

SHARING —OUR FAITH—

ARE WE TRYING TO FOOL OURSELVES? Earlier this month it happened again. A death took place in northeast Arkansas in a family I know well. I am not talking about the death directly but instead, the reaction to her death. I noticed on Facebook many people expressing their condolences, with several of those expressions being written by my brothers and sisters in the faith. They wrote, "She's now in heaven looking down on all of us ... She's celebrating a grand reunion in heaven...She's gained her victory!" Really? Is she really in heaven?



The woman who died was a very nice person and active in the community. She was a good neighbor and a friend to all, but she was NOT a New Testament Christian. She was very religious, but religiously wrong as the church she attended did not practice New Testament worship as outlined by the Bible. She was never baptized for the forgiveness of her sins. She did not partake of the communion weekly. I could go on and on in regards to the traditions of men she followed, but you get the picture.

Still I saw church members (including the wife of one church leader) write the comments that I mentioned above. **ARE WE TRYING TO FOOL OURSELVES?**

It warms our hearts to believe all our loved ones will be in heaven but what does the Bible teach? If they never obey the Lord and follow His commands, do they have any hope? The answer is NO.

ARE WE TRYING TO FOOL OURSELVES into thinking that any attempt to follow Jesus will be rewarded, whether obedience is kept or not?

It is imperative that we help our loved ones realize their need to completely obey Jesus, and not just man's traditions. I would rather a loved one get upset with me that I presented the truth to them over the thought of them dying without the opportunity to obey. How about you?

When was the last time you invited your loved ones to a worship service? When was the last time you encouraged a Bible study to commence? Are you living Jesus in front of them 24/7? Do they hear of the good being done or do they often hear of the complaints regarding the Lord's church? Are you selling them on Jesus or running them off from the Lord? May we always live in such a way so they can see Jesus living in us!

~Michael Cox

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Welcome/Prayer.....Michael Cox
Song Leader.....Danny Griffith
#652 - "We Have Heard the Joyful Sound"
#837 - "I Need Thee Every Hour"

Opening Prayer.....Scott March
#922 - "Jesus Paid It All"

Scripture Reading/Prayer.....Larry Lekwa
COMMUNION

#615 - "He Keeps Me Singing"
Scripture Reading.....Michael Cox
Jeremiah 6:15-16

Sermon.....Billy Hayes
"Seek the Old Paths"

#912 - "Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary"

Announcements.....Festus Ugbade

#869 - "We're Marching to Zion"
Closing Prayer.....Festus Ugbade

Welcome/Prayer.....Michael Cox
Song Leader.....Sean Rall



Opening Prayer.....Drew Hudgens



COMMUNION



Scripture Reading.....Michael Cox
Acts 20:7

Sermon.....Billy Hayes
"What Does the Bible Say About:
GIVING"



Announcements.....Festus Ugbade



Closing Prayer.....Festus Ugbade

Children's 9:00 AM BIBLE CLASSES:

9th - 12th Boys- Annex
T.Togami, B.Hayes, D.Pogue

9th - 12th Girls- MPB
J.Togami, B.Hayes,
K.Hudgens

7th & 8th -room#113
Scott March

5th & 6th - room#115
Kenny Ward

3rd & 4th -room#114
Lisa Cox & Bevia Lamb

1st & 2nd -room#104
Lynn Dishongh &
Rebekah Tolleson

4 yrs -Kindergarten room#108
Diana Ward

18 mo.-3 yrs. -room#105
Martha Dean

6mo.-18 mo. -room#106
Jean Kazimier

Adult's 9:00 AM BIBLE CLASSES:

Adult class - room#112
First Principles
"The Lord's Supper"
Carl Johnson/Mike Schuler

Adult class - Auditorium
Billy Hayes "Job"

Adult Class -room #118
"Hard Sayings & Difficult
Texts of the Bible"
Michael Cox

Adult Class -room #116
"The Holy Spirit"
Danny Griffith

Young Adults/College Age
MPB-downstairs
Jonathan Bonde

Our Record: February 16, 2020

Bible Class.....150
AM Worship.....315
PM Worship.....132
Wed. Bible Class.....138
Contribution.....\$8,026.59

FEBRUARY CONTACTS

ELDER / DEACON:
Festus Ugbade /
Lessel Collier

FOOD COORDINATORS:
Kizzie Hoppis &
Angela Livingston



SUNDAY
9:00 AM BIBLE CLASSES
10:00 AM WORSHIP
6:00 PM WORSHIP
WEDNESDAY
7:00 PM BIBLE CLASSES

TUESDAYS in MPB
6:30 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
11:30 AM Ladies' Visitation Group
Every 1st TUESDAY of each month
9:30 AM Threads of Compassion
Sewing for sick children & cancer patients

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Seek the Old Paths

The Creator has always urged His children to follow His plan. All too often, those children have replied, “We will not follow.” That reply would always be to their detriment.

1. Thus saith the Lord

- When the Lord speaks, we are _____ to listen.
- _____ times the phrase “saith the Lord” is used.

2. Stand in the Way

- We are _____ by Christ.
- We must listen and _____ in the ways of God.

3. See and Ask

- We must be _____ in our search.
- Am I seeking after God with a proper _____?

4. The Old Paths

- That “Old Path” sends me back to the establishment of the _____ in Acts 2.
- I must walk therein!

