



Remember in Prayer

Shut Ins:

Vallie Andrews
Fannie Bell Warren
Jenelle Arrington

Others:

Bradley & Betty Glover
Hollis Cluck
The Pfaffs - Missionaries
Ruth Judkins
Diane Chopay
Vickie Wade
Craig Cook
Judy Higgins
Muril Todd
Lila Kirk
The entire Bryan Family
Karen Hudson - cancer
Diane G.'s mother - asthma
Charles Grisham

May Birthdays:

16 - Sam Forbes
31 - Kyle Richardson

Anniversaries:

10 - Sam & Edna Forbes
15 - Ken & Dian Grandstaff

*Please call to inform us of
News items or Prayer Requests
that need to be in the Bulletin:
Kyle Richardson - 495-7106
Dorothy Jean Smith - 444-5437*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fellowship Meal tonight after services. Remember, we are having leftover barbeque!

Preaching schedule is on the back bulleting board, Men if you want to preach, sign up!

The **Bible Study/Visitation Team** will meet on Tuesday night. If you want to be part of this team, please make plans to attend. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the plans for the summer. Come and be a part of this vital work.

Daily Bible Reading

DATE	MORN.	EVE.
May 3	ISA 9-10	PS 11-12
May 4	ISA 11-13	PS 13-15
May 5	1 SA 14	PS 16-17
May 6	1 SA 15-16	PS 18
May 7	1 SA 17	PS 19-20
May 8	1 SA 18-19	PS 21-22
May 9	1 SA 20-21	PS 23-24

Bethel Church of Christ

Sunday, May 3, 2009

Serving This Week:

TIMES OF SERVICES:

Sunday Morning -
Bible Study 10:00
Worship 11:00

Sunday Evening -
Worship 6:00

Wednesday Evening -
Bible Study 7:00

Church Building Location -
2427 Sparta Pike
Lebanon, TN 37090

Bethel's Website -
www.Bethelcoc.net

GROW TEAM MEETINGS

Correspondence - Sunday evenings after worship

Visitation/Bible Study - For assignments see *Brian Horner*

Member Care - Regarding Member needs contact *Kyle*

Flower Request - Please call *Danise Fisher: 237-3239*

Sunday Morning

Announcements: William Glover
Song Leader: Brian Horner
Opening Prayer: Kyle Richardson
Scripture Reading: Aaron Hebert
Lord's Supper:
Presiding: Dan Higgins
Serving: Robert Glover
Ken Grandstaff
Preaching: Howell Todd
Closing Prayer: Bob Fisher

Sunday Evening

Opening Prayer: Mel Hebert
Preaching: Singing Night
Closing Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

Wednesday Evening

Opening Prayer: Mel Hebert
Devotional: Kyle Richardson
Closing Prayer: Bob Fisher

Serving Next Sunday:

Pres. Lord's Supper: Howell Todd
Preaching:
Opening Prayer: Dan Higgins
Closing Prayer: Mel Hebert

Rediscovering Our True Purpose

George Colbert conducted a survey of religious individuals who were all active in their local congregations. He asked them what they thought the church's #1 purpose was. The response was that 89% thought the church's primary responsibility was to take care of the members needs. In other words, four out of five felt that the church existed to take care of itself.

Certainly, the local church should provide for the physical needs (food, clothing, and shelter) of members who are struggling. Likewise, emotional needs are met in hospital visitation and grief counseling. Worship facilities, Bible classes, fellowship activities, and youth projects help lead members toward spiritual maturity.

Like individuals, churches have to resist the temptation of selfishness. Personal comforts and needs must not blind us to the greater needs of those outside of our fellowship. Paul challenges all of us with the message of Galatians 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and delivered Himself up for me."

After restoring Zaccheus, Jesus said, "...for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which is lost" (Luke 19:10). If Jesus was interested in the lost, should we not be as well? If Jesus' primary message was even evangelistic, how can we make outreach a secondary project? The local church needs to be evangelistic and mission minded. The lost need to weigh so heavily on our hearts that we share our energies and resources to seek them.

Colbert's statistics explain why most churches are not growing and why mission efforts are sagging. If our personal comforts and fellowship needs are our primary focus, we simply become a social club with a religious theme. If helping the "needy" is the final goal of our efforts, we settle for being a service organization with a religious vocabulary. However, it is the spiritual reality of evangelism that sets the church off as a unique entity – one that is rescuing the lost and addressing the realities of eternity.

- Bulletin Digest: Don Loftis, Calvert City church of Christ

Can you find 16 Books of the Bible in this paragraph?

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu. Kept people looking so hard for facts and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam especially since the names of the books were not capitalized, but the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others will require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them and there will be a loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea, so she can concentrate better. See how well you can complete. Relax now, for There really are sixteen names of books in the Bible in this story.

Hints: Look "within the words" for the names; cross over punctuation marks; link words together to complete a word.
(It has been said that one preacher found fifteen books in twenty minutes...but it took him three weeks to find the sixteenth one!)

This Week's Bible Trivia:

Q - Who took off his shoe to bind a contract?

Check back next week for the answer!

Last Week's Bible Trivia:

Q - What woman made a pair of kid gloves for her son?

A - Rebekah. (Gen 27:15, 16)