

### News & Notes

**Men's Class:** The next class will be held today at the building, at 4:30pm. We are beginning a new class focused on helping men to become better leaders during the worship assembly. We encourage all men of the congregation to be involved with the class.

**Kid's Review Class:** Next Sunday, March 1st, shortly after the evening worship service, in Room # 7.

**Afternoon Singing:** The next afternoon singing will be on Sunday, March 8th, at 5pm.

**Ladies' Class:** Next class will be March 9th at Keri Rice's home (7PM).

**Prayer Requests:** *Our brethren:* Kayla Cunningham, Marian Church, Mildred Church, Audrey Davis, Linda James, Linda McKenzie (Has another procedure scheduled for Wednesday), Ruth Miller (Still recovering from surgery), Butch Morgan, Dottie Reynolds, and Wayne Ryland (On new medications; having tests done).

*Our friends and family:* Please continue in prayer for Larry Wisdom's mother (Canera Wisdom), Naydene Fields, Hal Lewis, Gary Jones, Bobby Melvin (Louise Mosley's son), DeeAnn Sprott, Pat Dickey, Joan Mott, Heather Tyre, and Waylon Townsend.

**Group Meeting:** Group (1) meets tonight after worship.

**Out of Town:** Kirk Marschall is out of town. Keri, Olivia, Emma, & Julia Rice will be traveling this week, too.

**Gospel Meeting:** The Frostproof Church of Christ is having a Gospel Meeting from February 27th-March 1st. Let's try to encourage the brethren there by attending.

\*\* Bob Marschall is requesting members to contact him concerning songs that the congregation knows well, but we have not been singing. Please contact him with any information that you feel may help improve that particular aspect of worship. His email address is [rmarschall@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:rmarschall@tampabay.rr.com).

### Assignments for Worship Service

**Wednesday Night: 2/25/15**

Song Leader: Eddie Lawson  
 Opening Prayer: Ian Rice  
 Invitation: Ben Cunningham  
 Announcements: Larry Wisdom  
 Closing Prayer: Clay Sadler  
 Parking Lot: Norm Blackburn

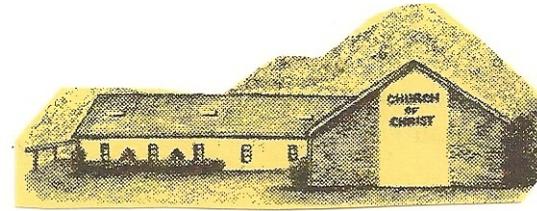
**Sunday Evening: 3/1/15**

Song Leader: Eddie Lawson  
 Opening Prayer: Ben Cunningham  
 Lord's Table: Keith Marschall  
 Announcements: Leon Miller  
 Closing Prayer: Jim Elliot  
 Parking Lot: Norm Blackburn

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**Sunday Morning: 3/1/15**

Lord's Table: Keith Marschall (B)  
 Clay Sadler (C)  
 Serving: Trent Stevens  
 Eddie Lawson  
 Song Leader: Charles Rawdon  
 Opening Prayer: Bob Marschall

Announcements: Leon Miller  
 Closing Prayer: Sherman Johnson  
 Parking Lot: (9:00) David Williams  
 (9:50) Mike Sadler



# Lakeland Hills Leader

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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  
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 Moses Stevens  
 David Williams

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### *“Essential Attitudes”*

Within a local congregation, there are plenty of blessings, opportunities, and challenges that abound. With such, it is imperative that all members function *together* with the proper attitudes. By fulfilling our responsibilities toward other Christians, we can honor God and produce a more edifying group of fellow saints. The following are some essential attitudes to foster, manifest, and maintain.

### Appreciation for Others & Their Work

The apostle Paul certainly expressed his appreciation for others (Philippians 2:19-20; 25-30), and also expressed appreciation directly to certain brethren, *“We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father”* (1 Thess. 1:2-3). Paul commended those who labored, and we should be doing the same. We are blessed to have a congregation that consists of members who serve publicly and privately. Let us pray for those who labor among us, and be sure to express our appreciation for all that they do. Such encouragement can go a long way!

