

NEWS AND NOTES

- ◇ Please remember in prayer– Rudy Mosley, Lynda Johnson, Mike Sadler, Rachel Miller, Addy Anthony, Ned Hicks, Brian James, Kathy Gray, Alma Townsley (Angela Wisdom’s aunt) , Nadine Fields (Moses’ sister), Paulette Sills (Her husband Hugh passed away last week), Ted Penland, Joshua Dykes (Butch Morgan’s cousin), Bob Calkins (A friend of the Millers), Dorothy Wilson (a friend of Marian Church in MI), Hal Lewis (Suzette’s brother), Jane Halbert, Ned Hicks, Karen Stanley (Bonnie’s daughter), Melanie Moore, Tammy Parker, and Jerry Jordan (Ken Jordan’s brother who has stage 4 throat cancer)
- ◇ Audrey Davis and the Hendersons are out of town.
- ◇ Group 1 meets tonight.
- ◇ Please remember also our shut-ins.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Last Friday of each month - Teen Bible Study
- 2nd Sunday each month - Afternoon Song Practice (*Next Week*)
- 2nd Monday night each month - Ladies’ Bible Class. (*Next Week, October 14th!*)
- 4th Sunday of each month -Men’s Bible Class (*October 27, 2013*)

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Assignments

Wednesday Night: 10/9/13

Song Leader: Charles Rawdon
 Opening Prayer: Ian Rice
 Invitation: Eddie Lawson
 Announcements: Larry Hicks
 Closing Prayer: Jordan Lawson
 Parking Lot: Leon Miller

Sunday Evening: 10/13/13

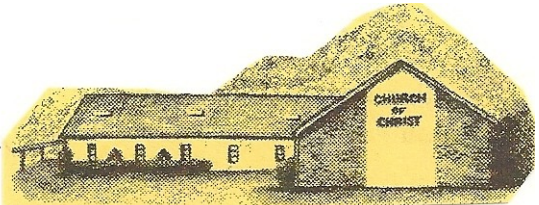
Song Leader: Ronnie Henderson
 Opening Prayer: Sherman Johnson
 Lord’s Table: Nick Groenhof
 Announcements: Leon Miller
 Closing Prayer: Jerry Williams
 Parking Lot: Larry Hicks

Sunday Morning: 10/13/13

Lord’s Table: Nick Groenhof (B)
 Clay Sadler (C)
 Serving: James VanDoorn
 Ed Lawson
 Song Leader: Charles Rawdon
 Opening Prayer: Michael Sadler
 Announcements: Leon Miller
 Closing Prayer: Rodger Robinson
 Parking Lot: (9:00) Norm Blackburn
 (9:50) OPEN

****Makala Faulk from Wauchula was baptized into Christ on Sunday evening, September 29th, 2013. Please pray for her continuing faithfulness and follow up with her.***

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<p><u>ELDERS</u> Larry Hicks (863) 899-7405 Leon Miller (863) 640-6378</p>	<p><u>SERVICES</u> 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.</p>	<p><u>DEACONS:</u> Robert Marschall Michael Sadler Eric Stevens Moses Stevens David Williams</p>
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EVANGELIST:
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"Please Judge Me"

That’s right, it’s time we flipped the script on the overused and misused slogan of so many—“don’t judge me.” Me personally, I want to know when I’m wrong—in any area of my spiritual life. I do “examine (my) own work” (Galatians 6:2); I do “judge” myself (1 Corinthians 11:31), but I may be blind to what others can clearly see.

Just to be clear, I’m not talking about the “command fire to come down from heaven” spirit of judgment displayed by James and John (Luke 9:51-56). Final judgment belongs to the Lord, but you can help me get ready for that judgment by judging me now—by pointing out my sins.

I would urge you to not judge me too hastily, to “not judge according to appearance, but... with righteous judgment” (John 7:24). But if you know the facts, and the facts point to my guilt, please love me enough to rebuke me (Revelation 3:19), because “open rebuke is better than love carefully concealed” (Proverbs 27:5).

