

An Epistle from Paul:

Amateur Christians? – My blood brother, Jim is an excellent writer. The following is an article he wrote several years ago. Please read it over carefully. It is well written, self explanatory and worth an AMEN!

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 in 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!"

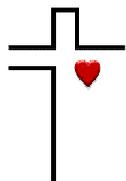
That is a valid contrast between the amateur "laity" Christian and the professional "clergy" Christian. It is not a paycheck that distinguishes one from the other. Paul paid his own way all the time he preached at Corinth. Call him an "amateur"?

I have seen hit and miss attendance. I have seen "sometimes" offerings. I have seen church hoboes who look for a church that "meets their needs" and stay away from the assembly if their feelings are hurt. These are the "amateur Christians," if such lack of commitment can still wear the term "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. Let's abolish the laity and hold fast the profession of our faith (Hebrews 10:23).

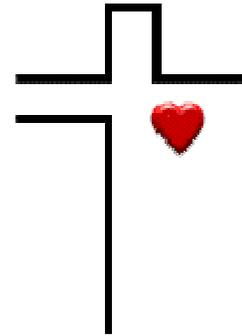
Postscript: We will miss Shirley Dixon... but rejoice she is present with our Lord!... Plan to join us Saturday, Feb 22nd for our Carry-in meal...

In His Marvelous Love, Paul



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Wednesday Bible Study10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

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You may not be able to read the sign above; so, here is what it says: **If you have had enough cold and snow, please... raise your hands!** Did to hear that? All those hands being raised high is a pretty good indication we all have had our fill of winter... That being the case it must be noted that our attendance throughout all of this weather has been **SOLID**. Even with the weather, sickness and various other matters, we have been blessed with solid attendance week in and out. This we'll take any time of the year...



Here's the Count!

January 26, 2014\$2,082.00
 February 2, 2014.....\$2,983.06

Shirley Dixon is Present with the Lord!

This past Friday a funeral service was held in memory of our sister in the Lord, Shirley Dixon. After 92 plus faith years of worship and service to our Lord, she suffers no longer and is present with the Lord... O, how we will miss this dear sister, but, O how we rejoice for her... We look forward to the day when we all will receive our new, glorified bodies and will be in His presence for all eternity worshipping and serving our Lord!!



Kathryn Robinson is Present with the Lord!

This past Sunday Kathryn Robinson (mother of Keith and grandmother of Darcy) became absent in body and is now present with the Lord. Kathryn was 99 years old when she passed from here. Her visitation is taking place Tuesday (Feb. 11th 2 PM to 8 PM) at Oberlin Turnbull Funeral Home in

Bryan, OH. Her funeral service will be held there Wednesday (Feb. 12) at 11 AM. We rejoice with Keith, Darcy and the rest of their family... We also weep as they are now separated, though temporary as it may be, from their mother and grandmother!...

With the pictures of these two sisters in Christ... think about the impact they both have had in influencing people with the Gospel!!!

(by no means an exhaustive list)

Military Personnel: Christopher Drew, Zachary Polsini, Cody Vance, Austin Brasher, and Stephen Watts...

Recovering and Other Matters:

Doris Childers, Betty/Cronley Teater, Florence/Jeanie Laubauch, Emma Grace Mills, Reva Cole, Dan Swihart, Monte Rieger, Dottie Campbell, Pam Kauslick, Greg Moore, Eddie Johnson, Jack/John Rowell, Tammy Dunaway, Glen Byrd, Doris Hapner, Ron/Wanda Lee, Martha Gabbard, Anna Eiford...

Dealing With Cancer: Emily Shank, Dalene McIntire, Rita Culp, Cory Wysong, George Collins, Steve Abernathy, and Chuck Paul...



Mark Your Calendar!

Church Meal is Slated!

Saturday, February 22nd at 5 PM we will be meeting at the church building for a good old fashion church carry-in meal. You carry it in and we'll all eat it together! This will give us all opportunity to sit down with each other for some good old fashion fellowship in the Lord along with some good to boot. Mark this down now and plan to be a part of this gathering then!!!

Let the Bible Speak!

As we studied together recently, the Bible can and does speak for itself. This is God's Word and it doesn't depend on your interpretation vs my interpretation. Let the Bible speak for itself and let it accomplish exactly what God

said His Word would do – Isaiah 55:11 “...My Word will not come back void...” Aren't you thankful that we have such a rich heritage that stands on the Bible alone? Aren't you thankful we have as our sole source of authority nothing less than the very Words of God?!

