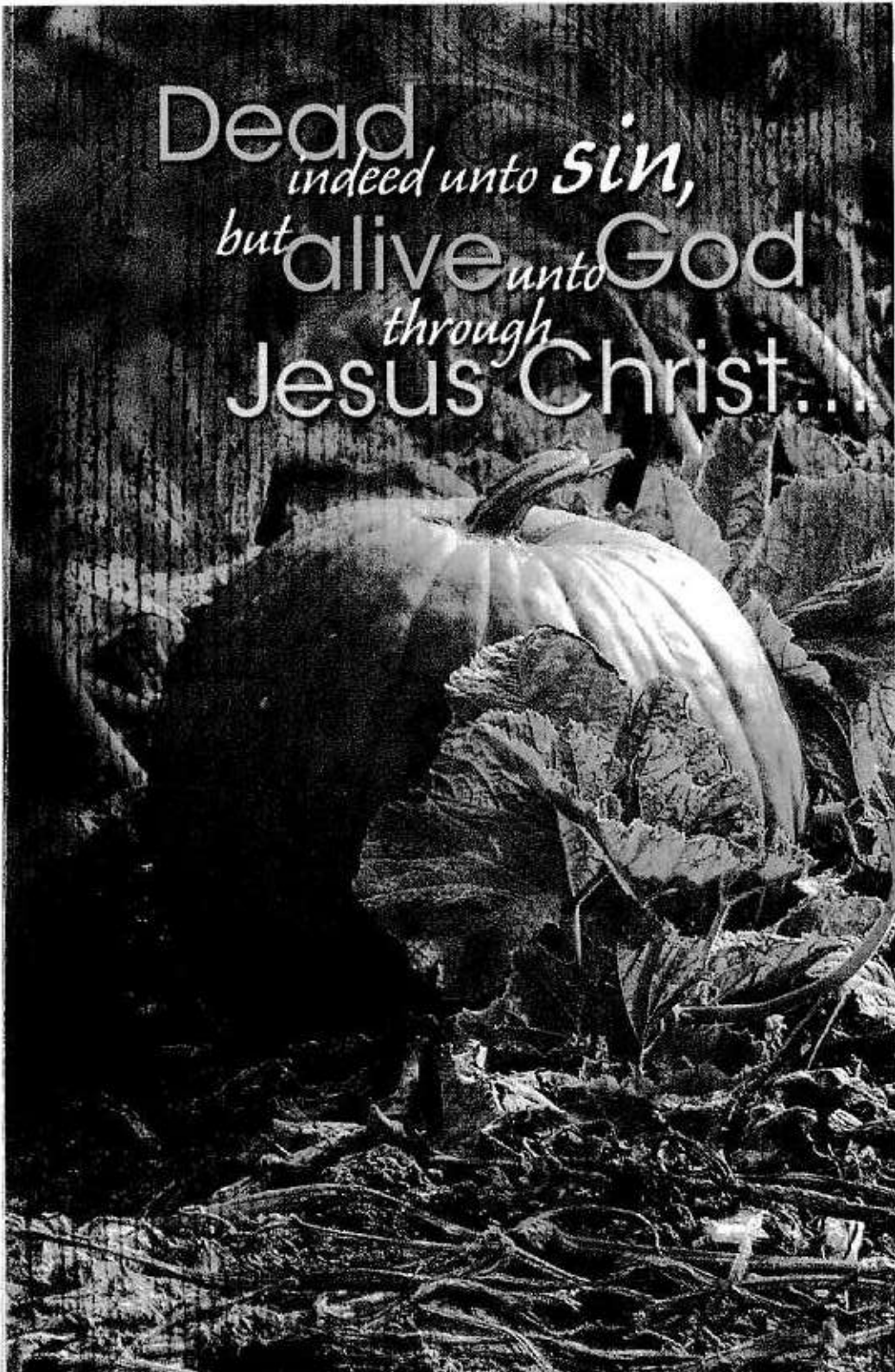
A life seeking God says, "*Our Father which art in heaven,  
Hallowed by thy name*" Mt. 6:9

### Schedule of Services

Sun. Sch. 10 am / Worship 11 am  
Sun. Evening - 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Evening - 6:00 p.m.

### Last Sunday's Report

Attendance 78  
General Offering \$ 2,859.00  
Missions 787.00



Dead indeed unto *Sin*,  
but alive unto *God*  
through *Jesus Christ...*

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Ray Melugin, Pastor      Nov. 5, 2017

### **Some Good Reasons To Sit Toward The Front**

I can give you an educated guess that all churches are the same in one way: Regular attenders and members sit in the same place for every service, and especially on Sunday. Even those visiting for the second or third time or more usually sit in the same place. I guess this proves in one way that we are creatures of habit. We get use to a certain thing, or place, or way, and it's easy to "stick-with-it" from "that day on."

With that thought in mind, here's an idea that will be foreign to most people: "Why don't I (we) sit somewhere else...maybe toward the front." Yeah! Why don't we? Here are several good reasons to sit toward the front of the auditorium during a church service.

#### **1. Sitting together shows church unity.**

I heard someone use the expression, "Those people are scattered like a handful of B-B's in a boxcar!" - a few B-B's, with a "whole-lot-a-space-between." A first time guest to our service, seeing us scattered would have the same thought.

**2. Sitting together prompts singing.** In a church service, hearing other's sing causes all to want to join in. It's catching...even if you may not be familiar with the song.

**3. It makes it easier for the preacher to preach.** I speak from experience. Preaching to a "crowd" is much easier than preaching to "one person at a time."

**4. Sitting together makes for a sweeter service.** At home, at restaurants, at reunions, families enjoy sitting together during the meal. We're a family...the word of God is being served. Bodies, spirits, and soul's need to be together.

**5. Friendship and fellowship is encouraged.** After sitting by someone you don't know very well causes you to feel like you know them a little better.

## *We Cannot Do Without Our Missionaries*

**Steve & Lynn Spore  
Vanuatu**

Vanuatu (Van-oo-ah-too) is an island a few hundred miles east of northern Australia.

### **Praise**

- Five of our class four students accepted Christ as Savior on August 21st. The next week, eleven more young people received Christ as well. Thanks to the Beams (a ministry that makes Bibles available to missions and other ministries) for giving each of these young people a personal Bible.
- We have our first missions conference booked for April of 2018.
- We were able to send a long bar chainsaw to Pastor Nekelson for use in the construction of their new church and Sunday School.
- Our former groundsman, Giovanni Baet was led to Christ.
- One of our young men surrendered for full time service.

### **Prayer**

- The need for another teacher to help in ministry during furlough.
- For God to supply our needs as we plan to go on furlough, and with making timely appointments with our supporting churches.
- Finding a place to call "home" while in the States.
- For all our new converts while we are away on furlough.
- Our faithful 12 year old Toyota truck needs a long list of repairs. The cost will be about \$ 1,000

Since our last letter, we have had a total of 17 trust Christ. Sometimes we seem to go through dry spells with nothing happening at the altar, then the Lord opens up the windows of heaven and pours out his blessings. Please pray for souls of people in Vanuatu.

Thanks for your support, The Spores