“Faithful are the wounds of a friend” (Proverbs 27:6), so don’t be afraid to wound me.

I would also prefer that you not judge me hypocritically, that you not be guilty of the same things of which you accuse me (Matthew 7:1-5; Romans 2:1-3). Not for my sake, because your hypocrisy doesn’t change my innocence or guilt, but for your sake. Make sure you humbly apply the same standard (the gospel) to yourself that you apply to me, and let’s both be willing to repent.

And yes, it would be easier on me (and you) if you come to me, at least initially, “in a spirit of gentleness” (Galatians 6:1). Circumstances may call for a sharper rebuke (Titus 1:13), and if that’s the case, it’s on me to respond with a “broken and a contrite heart” (Psalms 51:17). Bottom line—be careful in your approach, but from my standpoint, how you speak to me doesn’t change the facts. If I’m guilty of sin, that’s my biggest concern, not the manner in which you spoke.

It could be that my actions call for a public rebuke, much like Peter received at the hands of Paul (Galatians 2:13-14). And though I have no intention to

do so, if I publicly teach false doctrine, I shouldn’t be surprised when you feel the need to warn others about me. Public teaching invites public scrutiny, and if necessary, public rebuke—I understand that, and I also understand that if I listen to correction along the way, it should never come to that.

“Don’t judge me”—here’s what God says about that approach: “He who refuses correction goes astray” (Proverbs 10:17). “He who hates corrections is stupid” (Proverbs 12:1). “He who hates correction will die” (Proverbs 15:10). “He who disdains instruction despises his own soul...” (Proverbs 15:32).

“Please judge me”—here’s what God says about that approach: “He who regards a rebuke will be honored” (Proverbs 13:18). “He who receives correction is prudent” (Proverbs 15:5). “The ear that hears the rebukes of life will abide among the wise...he who heeds rebuke gets understanding” (Proverbs 15:31-32).

So, which is the better approach? You be the judge.

- Written by Bryan Gibson

Use Your Bible *The Plan of Salvation ---*

1. WHY DID JESUS DIE ON THE CROSS? Isa. 53:1-12 Rom. 3:23-26 Heb. 2:14-18

2. FOR WHOM DID JESUS DIE? Heb. 2:9-10 John 12:32-33

3. HOW ARE WE DRAWN TO JESUS? Jn. 6:44-45 Acts 2:37-41 2 Thes. 2:14 Acts 26:17-18

4. WHO WILL JESUS SAVE? Jn. 3:16 Matt. 7:21-29 Heb. 5:9

5. WHAT DID JESUS COMMAND US TO DO? Jn. 8:23-24 Lu. 13:3 Mat. 10:32 Mk. 16:16

6. WHEN DOES JESUS FORGIVE OUR SINS? Mk. 16:16 Acts 2:38 Acts 22:16 Rom. 6:4

7. HOW DOES JESUS REGARD THOSE WHO OBEY HIS CALL? Jn. 15:10 Acts 2:47 1 Pet. 2:9-10 Col. 1:12-13 Gal. 3:26-27 Eph. 1:22-23 Eph. 2:19-22 1 Tim. 3:15

8. HOW MAY WE BE FAITHFUL TO THE LORD AFTER BAPTISM? 2 Pet. 1:5-11 Phil. 4:8-9 Heb. 10:23-27 Jn.

4:24 1 Cor. 11:23-29 1 Cor. 16:2 Rom. 12:1-21 Rev. 2:10

9. ARE YOU WILLING TO PAY THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP? Lu. 14:26-33 Mat. 10:34-39

10. HAVE YOU HONESTLY READ THESE SCRIPTURES? DO YOU SINCERELY BELIEVE THEM? CAN YOU CONSCIENTIOUSLY IGNORE YOUR OBLIGATIONS BEFORE GOD TO OBEY HIS WILL?

-Written Robert F. Turner