

Noteworthy

Prayer Requests: Jo Anderson (*arm fracture*), Karen Berry, Norman & Margaret Blackburn, Joe Brown (*back surgery; also cancer*), Kelly Cochran, Betty Eubanks, Linda James, Rowena Lawson (*new convert*), Paul Lloyd, Leon Miller, Bonnie Meagher, Butch Morgan, Wayne Ryland, Ken & Arlene Turner (*Ken is having difficulty recovering from his surgery*), and Jeremy Whitehead (*recently restored; doing well*).

Our family and friends: Elnora Bennet (*Moses Stevens' sister*), Mildred Church (*Shut-in*), Bob Elston (*the Rice's neighbor; cancer*), Diane Fields, Ned Hicks, Brian James (*cancer*), and Ardis Tucker.

Ladies' Bible Class: The next ladies' Bible class will be May 9th, at Tammy Sadler's home (*at 7PM*). In preparation, please study the lesson that begins on page number 107 in the book, "Some Do's and Don'ts for the Christian". (*See the sign-up sheet in the foyer*)

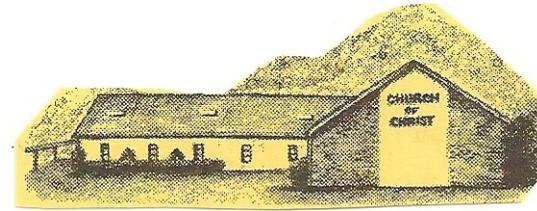
Bible Class Review: The next review class for the kids will be May 1st, shortly after the evening services.

Afternoon Singing: The next afternoon singing will be May 8th at 5pm.

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

Out of town: Ken & Diana Jordan are vacationing; Ian Rice is conducting a gospel meeting in Weatherford, Texas.

Area Meeting: The Seffner Church of Christ is holding a meeting this week with Payton Anderson, from Rodgers, Arkansas (April 17-22). The Monday through Friday services will begin at 7:30pm.



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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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"Tolerate, Then Embrace"

Concerning our moral and spiritual culture, a commentator said, "What this generation tolerates, the next generation will embrace." Both sacred and secular history have proven the truth of this assessment time and time again.

Everything from dancing to drinking, from abortion to mercy killing, has gone from toleration to acceptance. In the home and in the church, everything from immodesty to immorality has been first allowed and then endorsed. Adulterous marriages, gambling, and other similar sins, have gone from being permitted to being sponsored. Remember when wearing shorts and attending dances was condemned? Now, shorts are worn to services and dances are held in church buildings! Truly, what "this generation tolerates, the next generation will embrace."

One generation tolerated sprinkling for baptism if a person were seriously ill. The next generation accepted sprinkling for baptism. One generation approved a "chief" elder. The next generation appointed them. One generation introduced instruments of music as an "aid" to singing. The next generation demanded them.

Assignments for Worship Service

Wednesday Night: 4/20/16

Song Leader: Keith Marschall
Opening Prayer: Trent Stevens
Invitation: Colby Sadler
Announcements: Mike Sadler
Closing Prayer: Paul Lloyd
Recordings: Clay Sadler
Usher: Larry Hicks

Sunday Evening: 4/24/16

Song Leader: Keith Marschall
Opening Prayer: Ben Cunningham
Lord's Table: Charles Rawdon
Announcements: Larry Wisdom
Closing Prayer: Wayne Ryland
Recordings: Clay Sadler
Usher: Mike Sadler

Sunday Morning: 4/24/16

Lord's Table: Charles Rawdon (B)
Jordan Lawson (C)
Serving: Ed Lawson
Eddie Lawson
Song Leader: Colby Sadler

Opening Prayer: Nick Ross
Announcements: Larry Wisdom
Closing Prayer: Neil Miller
Recordings: Clay Sadler
Usher: Mike Sadler

One generation accepted the "fellowship hall" (which, at first, was just a few tables in the basement for social meals). The next generation built gymnasiums ("Family Life Centers"). One generation apologized for "hard liners" who opposed denominational religion. The next generation saw their sons and daughters joining those denominations. One generation spoke of the need to reach out in a "non-judgmental" way to our Catholic and Protestant friends. The next generation welcomed Presbyterians into "our fellowship" with a handshake. One generation spoke of congregational singing as "one of our traditions." The next generation defended choruses and choirs. One generation applauded preachers who closed their sermons without an appeal for sinners to be baptized for the remission of sins. The next generation denied the gospel plan of salvation in general and baptism in particular.

What does this say to us? What is our responsibility? "You shall observe to do therefore as the Lord...hath commanded you: ye shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left" (Deut. 5:32). "Hold fast the

form of sound words" (2 Tim.1:13). "Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them" (2 Tim. 3:14). "Mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them" (Rom. 16:17).

The next time we are tempted to deviate from the word of God, let us remember that "what we tolerate, our children will embrace!" (Cf. Judges 2:10).

- By Larry Ray Hafley

Thanks to a Special Grandfather

I remember my great-grandparents, Billy and Mandy Cole as they were affectionately known to all. They passed down to their descendants a glorious hope of an eternal inheritance in Jesus Christ. Even though they were lowly farmers in Vernon Parish Louisiana, they were respected and loved, because as poor as they were in material wealth, they never turned away a neighbor in need.

Their firm trust in God is still alive in many of us, because grandpa Cole was a true example of being a Christian, who searched the Scriptures daily to know God's will. He would sit on his front porch to read his Bible, and neighbors passing by his log house on Sunday would call out, "Uncle Billy, come go to church with us!" He would warmly reply, "When I find the church that is revealed in this New Testament, I will go."

Billy did discover the truth about the church of Christ in the Bible and founded the congregation that we know today as White Park church of Christ on the highway to Leesville, La. Before he died, he told his children, "If I should die on Sunday morning, leave this old body and go to God's house to remember Christ's death." He died on a Sunday morning and his family left his body in bed at home and went to worship God. Poor as he was in this world, how rich in faith grandfather Cole was. He has always been my inspiring person for the love and sacrifices to be a faithful Christian.

In Billy's elderly life, he was cutting firewood for an elderly neighbor woman, and the tree twisted and fell

across his back, which paralyzed him from the waist down. I remember Grandpa Cole reaching out with that huge rough hand of his to hold my hand, and he spoke to us children in a gentle and soft tone of voice. There was something special about his smile, for I knew him only as a gentle soul.

Billy and Mandy Cole labored not only planting their fields, but also labored in sowing the seed of God to regenerate the hearts of family and neighbors to godly living. White Park still bears fruit for Christ to this day, and hopefully, even to eternity. You and I should do the same for our family and neighbors in loyally teaching Jesus as Christ to a lost and dying world. Will we be remembered for sowing the seed of the kingdom and leaving our descendants riches greater than silver and gold?

- If you want something to last a season, plant flowers.
- If you want something to last a lifetime, plant trees.
- If you want something to last an eternity, plant the gospel (James 1:21-22).

- Jerral Kay