

The Awesome Word

We have reduced the church to a counseling center helping people cope! God made the church a salvation center teaching people how to live. We do not merely need therapy—we need the WORD! We don't just need Bible scholars—we need Bible lovers! If you honor the Word, God will bless you!

You must read 2 Timothy 3:15-17. This bulletin will preach!

The Bible teaches us "How to be saved." Timothy, from the cradle, had been steeped in scripture. His teachers? Mama! Granny! Paul! The Word produces salvation. Why preach anything but Jesus? There is nothing else to preach! Brethren are starved for basic Bible preaching. Start with the Bible...stick with the Bible...stay with the Bible.

The Bible teaches us "How to grow up." The Word is doctrine, reproof, correction, instruction, perfection. Biblical ignorance and spiritual immaturity are "Killers"! These are always the two problems threatening the church. Hebrews teaches us to start with milk then grow to meat! Men cannot be spiritual apart from the Word, truth. Doctrine precedes practice. One must know the truth before living the truth. The Word, like electricity, is BOTH negative and positive. That which condemns equally encourages. God can be trusted...the Bible can be believed...the church can be loved.

The Bible teaches us "How to be useful." This is usually overlooked. The Word is practical. The Word totally completes us to every good work! We are too blinded by potential, talent, looks, IQ, degrees! This may not equip us (Eph. 4:12). The Word edifies to make us useful. The Word allows us to minister as the Body in the body for the body. Spirituality is not individuality ... it is corporate. God calls us in the body. We must learn to be "We" before "I".

The church is the "pillar and ground of the truth."

- Charles Hodge, via Camden Avenue church of Christ, Parkersburg, WV (*Bulletin Digest*) -

Staying Faithful in Daily Living

The great challenge for Christians is to stay faithful to God in daily living. In Revelation 2:10 we read, "Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." These words provide motivation for godly living in every age or time. It is a great encouragement to hear the Lord say "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life." Stephen understood the importance of faithfulness to God. He was faithful in his proclamation of God's word. He likewise remained faithful as he was stoned to death for his faith. Paul is another example of one that stayed faithful. He wrote, "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (2 Timothy 4:6-8). Are you faithful to God?

- Charles Box, Walnut Street church of Christ, Greenville, AL (*Bulletin Digest*) -

Is what you're living for, worth dying for?

News & Notes

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m. only and Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. The Covid-19 restrictions apply (masks & distancing).

DISCONTINUE MEALS: The **Waite Family** has requested that donated meals be discontinued for the time being. Thanks to all who participated in this good work.

PANTRY: Instant potatoes.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: The newborn son (now home) of **Aaron & Katie Burch** was diagnosed with a severe case of jaundice. **Rich Robinson** had a recent kidney transplant and is home.

SICK & SHUT-IN: AT HOME: Tim Martin, Glenn McMahan, Randy Waite, Shirley Beagle, Randy Beagle, Charlie & Barb Delong, David McCoy, Jim Hadley, Marlene Evans, Russell Martin, Emma Rine, Alex Harless, Mary Johnson (sister of Lois Hissom), Rick Beck, Josh Morrison, 428 Burnside Rd., Canonsburg, PA 15317. **FOX:** Doris Dunham. **VALLEY OAKS CARE CENTER:** Fred Larrimore (Room 210). **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **IN TENNESSEE:** Steve Higginbotham. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

Thank You, Lord

Even though I clutch my blanket and groan when the alarm rings loudly each morning, I thank you, Lord, that I can hear. There are those who are deaf.

Even though I keep my eyes tightly closed against the morning light as long as possible, I thank you, Lord, that I can see. There are many who are blind.

Even though I huddle in my bed and put off the physical effort of rising, I thank you, Lord, that I have the strength to rise. There are many who are bedfast.

Even though the first hour of my day is hectic, when socks are lost, toast is burned, tempers are short, thank you, Lord, for my family.

Even though our breakfast table never looks like the pictures in the ladies magazines and the menu is at times unbalanced, thank you, Lord for the food we have. There are many who are hungry.

Even though the routine of my job is often monotonous, thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to work. There are many who have no work.

Even though I grumble and gripe and bemoan my fate from day to day, and I wish my modest circumstances were not quite so modest, thank you, Lord, for the gift of life.

- Author Unknown -

Handle With Prayer

*My gift was delivered at seven. Just as I awoke where I lay,
A gift that was postmarked from "Heaven" My gift was this beautiful day,
One wonderful, shining good morning, Entrusted by God to my care,
It came, bearing only the warning, "Fragile, handle with prayer."*

Author Unknown