

WHAT ARE YOU MAKING?

While on a trip to Switzerland, an American businessman was watching a Swiss clockmaker carving the case of an ornate cuckoo clock. As the businessman watched the clockmaker carve out the case, he was astounded at his slow rate of progress.

The businessman finally said, "My good man, you'll never make much money that way." "Sir," the clockmaker replied, "I'm not making money; I'm making cuckoo clocks."



It is easy at times to forget what our real task is. The world is so interested in the bottom line and efficiency, they forget the real value of workmanship and quality.

I am amazed at times with people's desire for "church growth." Some will compromise almost everything they believe if they can "reach" one more person. Some have replaced worship with entertainment, preaching with skits, and evangelism with testimonials.

There is really no substitute for genuine New Testament Christianity. You can swell any group, but church growth takes love, truth, hard work, and patience.

Paul said, "But, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love" (Eph. 4:15, 16, NKJV).

Let's keep inviting, keep praying, keep teaching, and keep loving. That's how the church grows.

- Phil Sanders (via *Bulletin Digest*)

WORDS

Dr. Willard Funk, the well-known dictionary publisher, was asked to select the ten most expressive words in the English language. The following is his list:

- The bitterest word: *alone*
- The most tragic word: *death*
- The most revered word: *mother*
- The most beautiful word: *love*
- The cruelest word: *revenge*
- The most peaceful word: *tranquil*
- The saddest word: *forgotten*
- The warmest word: *friendship*
- The coldest word: *no*
- The most comforting word: *faith*

Words can build up or tear down. They can comfort or hurt; they can encourage or humiliate. They can be sweet or bitter. A Christian, who seeks to imitate the gentle nature of Christ, should be careful with words. "Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one" (Colossians 4:6).

- Glenn Hitchcock, *Heart to Heart, House to House* -

Give God what's right — **not** what's left.

News & Notes


SYMPATHY: To Charlotte Todd at the passing of her brother, James Carter. God bless and comfort Charlotte and her family in their bereavement.

NEW CONVERT CLASS: Each Sunday a.m. Bible Class in Room 401.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. All ladies are invited to participate.

MEN'S ENRICHMENT CLASS: Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Men are urged to come and spend an hour with your brothers and be encouraged.


COUPLES FELLOWSHIP: Thursday, February 14th at 6:30 p.m. at the home of

 David & Janet Malcomson, 320 Fifth St, East Liverpool, OH. All married couples invited. Child care services will be available. Sign-up sheet on the desk.

MEMBER VISITS: Calls are being made for Elders and Minister visits with members that can be scheduled in your home or to meet here at the building. Schedule an appointment so this outreach can be completed ASAP.

PANTRY: Peanut butter & jelly.

2019 ARK ENCOUNTER TOUR: June 28th. \$85 (includes transportation, ticket

 and buffet meal at park). Your payment secures your seat and all fees are refundable until **May 31st**. We will **leave around 5:00 a.m.**, stop for breakfast, **arrive at the Ark about 10:00 a.m.**, and **leave about 7:00 p.m. and return about 12:00 a.m.** For more information contact: Dean Spencer (304) 491-0439, or Tracy Knight (330) 831-5544.

PRAYER REQUEST: For **Matt & Susie Rice Family** (Keith & Elaine McClung's daughter & son-in-law) 201 Wexford St., Raeford, NC 28376. **Matt's dad, Charles** (lung cancer), and is in ICU with a serious undiagnosed health condition. Also, pray for **Leon Sharp** (Elaine McClung's dad) who has serious health issues, and **Chris Haught** (son of Skip & Sue) and family who are dealing with health issues.

SEND CARDS:

Bob & Patty Eddy, 4898 Oroszy Ave., Lorain, OH 44052.

Alex Harless, 1322 North 4th Street, Toronto, OH 43964.

SICK & SHUT-IN: At Home: Jim Hadley, Becky McKitrick, Beulah Walker, Charlie Delong, Jenny Rhodes, Arlen & Joann Webb, Russell Martin, Blondenia Orr, Doris Dunham. **FOX:** Mary Jane Bowers. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

My Influence

*My life shall touch a dozen lives
Before this day is done,
Leave countless marks of good or ill
Ere sets the evening sun.
This is the wish I always wish,
The prayer I always pray,
Lord, help my life help other lives
It touches by the way.
- Author Unknown -*