

THEY MISSED IT, BUT THEY DO NOT CARE

Last Sunday was the day that the saints assembled for worship. Most places of worship conducted two worship services and held a Bible class. The faithful were present unless they were sick or having to care for someone who was ill.

But there were several who simply "missed it." Sadly, some of these individuals simply do not care.

Spiritual things mean little to them.
 Spiritual things do not interest them.
 Spiritual things do not excite them.
 Spiritual things do not matter to their lives.
 Spiritual things are not relevant to their lifestyle.

Oh, occasionally they will "show up."

They want to keep their names on the role.
 They want others to at least think they are Christians.
 They have a few folks they need to impress.
 They do not want a visit from the church leaders.
 They certainly do not want to face church discipline.

So, a few times a year they will "show up." But when they don't show up, they do not care.

They do not care ...

That the Lord missed them.
 That the church suffers from their absence.
 That they missed an opportunity to gain Bible knowledge.
 That they missed an opportunity to grow in Christ.
 That they failed to have an influence over visitors.
 That they did not set a good example for their brethren.
 That Satan rejoiced because they did not attend.
 That they completely disobeyed God.
 That they failed to love God with their all.

No, they do not care. A heart that does not care is dangerous.

It can't be encouraged to do right.
 It can't be rebuked to do right.
 It can't be shamed to do right.
 It can't be taught to do right.
 It can't be disciplined to do right.

It doesn't care. It is hard. It does not feel. It doesn't care.

Dear reader, did you miss worship and Bible class last Sunday? Are you one of the ones who does not care?

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God doesn't want shares of your life, He wants controlling interest!

News & Notes

SYMPATHY: To Dana Rine & family at the recent passing of his son, Todd.

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS: Linda Hall.

CONVERT'S CLASS: each Thursday 11:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. Open to all (new converts or others as a refresher).

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Next Saturday, March 2nd, 8:00 a.m. at EJ's.

COVERED DISH DINNER: Next Sunday, March 3rd about noon at the Fellowship Building followed by our afternoon service at 2:00 p.m. at the church building.

PANTRY: Cereal.

SICK & SHUT-IN: City Hospital (ICU): Anita Hopwood. **Veteran's Hospital, Pittsburgh:** Harry Huff. **At Home:** Dean Spencer, Peggy Linger, Claudette Miller, Nancy Cox, Barbara DeLong, David Strum, Cheryl Renfro Walker, Eric Martin (friend of Joe Brubaker); Rich Shilling (family member of Iris Durbin). **Fox - Chester:** Mary Johnson (Lois Hissom's sister). **Calcutta Health Care:** Janice Hutchins (Marilyn Hadley's cousin). **Elsewhere:** Carol Williams (Sharon Sprout's mother), 104 N. Clayton, Carlsbad, NM 88220. **Todd Grimes** (Cindy Miskimen's nephew), 3827 Gibson St., New Castle, PA 16101. **Lori Stocks** (Karen Strum's niece), address on the bulletin board. **Herman McHan**, 7401 Elmwood Drive, Lisbon, OH 44432.

How Much Is Jesus Worth to You?

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid again; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field" (Matthew 13:44).

Few things are as effective in opening up our billfolds or motivating us to pick up our car keys as a good old-fashioned sale. When we hear about those bargains and see great values, it is hard to pass up the opportunity.

When we come to understand the priceless value of Christianity - when we get a glimpse of the unfathomable riches of God's matchless grace - we must fully invest in this chance of a lifetime.

God makes no high-pressured sales pitch. He includes no hidden charges in the fine print of the sales contract. He offers eternal life to all who will accept His Son in obedient faith. It is a gift of grace brought on by an act of love. There is nothing we could ever do to deserve it. There is nothing we could do to purchase it. We accept God's gift by faith and manifest our appreciation for it through a life of faithful devotion and unselfish service (Ephesians 2:8-9).

How valuable is your hope of heaven? Can it hold its own next to the pleasures Satan is promising you in the world? Do you love Jesus more than anything or anyone else in the world? Jesus asks, "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matthew 16:26). Just how much is Jesus worth to you?

- Glen Elliott, Greenbrier church of Christ, Greenbrier, AR (Bulletin Digest) -