The unfortunate and sad statement made in this verse is the following: “We will not walk therein.” May God bless us as we serve Him and defeat us when we serve ourselves.

~Billy Hayes

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Upcoming Events...

TODAY! SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- ♦ JR. JAM! • 3:30-5.00 pm • Annex
- ♦ L2L SONG LEADING PRACTICE • 5:00 pm • Boys in Auditorium & Girls in Rm#118
- ♦ PARENT HOSTED JR. YOUTH & TEEN DEVO • 7:05-8:30 pm • MPB • Livingstons hosting • Please have boys bring drinks & girls bring desserts~Thank you!

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- ♦ 2 CORINTHIANS BIBLE STUDY & FELLOWSHIP POT-LUCK • 6:00 pm Pot-Luck Dinner • 7:00 pm Bible Study with Carl Johnson • MPB

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

- ♦ WIDOWS & WIDOWERS DINNER-HOSTED BY THE TEENS • 5:00 pm • MPB • Please sign –up in the foyer by Wednesday 26th • (Teens please be @ MPB by 4:00 pm to help prep & serve)

How Are You Different?

By Greg Gwin

As the children of God, we are to be different from people of this world (Romans 12:2). We'd like to challenge you to do a little personal evaluation and see if YOU are really different. For example, are you different in the way you:

Dress -Too many Christians allow the fashion trends of a godless society to dictate how they dress. When God's children can be seen wearing swimming suits, shorts, halters and the like, how can we say that we are different from the world?

Talk -We've heard Christians using swear words, telling dirty jokes, and using other forms of coarse speech. Usually those who do so are seldom found speaking the precious “word of truth”. How are we different?

Act -When the people of God go to all the same places and do all the same things that the people of the world do, how can they claim to be different? Many, if not most, of the movies shown today are unfit for viewing by the faithful child of God. Television is full of all sorts of ungodliness. Yet Christians are watching it all and imitating the sinful things they see. It ought not to be so.

Serve God -All of this really boils down to a lack of willingness to humbly submit to God. The majority of people in the world like to give lip service to God, yet they proceed to do as they please. Some Christians are not far behind. They serve God only when it pleases them and only when it serves their purpose - not God's purpose.

Christian, how are you different? If you are living like God expects you to live, it will become obvious. Others will “think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot” (1 Peter 4:4).

PRAYER REQUESTS...

SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO

Thomas Morvant & Family -Thomas' cousin, Will McInnis & Thomas' uncle, Dan Turner passed away.

MEMBERS

Mike/Shirley Baka • Henry/Linda Cook
Cyndi/Bill Crow • Anna Foster • Ola Freibolt
Paul Kuhn • Beau Landrum • Fran Maris
Jane Needham • Karen Pate • Keith Powell
Clovis Reid • Lillie Mae Taylor
Wade Wisely

- ♦ Beck, Andrew (Health)
- ♦ Cook, Linda (Stroke)
- ♦ Jones, Alvena (Mammogram)
- ♦ Lavin, Wes (Surgery, 2/26)
- ♦ Pannell, Glenda (Heart tests)
- ♦ Pate, Kathy (Health)
- ♦ Pate, Leslie (Fell & reinjured back & has Bronchitis)
- ♦ Wireman, Patricia (Health)
- ♦ Wallis, Jim (Bronchitis)

ALL MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS

- * Bernard, Heidi -GCPD/HSVillagePD
- * Boughan, Tyler (EMS)
Garland County
- * Gay, Rhett (AF) Tyndall AFB,
Panama City, FL
- * Hayden, Austin (AF) McChord AFB,
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- * Snyder, Virgil (EMS),
Garland County
- * Spellings, Randy (Nat'l Guard) Kuwait
- * Tolleson, Rebekah LRPD
- * Vincent, Tyler (VF) Garland County
- * Wells, Andrew GCPD/HSPD

FAMILY/FRIENDS BATTLING CANCER

Dan Azbell • Sophia Cannady
Sammye Collier • Darrell Cormier
Jimmy Denton • Gene Foster
Melanie Garner • Mariah Green
Karen Henderson • Brandon Holston
Troy Keiss • Phyllis Madden • Sandy Pitman
Charlie Isom • John Raines • Vi Reams
Kevin Steed • Andrea Thompson
Janice Wilcox

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Evalene Bright • Paula Crippen • Jim Crow
Paul Geuinn • Verdell Goins
Chuck/Linda Golden • William Jones
Austin King • Jane Maynard
Beth McCollum • Lee Ratcliff • Judy Straut

- ♦ Blount, Darrell (Pogue Sr.'s friend)
Bell's Palsy
- ♦ Blount, Pat (Pogue Sr.'s Friend) CHI
St. Vincent's, Kidney problems
- ♦ Denny, Wayne (G.Pianalto's friend)
Will have a lung removed in LA
- ♦ Gentry, Donny (L. Plant's FIL)
Health
- ♦ Graves, Evan (R.Needham's grand-
son)
- ♦ Hudson, Blain –Doing well
- ♦ Palmer, Sam (Rick's bro.) Muscular
Sclerosis & Diabetes
- ♦ Queen, Christi (Horne's daughter)
Stroke
- ♦ Vaughn, Chad (Joanne Vaughn's son)
Has Steven Johnson Syndrome & is in
a lot of pain –once that is resolved he
will begin chemo

Philippians 4:6

