

March 19, 2017

Privileged to Serve:

Announcements	Glenn Bowles
Song Leader	Paul Davidson
Scripture Reading AM: Isaiah 55:6-11 PM: Hebrews 7:1-10	Randall Collins
Opening Prayer	Billy Lowery
Closing Prayer	Tim Dunavant
Lord's Table	Randy Deavours Larry Clements Charles Gay Skyler Deavours
Lock Building	Freeman Mahan
Prepare Lord's Table	Sandra

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*Schedule
of
Services*



Sunday AM

Bible Class 9:30

Worship 10:30

Sunday PM

Worship 5:00

Wednesday PM

Bible Study 7:00

Cleveland Church of Christ

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Fortified, Refreshed, and Energized!

I am not certain when I first heard the term *revival*. As I was growing up, I do not recall ever having a guest preacher come to the Presbyterian church we attended to revive us in our desire to serve God. However, in my young adulthood, as I became affiliated with various Baptist churches, some of them would have revivals.

After obeying the gospel, I became acquainted with a different term, *gospel meeting*. The term signifies the exact purpose of the meetings - assemblies in which the gospel is preached with the hope that those outside the body of Christ will be influenced to believe and obey it. In the period between the end of the Civil War and the end of the war in Viet Nam, gospel meetings often lasted through three Sundays and perhaps through the third Wednesday, and may have included both day and evening services. These meetings were well attended and many souls were converted or restored to Christ. However, since the 1970's, gospel meetings have mostly been reduced to the Sunday-through-Wednesday or weekend format with only one service except on Sundays.

Why has interest in gospel meetings waned so much in recent years? I suggest that it is because of worldliness - the fact that so much of our time is occupied by worldly activities. In times past, gospel meetings were more popular because people were not so involved in TV, sports activities, and the pursuit of hobbies. Attending the meetings provided a great break in the routine of their lives. Today our society is so much more worldly-minded, and thus less spiritually minded. Instead of putting God first in our list of priorities, we manage to pencil Him in when there is a vacancy. When that becomes our habit, we soon find ourselves just going through the motions and in danger of falling away altogether.

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Please call, text, or email Ponna with news and/or info for the bulletin:

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I am grateful that our elders recognize the importance of gospel meetings. We continue to have two every year, and our spring meeting is upon us. Frank Chesser is one of the most dynamic preachers in the brotherhood, and I encourage everyone to be present at each session. Come expecting to be fortified in the faith, to be refreshed in our Christian fellowship, and to be energized in service to the Lord and the edification of this congregation.

~Freeman



We sorrow with Gay in the sudden passing of her son Michael on Monday. His services were held Friday at White's Chapel.

MEMORY VERSE: Proverbs 30:5:

Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

Prayer Needs:

- **Linda Loe** was released from the hospital Wednesday and is recuperating at home.
- **Maronda** saw a neurologist Thursday; she learned she has had multiple strokes in the past – one of them massive – and she has a lot of damage. She is to begin physical therapy tomorrow, and is scheduled for an EKG Tuesday.
- **Charlie Bagwell** was admitted to the Winfield hospital over the weekend. He is currently in room 319, but it is hoped that he will be transferred to the Senior Care Unit for rehab tomorrow. Visits there will be very limited.

Please continue to remember **Carol, Hubert, Jimmy & Virginia, Jerrell, Norma Nabors, Roger Peters, Steve Ellis, Terry Moore, Barbara Tarwater...**

News & Notes:

- **We welcome our visitors;** we are indeed honored to have you with us. Please give us an opportunity to get acquainted with you following services.
- **Bible Bowl** at 2:00 this afternoon at Whitehouse.
- Our **Gospel Meeting** with Frank Chesser begins next Sunday and continues through Wednesday. We will have a potluck fellowship at 5:45 each evening, including Sunday. Please keep this effort in your prayers, and plan to be present at every service.
- The **Tuesday Ladies Bible Class** meets at 10AM in the fellowship hall. Lesson 11 this week.

PRAYER LIST: Charlie & Bessie, Maronda

Benjamin Franklin Hall related to Alexander Campbell about an Indian who had been given a Bible by a Methodist preacher, around the spring of 1825. He read it through. Some years later, he went to the preacher and asked if he'd go to the river to baptize him. Preacher asked why, saying he could take water from a tumbler and baptize him. Then the Indian said, "If that is baptism, you gave me the wrong book."

– Campbell published story in the Millennial Harbinger

Smile and Silence
are two powerful tools.
Smile is the way to solve
many problems.
And Silence is the way to
avoid many problems.



- Those interested in participating in the **World Bible School** program **through the postal system** are asked to give your name to one of the elders so they can take the proper steps to get set up for it. Those who wish to participate online should go to www.worldbibleschool.org and follow the instructions there.

Rom. 12:10-21

¹⁰Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; ¹¹Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; ¹²Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; ¹³Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. ¹⁴Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. ¹⁵Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. ¹⁶Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. ¹⁷Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. ¹⁸If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. ¹⁹Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. ²⁰Therefore, if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. ²¹Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reflection

*Help me to live so that others may see
A reflection of You, Lord, dwelling in me.
May those I encounter see Your light each day
In all that I do and in all that I say.*

*May I never be found besmirching Your name
In want of this world's goods or fame.
And if with a neighbor I should disagree
And one must suffer wrong, Lord, let it be me.*

*May I never be guilty of being harsh or unkind,
Or stand in the way of one seeking to find
You, O Lord; make my words sweet and true
So that I never cast a bad reflection on You.*

*As I strive to be salt, Lord, give me savor;
And as Your shining light, please grant me favor:
Guide my path, may my feet never stray,
So that those who are watching see clearly Your way.*

~Ponna





