

News & Notes

Kid's Review Class: We will meet again on May 9th, in classroom #7, shortly after the PM service.

Afternoon Singing: We will meet again on May 10th at 5pm in the auditorium for another afternoon singing.

Ladies' Bible Study: The next class will be held on May 11th at Kaitlyn Sadler's home (7PM). The ladies' class will then take a break for the summer months.

Prayer Requests: *Our brethren:* Kayla Cunningham, Marian Church (Still suffering effects of memory loss), Mildred Church, Vernita Goodall & family, Linda James, the Lawson family, Leon & Ruth Miller (Leon's procedure is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5th), Butch Morgan, Dottie Reynolds (In need of prayer & encouragement), Wayne Ryland, the Stevens family, and the Wharton family.

Our friends and family: Please continue in prayer for Larry Wisdom's mother (Canera Wisdom), Hal Lewis, Pat Dickey (Doing much better, now cancer free), Joan Mott (A friend of the Days), Ken Turner (His grand-daughter passed away last week), Heather Tyre, and Waylon Townsend.

Group Meeting: Group (3) meets tonight after worship. Please make an effort to be involved in this good work.

Newly Appointed: The Congregation is blessed to have appointed another elder (Larry Wisdom) and another deacon (Charles Rawdon) last week. Anytime a congregation is doing such with qualified men, that is a sign of forward progress. Let us be thankful for that, more prayerful, supportive, and let us seek to edify our brethren. To God be the Glory!

Assignments for Worship Service

Wednesday Night: 4/22/15

Song Leader: Nick Groenhof
 Opening Prayer: Charles Rawdon
 Invitation: Eddie Lawson
 Announcements: Mike Sadler
 Closing Prayer: Jerry Williams
 Parking Lot: Ed Lawson

Sunday Evening: 4/26/15

Song Leader: Nick Groenhof
 Opening Prayer: Jerry Williams
 Lord's Table: Bob Marschall
 Announcements: Leon Miller
 Closing Prayer: Eddie Lawson
 Parking Lot: Mike Sadler

Sunday Morning: 4/26/15

Lord's Table: Bob Marschall (B)
 Keith Marschall (C)
 Serving: Clay Sadler
 Jordan Lawson
 Song Leader: Larry Wisdom
 Opening Prayer: Jeremy Whitehead

Announcements: Leon Miller
 Closing Prayer: Eddie Lawson
 Parking Lot: (9:00) Paul Lloyd
 (9:50) Sherman Johnson



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SERVICES

Sunday
 Bible Study 9:00 A.M.
 Morning Services 9:50 A.M.
 Evening Services 6:00 P.M.
 Wednesday
 Bible Study 7:30 P.M.

DEACONS:

Robert Marschall
 Charles Rawdon
 Michael Sadler
 Moses Stevens
 David Williams

EVANGELIST:

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Before extending the invitation, Bucky Day spoke last Wednesday evening concerning the various responsibilities that we all share as Christians. As we reflect in this bulletin regarding our collective responsibility to evangelize, let us consider these following verses.

- *"I cling to Your testimonies; O Lord, do not put me to shame!" (Psalms 119:31)*
- *"I made haste, and did not delay To keep Your commandments." (Psalms 119:60)*
- *"For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome." (1 John 5:3)*
- *"But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46)*
- *"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." (James 1:22)*
- *But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear" (1 Peter 3:15)*

(The above passages are all from the New King James Version.)

Evangelism is a work of the church in which all must be engaged. No point of contention there; all agree that *we share* equal responsibility in that matter. The following article was sent to me by a brother in Christ as a sober reminder of our responsibility to evangelize, but in light of how (and how often) that responsibility is miss-applied. The author of “Fisheology” is unknown (to my knowledge at least), but the article is definitely worthy of our consideration. I hope we will all examine ourselves to the extent of striving to reach lost souls — with more zeal.

- Ian Rice

“Fisheology”

Now it came to pass that a group existed that called themselves fishermen and there were many fish in the waters about them. In fact, the whole area was surrounded by streams and lakes and the fish were hungry. Week after week and month after month and year after year the group that called them-

selves “fishermen” met in meetings and talked about those called to fish, the abundance of fish, and how we might go about fishing. Year after year they carefully defined what fishing meant, defending fishing as an occupation, and declared that fishing be the primary talk of fisherman. These fishermen built large beautiful buildings for local fishing headquarters and their plea was that everyone should be a fisherman and that everyone should fish. However, the one thing they did not do, they did not fish!

In addition to meeting regularly these men determined to send out fishermen to places where there were many fish. This sending committee was headed by those who had great vision and had courage to speak about fishing and to promote the idea of fishing in far away streams and lakes, held meetings to define fishing, to defend fishing, and to decide what new streams should be thought about. But the one thing the staff and the committee members did not do, they did not fish!

Large, elaborate training centers were built whose original and primary purpose was to teach fisherman how to fish. Over the years, courses were offered on the needs of the fish, the nature of the fish, how to find fish, and the psychological effects of fishing. Those who taught had doctorates in ‘Fisheology’! But the teachers did not fish! They only taught about fishing.

Further, the fishermen built large printing houses to publish fishing guides. Presses were kept busy day and night to produce material solely devoted to fishing methods. A speaker’s bureau was also organized to schedule special speakers on fishing. After one stirring meeting entitled ‘The Necessity of Fishing’, two young men left the meeting and actually went fishing and one of them actually caught two fish! He was honored for his great catch and was scheduled to appear at all the big meetings to tell how he did it. So he quit fishing in order to have time to tell his experiences to the other fishermen!

Now it is true that many fishermen sacrificed and put up with all kinds of difficulties. Some lived near the water and had to put up with the smell of dead fish. Some had to endure the ridicule of some who made fun of these fishermen’s because they claimed to be fisherman but they did not fish.

And they wondered about those who thought it was of little use to attend meetings and talk about fishing. I mean, after all, were they not following the Master who said, “Come and I will make you fishers of men”?

Can we rightfully call a person a fisherman if year after year he never catches a fish?

- Author Unknown