

"herald the good news" Romans 10:15

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BEARING THE BURDENS OF LIFE

I recently saw a t-shirt with the words "Life is Good" written across the front. There is no question about it; life is good for the Christian because he has fellowship with God, all spiritual blessings in Christ (Eph. 1:3), and the hope of heaven in his heart (Titus 1:2).

Nevertheless, even for the Christian, there will be many burdens to bear. Scripture affirms, "Man that is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble" (Job 14:1). In this life, there will be terminal illnesses, tragedies, family and marital troubles, many heartaches, and death.

However, God has promised that with each burden He will provide the strength to sustain His children: "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved" (Ps. 55:22). The following are some Scriptural ideas that will help us deal with the burdens of life:

1. Remember to take it "one day at a time." No one can live tomorrow until it comes, so one might as well live for today. Jesus taught us to do this. (Matt. 6:34). Don't worry about tomorrow, next week, or next year; just make it through today.

2. Depend on friends and family for encouragement and comfort. (Gal. 6:2). In time of trials, having a spiritual family to depend on is indeed a wonderful blessing.

3. Get closer to God. It is possible for one who is suffering to get bitter and turn from God. (Psa. 46:1). By prayer and reading God's Word, we can get closer to God. There is comfort in the scriptures (Rom. 15:4).

4. Be assured that there is a better world to come (John 14:1-3; Rev. 21:4). In view of these beautiful verses, the Christian can look forward to a better world to come, a world free from the cares, burdens, and trials of this life.

(Article by Mark Lindley; edited due to space limitations by 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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Florida Students Sent Home for Insulting Shirt

GAINESVILLE, Florida - A lawyer for a north Florida school district says a handful of students have been sent home from Alachua County schools this week for wearing shirts that read "Islam is of the Devil."

School district staff attorney Tom Wittmer says the shirts might have offended or distracted others and violated the district's dress code. The shirts are connected to a local church called the Dove World Outreach Center. Church Senior Pastor Terry Jones tells The Gainesville Sun that spreading the church's message* is more important than education.

The congregation says a 10-year-old elementary school student was sent home Monday because of the shirt. Three high school students were sent home Tuesday and a middle school student also had to change clothes.

Found at: http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/32565118/ns/us_news-education/

*Doesn't sound like the type of message a congregation should be known for, does it? (NM)

Henderson Youth Group

Upcoming Events

September 11-12
Bible Bowl in Cookeville

September 18-20
WKYC Teen Week Retreat
\$35 - Registration Forms in H.S. Classroom

September 26
Devotional
Hosted by Puryear's

October 7
Devo at Clay City Park
Hosted by Heldreth's

October 17
Modest is Hottest Girls Convention (Benton, KY)
Check bulletin board for details

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY (Sept. 2)

Opening Prayer: Bill Brantley
Closing Prayer: John Barfield
Devotional: John Heldreth
Song Leader: Jim Burke

SUNDAY (Sept. 6)

AT THE TABLE

Stephen Stilwell Neal Mathis
Joe Hein Everett Mays
*Jeff Morris Kenny Brantley
Bob McIndoo *Sam Morris

*Denotes those to serve communion Sunday night

AM Worship

Announcements: Fred Barnett
Opening Prayer: Brad Carter
Scripture Reading: Joe Hein
Closing Prayer: Jim Burke
Ushers: Juan Nunez
Bob Eckels

DOOR GREETERS

Glenn & Tammy Whittedge
William Ray Jr.

PM Worship

Opening Prayer: David Leigh
Scripture Reading: Ben Grogan
Closing Prayer: Greg Shepherd

FOR THE RECORD (8/23/09)

Sunday Morning Worship: 236
Sunday Morning Bible Study: 173
Sunday Evening Worship: 148
Wednesday Bible Study: 146
Contribution: \$6333.46

NEWS AND NOTES

Prayer Request: Debbie Hein (rescheduled for later date), Karen Shockley (had surgery this past week), Carolyn Clevenger, Joann Hayes, Kathy Riggs, John Kavanaugh, Greg Tapp, Vicky Rogers, Beverly Thweatt, Rebeca Compos, Darrell Todd, Jenny Revlett, Sandy Risinger, Tom Koerner, William Neal, Rick Thomas, Gene Thomason, Riley Kelly and Peggy Dunkin (relatives of Ruby Abbey), Craig Sims, Vega Gower, Cindy Embry.

Congratulations: Brian Morgan and Iris Newton were married yesterday. We wish them well in their new life together.

Sympathy: To Johnny Hancock and family in the recent death of his sister-in-law, Francis Hancock.

Sympathy: To the family of our own Mary Odom. Mary was a long-time member of God's family at Green St.

Senior Trip: Amish Country, Sept. 5. Talk to Micah Busbey for details.

Area Activities: Ladies' Days: Main St. Church of Christ-Calhoun Sept. 12. Eastwood Church of Christ, Paris, Tn. Sept. 19. **Gospel Meetings:** Main St. Calhoun Sept. 13-16; Hawesville Sept. 13-16) See bulletin board for details.

Our Homecoming and Meeting: Sept. 27-30. G.P.