

"herald the good news" Romans 10:15

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BUSY WEEK-END

While many of our people were busy around the building this past week-end with the give-away some of our adults and youth were in Madisonville for the annual Bible Quest competition. I am so very proud of our wonderful youth group and the good things they continue to be involved in. I just wished that more of you could get to know them and the wonderful spirit they have. The following are the results from the 09 Bible Quest. You will note that some of the congregations joined together for certain parts of the activities.

Individual Competition

9-12 Grade High School Level

2nd place-Lisa Bundy

Honorable Mention-Amy Bundy

Team Competition

9-12 Grade High School Level

1st Place (Amy Bundy, Lisa Bundy, Mary Holloman-Marion)

6-8th Grade Middle School Level

1st Place (Sarah Catherine Steely-Micah Holloman, Cole Foster-Marion)

2nd Place (Walter Steely+2 boys from Hardin Co.)

*Audie Cherry competed with the Poole congregation

The many activities of our youth would not be possible without the support and help from parents. You are still the single greatest force in the lives of your children. Our children are blessed to have loving parents and the wonderful support of Neal and Ashley as they strive to guide them toward their home in heaven. I do hope that all of us as adults will continue to encourage our youth in every way we can. The future looks bright for the kingdom in our community. Most of all pray for them and those who are guiding them.

G.P.

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. I MUST BELIEVE

"But without faith, it is impossible to please Him" (Hebrews 11:6)

2. I MUST REPENT

"Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3)

3. I MUST CONFESS

"And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God" (Acts 8:37)

4. I MUST BE BAPTIZED

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." (Mark 16:16)

5. I MUST LIVE RIGHT

"We should live soberly, righteously, and Godly in this present world" (Titus 2:12)

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Worship at 10:30 am & 6:00 pm

Bible Class at 9:30 am

WEDNESDAY

Bible Class at 7:00 pm

ELDERS

Fred Barnett, Mark DeLong,
Rodney Newton, Ray Poston, Stephen Stilwell

DEACONS

Micah Busbey, Karl Dawson, Bob McIndoo,
Jeff Morris, Juan Nunez,
Mark Springer, Leland Steely, Tim Tapp

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ABSENTEEISM

The burial detail at Bataan found this poem on a 19 year old lad from Indiana, who lost his life in a bloody battle:

“And if our lines should sag and break,
Because of things you failed to make-
That extra tank, that ship, that plane for which we waited all in van;
Will you then come to take the blame?”

For we, not you must pay the cost of battles you, not we, have lost.”

Hundreds of thousands of dollars are lost every year due to absenteeism. The line of defense that stands to defend the gospel is made weaker when you choose to stay at home or go somewhere else. We love you even if you are not here, but our love leads us to want your presence as we worship and serve God. So much time is spent in lesson preparation by so many and it is discouraging when many choose not to attend. So many souls depend on your life, not for salvation for that is only in Jesus, but as an example. Prayers will still go to God’s throne on your behalf but you must make a decision to be faithful.

There will be times of apparent defeat but it doesn’t have to destroy us. Our task is to remain faithful even if we have to die for our faith (Revelation 2:10). Why do children have to go down in defeat because they had no Christian parents to guide them? I know as they mature they must make their own decisions but it is far easier when they have had godly examples before them from birth. Make plans to be faithful for worship services and Bible study hours. You’ll be surprised at how excuses will melt away. God knew the importance of our assembling together (Hebrews 10:25-26). Every member of the church of Christ is needed to complete the body. Some may die on the battle field because one of us failed to do our job. The study we are making this week of I & II Thessalonians reminds us of the importance of the gospel being preached and lived. The gospel is the power of God to save (Romans 1:16) but often others don’t desire to know the word because they have seen hypocrisy. That certainly won’t excuse the sinner in the day of judgment nor will it excuse the hypocrite.

Gary Puryear

WATER OF LIFE

A preacher was speaking on the subject , “Jesus, the Water of life.” A Moslem interrupted him and said, “Your religion is like this little stream of water, but Islam is like a great ocean!” “Yes,” said the preacher, “but there is this difference; when men drink ocean water they die! But when they drink the water of life which Christ gives they live forever!”

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY (8/19/09)

Opening Prayer: Neal Mathis
Closing Prayer: Ben Grogan
Devotional: Mark DeLong
Song Leader: Leland Steely

SUNDAY (8/23/09)

AT THE TABLE

*Brad Carter Ray Poston
Barry Green Josh Fletcher
David Hust Alan Carter
David Leigh *Glenn Lewis

*Denotes those to serve communion Sunday night

AM Worship

Announcements: Mark Springer
Opening Prayer: Mark DeLong
Scripture Reading: Bill Bridwell
Closing Prayer: Barney Shockley
Ushers: Micah Busbey
John Heldreth

DOOR GREETERS

Jeff Morris
Kathy Morris
Louise McIlwain

PM Worship

Opening Prayer: Glenn Lewis
Scripture Reading: Fred Barnett
Closing Prayer: Jeff Morris

FOR THE RECORD (August 9):

Sunday Morning Worship: 224
Sunday Morning Bible Study: 150
Sunday Evening Worship: 158
Wednesday Bible Study: 134
Contribution: \$6056.33

NEWS AND NOTES

Prayer Request: Darrell Todd, Carolyn Clevenger, Tommy Jenkins, Mary Odom, Joe Hein, Jenny Revlett, Carole Bass, Debbie Hein, John Kavanaugh, Tom Koerner, William Neal, Wanda Gish, Rick Thomas, Greg Tapp, Joann Hayes, Gene Thomason, Deborah Polly, Lula Haskins, Clarence Deno, Pat Bishop and family, Kathryn Dunbar, Mary Butler, Daniel H. Mote

Gospel Meeting: Sturgis Church of Christ, Aug. 27-30 with Rob Whitacre as their guest speaker.

Missed Birthday: Jerry Whitley’s birthday was Aug. 4. Sure hope he didn’t forget it since we did not have it on our list.

Ladies: On Aug. 23 the Ladies’ class will begin a new study- “Leading Ladies-Willing Hearts, Willing Hands”. All the ladies are invited to be with us to study God’s Word and get to know other ladies of the our congregation. Mary Steely

Thanks: I must apologize for the tardiness of this card, for it has been an exhausting past few weeks. But, I want to thank everyone for the cards, words of encouragement and support. You all are wonderful. Thank you. Daniel Howard (He was baptized recently).

Fifth Sunday Contribution: All goes to the building fund (Aug. 30).

Homecoming and Gospel Meeting: September 27-30.

G.P.