

## The Thief In The Church

Someone has recently said, "The greatest challenge to faith is not intellectual at all, but rather shallow indifference." As I personally see it, the greatest threat from within the church today is not false doctrine, vile sins, or even the loss of faith, but rather simple indifference.



Indifference is "the thief in the church." It robs the church of our time, our talents, and our support. Indifference kidnaps the members out of Bible class and worship, saps the enthusiasm of members, sabotages all kinds of good programs, and takes the pleasure out of serving Jesus.

Indifference is the most difficult of all problems in the church to deal with.

Many in the church are not against what we are trying to do, nor are they really for it. They are simply "just indifferent!"

"Trust a person little who praises everyone; trust a person less who criticizes everyone; trust a person least who is indifferent."

People can change their minds. A man's right to hold a certain view does not mean that view is right. One can be led to a fuller knowledge and understanding of the scriptures. Christians can be "equipped" for fuller service and guided in faithful ministries for the Lord. We can grow and mature as we correct our mistakes and become more like Jesus. But ... not if we are indifferent.

- Charles Cash, via *Bulletin Digest*



## The Bible As A Letter

Soren Kierkegaard, a brilliant 19th Century philosopher, said this about the Bible: "The Bible should be read as a letter from God with our personal address on it."

How true! The Bible tells us who's behind our amazing lives. The Bible makes clear the source of our existence and explains how we're to live our years on earth. The Bible gives us the best rules for living with others and for living in our own skin.

Scripture tells us of the wisdom of the saints and the foolishness of scoundrels. It explains how God tries to relate to us. It guides us and provides strength and courage through our daily lives.

The Bible tells how God walked among us on earth in the person of Christ. Most importantly, it details how Christ revealed God's immeasurable love for all humankind.

Finally, the Bible assures us that God not only cares for us here and now, but will care for us in the hereafter. Forever and ever!

- Fairview Church of Christ, Fairview, TN, via *Bulletin Digest* -

*The one who offers God second place, offers Him no place at all.*

## News & Notes

**BAPTISM:** Tom Postlethwait

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

**ANNUAL SPRING SING: TODAY, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.** at the Beaver Street Church of Christ in Lisbon, OH.

**CARD SHOWER:** For **Margie Logston's 90th birthday this Tuesday, March 5th.** Margie was a former member here and the wife of one of our elders. Her address: Margie Logston, c/o Glenna Harrison, 169 Northwood Villa, Parkersburg, WV 26104.

**CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.** All ladies are invited to participate. Come and help make these little bears for sick and needy kids.

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

**MEN'S BREAKFAST: Next Saturday, March 9th, 8:30 a.m.** at the Columbiana, Ohio Church of Christ. Sign-up sheet on the desk.

**TIME CHANGE: Next Saturday, March 9th.** Before going to bed, **turn your clocks FORWARD one hour;** Daylight Saving Time begins.

**OUR FELLOWSHIP DINNER & EARLY AFTERNOON SERVICE:** Has been **rescheduled for next Sunday, March 10th about noon.**

**TO HAVE SURGERY:** Keith McClung will have out-patient surgery, **Monday, March 11th.**

**CHESTER'S SENIOR DAY: Saturday, April 13th** with Aaron Burch and Chris Raynor.

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

**PANTRY:** Macaroni and cheese.

**PRAYER REQUESTS: Sally Watson** (Sue Collins' sister), c/o Donna Ellis, 225 Clark Ave. [street number correction], Burgettstown, PA 15021. Sally has serious health issues. **Joe Hornack** (Jennifer Haught's dad) was life-flighted to Pittsburgh with multiple heart issues. **Kendall Dunbar** (15 mo. old granddaughter of Jolene Hines - First Choice America Credit Union). Kendall has serious health issues and is in a Cincinnati hospital.

**SICK & SHUT-IN: At Home:** Arlen & Joann Webb, Russell Martin, Blondenia Orr, Doris Dunham. **West Penn Hospital, Pittsburgh:** Chris Lamb (David Roach's sister). **FOX:** Mary Jane Bowers. Tom Postlethwait (Pepperberry-Assisted Living). **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

## GOSPEL MEETINGS

Hillview Terrace, Moundsville .....	Mar. 17-21 .....	Ken Burton
Bridge St., New Martinsville .....	Mar. 24-28 .....	Phil Sanders
Southern Hills .....	Apr. 7-10, 7:p.m. ....	Gary Bailey
Chester .....	Apr. 14-18, 7 p.m. ....	Terry Jones