### Concern for One Another

We all have needs, wants, and desires... And the things that are important in our lives need addressing; but let us not forget the needs of others among us. By inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Paul wrote, *“that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another.”* <sup>26</sup> *And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.”* (1 Cor. 12:25-26). Let us all strive to be more mindful of *everyone* here, and reach out one another in genuine concern for their welfare (Romans 12:15-17). That is an essential attitude to have if one is to be like Christ.

### Forbearance, Longsuffering, & Patience

Within our earthly families, we seem to somewhat accept the fact that our closest of kin have some “shortcomings” that try our patience. Moreover, we have *learned to deal* with them in such ways that require varying degrees of patience (and self-restraint) at times. When dealing with members of the local congregation, we, at times, should have the same attitude. *“Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.”* (Col. 3:12-13) Dealing with various people, personalities, and maturity levels will require patience... And I hope that we recognize these instructions are not mere suggestions; we must *“put on”* these attributes, and these are things we *“must do”*.

### Forgiveness

Closely tied to patience, longsuffering, and bearing with one another is the matter of forgiveness. If there is an issue that needs resolving, then go to your brother/sister with an eagerness to forgive. Put on tender mercies, *“bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.”* (Col. 3:13) Forgiving others sometimes feels like a hard thing to do... But especially that is the case when one is holding onto bitterness. Love does not keep any account of evil, nor does love hold a grudge (1Cor. 13:5-6).

### Friendliness & Warmth

In the letter written to Philemon, Paul (inspired by the Holy Spirit) commended Philemon for his love and faith toward the Lord Jesus *and* toward all the saints (Verses 4-7). Paul also gave thanks for Philemon’s refreshing of the saints’ hearts, *“For we have great joy and consolation in your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed by you, brother.”* (Philemon 1:7) What a wonderful thing for the Holy Spirit to commend an individual on. Wouldn’t it be wonderful to have this sort of reputation? You can!!! Furthermore, it is the Lord (ultimately) who recognizes those who provide comfort to the brethren (Philemon 1:7)! Let us seek to develop a warm and friendly attitude that seeks to refresh *“the hearts of the saints”*!

### Gentleness

When dealing with brethren who’ve been overtaken in a fault, we need to be careful that we do not get caught up in it, too (Galatians 6:5). It takes a lot of strength and wisdom to realize when a stern approach is needed, versus a gentle approach. For some, being “gentle” toward others does not come quite so easily. That said, the one who is spiritual will strive to cultivate a spirit of gentleness. *“Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.”* (Gal. 6:1) The *“spirit of gentleness”* described here speaks to one’s attitude... An attitude of gentleness. Let us prayerfully seek God’s wisdom in this matter.

### Humility, Lowliness of Mind

If we are striving to be more like Christ, then we must understand what it means to be humble. *“Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.”* (Phil. 2:3) Speaking upon how one’s past accomplishments “trump” another’s, promoting our own reputation, or constantly making attempts to “one up” each other -- goes directly against the Lord’s command. May we all seek to exercise our different functions to the others’ advantage.

### Love for One Another

Jesus didn’t say that His followers were *just* to love... His said that His followers are to love each other AS HE loved. Furthermore, He

said that others should be able to note our love for one another as a mark of true discipleship! *“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”* (John 13:34-35)

### A Willingness to Work Together

The church has many people in it, and by one Spirit we were baptized into one body. Everyone does not do the same thing; it is like your body... *“And the eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you”; nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.”* (1 Cor. 12:21) In the same way, we need all of the people in the church to care equally about other members. If we desire success in the Lord’s work, then we must be loving, humble, gentle, friendly, forgiving, patient, concerned for one another, and appreciative of others & their contributions.

While striving to maintain doctrinal and spiritual purity, let us ever be mindful of the proper attitudes in which we can all improve in! These are just some of the attitudes in which we are responsible to maintain. (Can you think of any others?) Let us seek to foster and maintain these attitudes, as they are all essential, and WILL provide a great blessing to any congregation of the Lord’s people.

-Ian Rice