

*"herald the good news" Romans 10:15*

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## SACRIFICE THAT PLEASES GOD

A sacrifice, by nature, is an offering usually to deity or a promise to fulfill something involving sacrifice. This would be a costly thing since under other circumstances we would want it ourselves. Giving something that did not cost us anything can not easily be construed as sacrifice. "And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing. So David bought the threshingfloor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver" (2 Samuel 24:24). On the opposite end of the gift is its reception. Not everything pleases God nor is He required to accept what we offer. The only sure way to offer a sacrifice that will be pleasing to God is to give Him what He asks for. You!

When you place your heart and will on the altar, so to speak, to God He has everything else. Shall a man say, "I gave my heart and soul to God, but not my money or time or service? As in all things the disciples of Christ must be taught sacrifice, what it is and how to do it. To this end God gave us His Son. He gave His Son knowing he would be beaten, humiliated, and killed. Does that sound like leftovers? The greatest thing we remember about Jesus is sacrifice. Sacrifice in love and sacrifice in giving.

The proper appreciation of this Christian concept is application. Do we love the Lord? Do we come to worship Him? Do we follow His commands? Just exactly what do we do for God that could be considered a sacrifice? Satan knows all too well where we place our values that's why Jesus said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness...(Matthew 6:33). Remember the famous quote, "That man is not a fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose".

Tim Turpin

(Editor's note) I thought Tim's article was appropriate as we consider our giving for the 2009. Our elders have set our budget this year at \$6500.00/ week for 48 weeks. The remaining contributions go to the building fund. The weekly budget needs are well within the reach of this congregation. We can't reach it with "leftovers" but we can easily reach it with some sacrificing. Faith without works is dead (James 2:26). Let us give so that we surpass the budget. Look to a bright future. 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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## ENCOURAGEMENT

“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not” (Galatians 6:9). This verse is proof that we can grow weary (discouraged) even when we are doing good. It may be because we don’t see immediate results or that we have been so long at the task we are just worn down but for whatever excuse we might make we are reminded that we must not give up. Each of us should be willing to take encouragement as well as give it to others. The following article by Jerry A. Jenkins is a wonderful reminder of our need for encouragement and to be an encourager.

There are times in all our lives that we need encouragement. Long ago when David was fleeing for his life from King Saul, God’s word notes, “And Jonathan, Saul’s son, arose, and went to David at Horesh, and strengthened his hand in God” (I Sam. 23:16). Knowing times when encouragement has been such a blessing in our lives causes everyone to desire to be an encouragement to others.

When are some times that one needs encouragement? I recall an elder many years ago who stated, “As long as you are doing a good job preaching, visiting, working for this congregation, you will never hear a word from me, but if you fall short of what is expected it will be called to your attention”. He kept his word.

Those who work in special roles in the congregation need encouragement. Long ago it was said of King Josiah, “He set the priest in their charges and encouraged them to the service of the house of the Lord” (2 Chron. 35:2). Here is the principle; those in authority need to encourage those under them. A father needs to encourage his children, a husband needs to encourage his wife by a word, a touch, a smile, a hug. Preachers need to encourage the congregation.

Those who are facing new challenges need encouragement. The Lord commanded Moses to encourage Joshua for his good report concerning the Promised Land. “Joshua the son of Nun, who stands before you, he shall go in there. Encourage him, for he shall cause Israel to inherit it” (Deut. 1:38). This illustrates an important principle: “Encourage your teacher, your parents, your husband, your leaders whoever they may be.

When life seems overwhelming, be an encourager. King David was drowning in bitterness and anger toward the people he ruled. He needed encouragement. The Scriptures stated, “David encouraged himself in the LORD his God” (I Sam. 30:6b). When one faces adversity or extremely difficult circumstances he should encourage himself by reading God’s word and praying to Him.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY (1/21/09)

Opening Prayer:	Jeff Morris
Closing Prayer:	Warren Hust
Devotional:	Ray Poston
Song Leader:	Gary Puryear

SUNDAY (1/25/09)

AT THE TABLE

Jim Burke	*Mark DeLong
Bill Bridwell	*Karl Dawson
Juan Nunez	Leland Steely
Glenn Whittedge	Bill Walker

\*Denotes those to serve communion Sunday night

AM Worship

Announcements:	Rodney Newton
Opening Prayer:	Juan Nunez
Scripture Reading:	Barry Watwood
Closing Prayer:	Wm. Ray, Jr.
Ushers:	Kenny Brantley John West

DOOR GREETERS

Alan Carter  
Lyn Carter  
Marva Gendek

PM Worship

Opening Prayer:	Everett Mays
Scripture Reading:	Mark Springer
Closing Prayer:	Sam Morris

FOR THE RECORD (Jan. 11/09)

Sunday Morning Worship:	250
Sunday Morning Bible Study:	163
Sunday Evening Worship:	158
Wednesday Bible Study:	132
Contribution:	\$5941.48

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Prayer Request:** Ann Eddins (had surgery last week), Carolyn Clevenger, Kathy Riggs, Debbie Newman, Donald Stone (awaiting more surgery), Patricia DeLong, Wayne Moore (improving), Christine Cottingham, George Duncan, Earline Scott, Jacob Hack (young boy who was accidentally hurt during the holidays and lost his eyesight. They live in Morgantown, Ky.), Bill and Sarah Walker in their traveling, Robin Ryan, Gene Thomason, Jenny Revlett, Joe Nichols, Jackson Palmer, Mike Mitchell (tests).

**Men’s Breakfast:** January 31 at 7:30 a.m. Be sure and sign up.

**Picture Directory:** We have received the rough draft of the directory. It is being checked for needed corrections. We don’t have a definite date yet as to when the finished copy will be delivered but hopefully in the next few weeks.

**Monday Night For the Master:** Monday (January 19) at 6:30 p.m.

**Bible Study Workshop:** Monday (Jan. 19) at Washington Ave. We will leave the building at 9:00 a.m.

**Song Leaders Training Workshop:** At Washington Ave Feb, 1,8,15,22 from 3:00-5:30 p.m. Please check the bulletin board for details. Tom Walker II and Carl Powers will be the instructors. Details on bulletin board.

**Sympathy:** To David Hazelwood and family in the death of his brother Allan. Funeral services were this week-end.