

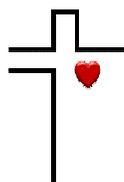
## An Epistle from Paul:

**Do Not Be Foolish!** –A poor widow’s son down in Texas struck it rich through the oil industry (black gold, Texas T...). To show his appreciation and love for his mother he wanted to give her an unusual and expensive pet. He asked the merchant of a pet store what he had. The merchant answered, “I have a Minah bird worth \$25,000. It is the only one in the world that can recite the Lord’s Prayer, the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, the Gettysburg Address, and the Preamble to the Constitution.” “I’ll take it,” said the impressed son. “I don’t care how much it costs. Mom is worth it.” He brought the bird home and sought out the best way to have the bird shipped to his mother. The next week he called her. “Did you get the bird, Mom?” She responded, “O, yes dear. Thank you so very much for such a thoughtful gift.” The son then asked, “Well, how do you like it?” She then said, “It was delicious, son!”

Let me use this to help illustrate yet another important Biblical principle. Ephesians 5:15-17 says, “*Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.*” Certainly, the above story illustrates several matters, not the least of which is the constant need each of us has to make sure not to be foolish. In this story the son was “foolish” for not emphasizing the value behind the bird... the mother was “foolish” for not realizing the value behind the bird... How each of us need to *make the most of our time*. We obviously live in seriously evil and wicked times. In order not to live as does the world, may we encourage and urge each other to not be foolish; instead, let us make the most of the time our God has given us!!

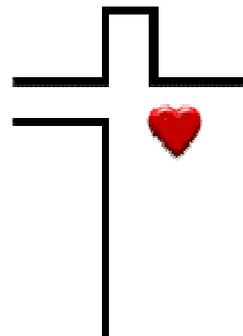
**Postscript** – A great time of fellowship and pizza was had by all this past Sunday evening. Our thanks to Jon and Missy Rieger for again making the arrangements for this time... Please keep that prayer matter concerning the land behind us in the forefront of your petitions to God... A solid crowd was present this past Sunday. It reminds us all of the potential the Lord’s church here really has... See you/yours Sunday!

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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### Consider the Creator!

The movie “Secretariat” is based on the true story of a horse known also as *Big Red*. What a fascinating story of a horse and its owner... Now, we recognize gambling played a big role in the notoriety of this horse and that as servants of God in no way can we condone nor participate in such a practice; however, the sure beauty and power of a horse

ought to catch our attention. Honestly, few creatures of God’s creation if any excel the majesty of a horse... Watch a horse run and it is amazing those little spindly legs can even hold the horse up. Not only do those legs hold the horse up, but those legs make the horse fly... Here then is my point: ever wonder why God created the horse? Let me suggest two solid reasons. First, God created the horse to be used... AND enjoyed by you and me... Secondly, and certainly not least God created the horse to give us insight into His majesty and power. Something as magnificent as the horse wasn’t a happenstance or something that just *evolved*. The horse is part of God’s creation made specifically for God’s greatest creation – man! Look at a horse and consider the Creator!!



## Here's the Count!

February 19, 2012.....\$1,912.20  
 February 26, 2012.....\$1,834.05

### Next Luncheon is Set!

Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> will be the date of our next church luncheon. We will be gathering at the Midway Restaurant, in Lewisburg at 12 Noon. If you want or need a ride, please don't hesitate to call Bill W. or Paul N. The onion rings and tenderloins at this place are something else... We would count it a privilege to have you come and join us for this time of fellowship together. Maxine Rodefer and Velma Boroff always do a good job of entertaining us with their readings and humorous stories... Hope to see you then!!!



### Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>!

It is already that time of the year, the time we do the insane thing of *springing ahead* (adding an hour at the beginning so we have the hour at the end...) Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour when you retire Saturday evening. See you wide awake!!

### It's What the Bible Says!

Galatians 6:7 says, "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap." Obviously, the world doesn't accept/believe this. The world thinks it can do whatever it wants with no accountability to God and in most cases anyone else. *God is not mocked*, means God knows precisely what is in our heart and He knows what motivates us to be the people we are. Don't let the world motivate you... Be motivated by His grace alone! Amen!!!



(by no means an exhaustive list)

**All Military Personnel:** Adam Wentzell, Christopher Drew, Ben Shelley, Zachary Polsini, Cody Vance, Bud Reed, Courtney Reed, Austin Brasher, and Stephen Watts (if other please let us know...)  
**Recovering and Other Matters:** Doris Childers, Betty Teater, Ruby Rieger, Jean Howard, Florence & Jeanie Laubauch, Emma Grace Mills, Denise Hammonds, Reva Cole, Dan Swihart, Monte Rieger, Dottie Campbell, Kathy Romeo, Kay Stafford, Ron Mays, Tim Ketchem, WillaDean Claywell, Neil Snow, Pam Kauslick, Rita Culp, Kay Campbell,  
**Dealing With Cancer:** Pam Cole, Mary Lou Kidwell, A.T. Rogers, Judy Bell, Ron Hornsby, Terry Liming, Rick Crane...



### God's Call to Holiness!



Do people take us seriously? Do they look at our lives and see something different about our attitude, mannerism, and the way we treat one another and them? God calls all of His people to be holy because He is holy. Does this mean we are perfect? Hardly, but it does mean with the presence of His Spirit we are enabled to be ever growing in our holiness. Does this mean we are "holier than others?" No, but it does mean we recognize the need to be different than the world. As Christians we are to be *IN* the world but not *OF* the world. May we always take God's call to holiness seriously!!!

### Let's Show the World!

As skeptical and pagan as the world is, there are still those who are waiting for you and me to come to them and show them that *Jesus is Lord!* This is the focal point behind why we exist as a local church. There are people in this community and surrounding areas who are *waiting* for us to come and tell/show them their need for Christ as their Lord and Savior. Come on. Let's show the world our Lord!!!

