

- In Memory -
Lloyd Ferrell
 1923 — 2008

*Far beyond the clouds of sorrow, is a city built foursquare,
 In that city there are mansions, for the soul that is prepared.
 Far beyond the clouds of sorrow, saints will hear the Saviour say,
 Enter in my faithful servant, you've been faithful all the way,
 Jesus walks beside His children all the way,
 And will guide them everyday,
 Far beyond the clouds of sorrow, is that great eternal day.*

- Broadus E. Smith -

Beijing Church of Christ Olympics August, 2008

What will you be doing on August 3, 2008? My hope is that you and your entire congregation will be joining Christians around the world in a prayer of thanksgiving for the first meeting of the Beijing church of Christ. This is the first time a legally sanctioned congregation will be established in the capital city of The People's Republic.

The spark behind this epic undertaking was the announcement that Beijing would host the 2008 Summer Olympics August 8-24. The question arose, "Where will Christian athletes and attendees worship during the games? As consideration was given to arranging temporary worship facilities for visitors, a bold new vision emerged. Could this be the time for Churches of Christ to rise from the shadows and seek recognition by the nation's government? The world was coming to China. Might Christ be welcome too?

Preaching Schedule for the Olympic Games:

Inaugural Service, August 3 - Dr. Aubrey Johnson, "The Loving Church".

Olympics Begin Friday, August 8.
 August 10 - Dr. Aubrey Johnson, "The Faithful Church".
 August 17 & 24 - Bo Pugh (Minister PTC).

Imagine the Possibilities - -

The name "Beijing" (formerly Peking) means "northern capital". The city is located 100 miles from the coast in northeast China just west of North Korea. Beijing has been the country's capital on and off for 2000 years. According to 2005 statistics, the metropolitan area is home to over 15,000,000 people, three times the population of Atlanta, Georgia! And from there, the gospel will radiate to a nation of more than one billion lost souls. Who could have imagined that every hotel room in Beijing would soon be displaying a copy of the Bible both in English and Chinese (Ephesians 3:20)? And a few months ago, who would have dreamed that a congregation of the Lord's Church would be approved by the Communist government? Yet both are true!

In a short while, the most amazing attraction in Beijing will no longer be the Summer Palace, the Forbidden City, or the Great

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- He who cannot reach the mission field on his feet can reach it on his knees. -

News & Notes

BAPTISM: Jason Wright, 133 First St., P.O. Box 49, Georgetown, PA 15043. Phone: (724) 573-1605.

SYMPATHY: To Virginia Ferrell; Fred Ferrell & his family; and stepson, Jim Pinney & his family at the passing of our beloved Lloyd Ferrell. Lloyd was a fine Christian gentleman and a longtime member of this congregation. He will be greatly missed. God bless and comfort Virginia, and each family member.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Join the ladies and help prepare the bears for children.

SUNDAY EVENING SINGING: Next Sunday, July 27th, following the evening worship period.

PANTRY: Peanut butter & jelly.

LECTURES:

Greater Kanawha	Aug. 5- 8	St. Albans, WV
Ohio Valley	Aug. 18-21	(Harmar Hill) Marietta, OH

ENCOURAGE: Virginia Rickerd, Mabel Sprout.

SICK: City Hospital: Dan Williams. Beaver Medical Center: John Atkins (Jason's dad). Others with physical problems: Melvin Reed, Margaret Board, Yvonne Price, Carl Miller, Blondenia Orr, Jenny Rhodes, Pauline Clutter, Ruby Eddy, Rob Martin, Bette Gentry, Bob & Scharlotte Cyphers (with their daughter, Joyce Vantilburg); Phyllis Nelson (*stroke*) - David's mother; Anna D. Snell (*stroke*) - Jeremy's grandmother; Crystal Baker (*cancer*) - Connie Cowdery's daughter. **Others confined to their homes and in nursing homes are listed on the bulletin board.**

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Wall. The most inspiring sight in China will be the smiling faces of worshipers praising Jesus' name without fear of reprisal. Let us thank God for touching the hearts of Chinese leaders so the gospel may win the hearts of the people. To Him be the glory!

E-mails are currently being sent to every known congregation in the world to inform those attending the Olympics of the location and meeting times of the new church in Beijing. Services will be held at the Huan-dao Boya Hotel, 2 West Wan Shou Road (subway exit Wan Shou Road). Bible Class will be at 9:30 a.m. on the Lord's Day and Worship will follow at 10:30 a.m. The services will be translated into other languages to be determined by responses from brethren who confirm they will be present for the

games.

Two Simple Things YOU Can Do:

- Pray for God to raise up supporters equal to this matchless moment in history.
- Pass the word to as many friends and churches as you can.

And on August 3, don't forget to join kingdom encouragers from throughout the world in an international prayer of thanksgiving for the first worship service of the Beijing Church of Christ!

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