

## An Epistle from Paul:

**Amateur Christians?!** – What kind of a Christian are you anyway? Are you a “professional” or “an amateur” Christian? Years ago my brother Jim wrote an excellent article along these lines. What follows is that article. It is worthy of any time and effort put forth in reading and applying it!



*Amateur Christian?: Perhaps the phrase sounds a little strange. Some people think in those ideas. After all, the preacher gets paid for what he does at church, but they don't. That's the difference between a professional and an amateur, right?*

*I disagree, and I disagree for the same reason you know the phrase “amateur Christian” is a contradiction of terms. The Bible calls the Christian walk our “profession of faith.” This hardly qualifies any Christian as an amateur.*

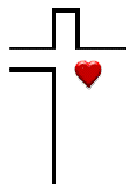
*Then I heard a contrast between the professional and the amateur when I was at a Christian Writers' Conference. “An amateur writer writes only when he feels like it, a professional writes whether he feels like it or not!”*

*That is a valid contrast between the amateur “laity” Christian and the professional “clergy” Christian. It is not a paycheck that distinguishes one from the other. Paul paid his own way all the time he preached at Corinth. Call him an “amateur”?*

*I have seen hit and miss attendance... “sometimes” offerings... church hoboos who look for a church that “meets their needs”... These are the “amateur Christians,” if such lack of commitment can still wear the name “Christian.”*

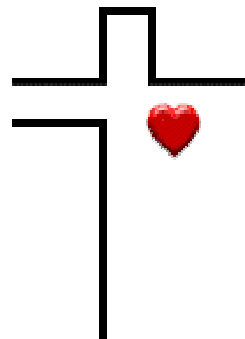
*But that's just it, where does the Bible allow such behavior within the church of our Lord? Why the clergy/laity distinction? We are all ministers. We are all priests. We are all professional Christians, or we are not Christians at all....*

*In His Marvelous Love, Paul*



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## The Timely Word

Proverbs 15:23 “... How delightful is a timely word.”

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**Come Worship and Serve Him With Us!**

Bible School .....9:30 a.m.      Morning Worship .....10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study .....10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

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**Two Major Matters Addressed!**

As you open up this edition of *The Timely Word* you will be reading detail concerning two major areas within the Lord's church here taking place in the very near future. Please read these over carefully and plan now to involve you and your family in them! Check these out and be involved!!



## Here's the Count!

July 31, 2016 .....	\$1,541.00
(Van = \$75; Building = \$35)	
August 7, 2016 .....	\$3,543.00
(Van = \$90; Building = \$85)	
August 14, 2016.....	\$1,918.00
(Van = \$100; Building = \$30; Missions = \$50)	
August 21, 2016 .....	\$2,677.10
(Van = \$150; Building = \$80; Missions = \$50)	

# Youth activities

**Youth Groups Begin** – Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> here at the building at 6:30 to 7:45 PM the older and younger youth groups will be getting started. From preschool on up to High School we urge all youth to come! Bring your friends and get involved then!!!

**Senior High Lock-In** – Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 6 PM older youth will gather here at the building for their first *Lock-In*. Bring the following: *sleeping gear (pillow, pj's, sleeping bag etc.)*; swimming clothes; favorite snack; a friend. Pick up will be the following morning at 9 AM. What a great opportunity for fellowship, devotions, good food and info of future youth events!!

**Helping Our Seniors** – Several of our older brothers and sisters in the church family are in need of help with around the house projects. Our older youth will be stepping up and lending their youth bodies and minds to help them out. We urge our older brethren to get in touch with Chris/Tonya Woods and let them know of projects you need help with around your household!!!

(by no means an exhaustive list)

**Military Personnel:** Zachary Claywell, Austin Brasher, and Stephen Watts...

**Recovering and Other Matters:** Doris Childers, Betty/Cronley Teater, Jeanie Laubauch, Emma Grace Mills, Reva Cole, Dan Swihart, Monte Rieger, Dottie Campbell, Jack/John Rowell, Connie Moore, Barry Rieger, David Ramey, Connie Martin, Emma Sartain, Daryl McKee, Gary Stevenson, Jana Jo Carpenter, Joe and Margaret Worrell, Herman Kelly, Rick Watts, Jeff Watts, Darlene Dane, Angela Remley, Martha Gabbard, Randy Hawk, Wanda Lee, Randy Eby, Pam Kauslick, Ron Lee, Brenda Buhler, James Watkins, Alan Keesling,

**Dealing With Cancer:** Dalene McIntire, Rebecca Strong, George Collins, and Evert Synder, Janey Brown, Pam Kauslick...



# BIG sunday

## BIG Sunday – October 16, 2016

You will not want to miss this amazing opportunity. Brother Jack Cottrell (the most thorough theologian/writer/preacher of the Restoration Movement ever) will be present to teach to our adult combined Bible School Hour. He will then be preaching during the morning worship assembly. What a marvelous time to urge family and friends to be present... Let's pack the building and make this are really BIG Sunday to the honor and glory of our Lord! More detail will be forth coming concerning all taking place that day!!!