

Noteworthy

Young Adult Study: Next week at Bucky and Robyn Day’s home on May 29th(7:30pm).

Kid’s Review Class: Next one will be June 7th in classroom #7, shortly after the PM service. *I want to commend the parents, children, and teachers. Our last review went so good, and it is apparent the children are learning and retaining well the Bible stories learned from class and at home. That is very encouraging! Keep up the good work.*

Afternoon Singing: The next afternoon singing will be June 14th, at 5pm in the auditorium.

Prayer Requests: *Our brethren:* Marian Church, Mildred Church, Betty Eubanks, Linda James, Leon Miller, Butch Morgan, Dottie Reynolds, Wayne Ryland, Danielle Sheffield, and the Wharton family. Please keep in prayer Mary Henderson, as she will continue this week testing for her health concerns. Jim Abrams also, who is still at LRMC recovering from his heart attack. *(Let us seek to assist Mike and Denise Jacobs while they are down for Jim also.)*

Our friends and family: Continue also in prayer for Elnora Bennet (Moses Stevens’ sister), Pat Dickey, Hal Lewis, Joan Mott (A friend of the Days), Heather Tyre, Waylon Townsend, and Canera Wisdom (Larry Wisdom’s mother).

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

Traveling/Out of town: Betty Eubanks, Larry Hicks, Bob and Steph Marschall, Kirk Marschall, the Ross family, and David & Kyoko Williams. *(Vivian Dillman also made it back home safely)*

Gospel Meetings: The Trilacoochee Church of Christ (in Dade City) starts their meeting today and will run through Friday (May 17-22) with Derek Long as the guest speaker. See the bulletin board in the foyer for times, and let us make it a point to attend when possible.

Great News to Share: The Cunningham family has happily welcomed a new addition to their family... Kayla and her new baby boy are both doing well! Reagan Charles Cunningham was born on 5/14/15 at 8:27am, weighing 8lbs 8 oz., and is 21 inches long. Congratulations to them!

Assignments for Worship Service

Wednesday Night: 5/20/15

Song Leader: Eddie Lawson
 Opening Prayer: David Williams
 Invitation: Ian Rice
 Announcements: Charles Rawdon
 Closing Prayer: Charles Goodall
 Parking Lot: Leon Miller

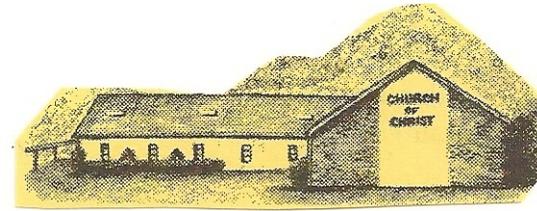
Sunday Evening: 5/24/15

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

Sunday Morning: 5/24/15

Lord’s Table: Bob Marschall (B)
 Keith Marschall (C)
 Serving: Clay Sadler
 Jordan Lawson
 Song Leader: Larry Wisdom
 Opening Prayer: Jim Elliot

Announcements: Leon Miller
 Closing Prayer: Eddie Lawson
 Parking Lot: (9:00) Paul Llyod
 (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

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Brethren, Be Not Children In Mind

We are soberly reminded of our pressing need for spiritual growth and development in the inspired words of I Corinthians 14:20, “Brethren, be not children in mind: yet in malice be ye babes, but in mind be men.” We are individually admonished that our spiritual maturity is our own personal responsibility. In Ephesians 4: 11-16, the apostle has provided us with information about God’s plan for us to achieve this in our own lives, “And he gave some to be apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, unto the work of ministering, unto the building up of the body of Christ: till we all attain unto the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a fullgrown man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: that we may be no longer children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, in craftiness, after the wiles of error; but speaking truth in love, we may

grow up in all things into him, who is the head, even Christ; from whom all the body fitly framed and knit together through that which every joint supplieth, according to the working in due measure of each several part, maketh the increase of the body unto the building up of itself in love.”

Without being filled with a working knowledge of the Word of God, we can never attain to becoming a “fullgrown man”, spiritually speaking. The apostle describes it as being an absolute essential for us all to attain “unto the unity of the faith”. If we have chosen to go through life with limited knowledge, being led blindly by others, and depending upon others to provide us with “all the answers”, then we are prime candidates to be “tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine”! We will find ourselves as easy prey for those who spend their lives deceiving and controlling others. Remaining as “children” in our spiritual nature, will simply lead us down the road

of always being influenced by those who use “the sleight of men, in craftiness, after the wiles of error”.

Our spiritual usefulness, both to ourselves and to others, is dependent upon our ability to speak the Truth in love and “grow up” into Him who is the head, even Christ! The body of Christ, the Lord’s church, is framed and knit together by every joint supplying their part, by every member (each several part) working their “due measure”! When we remain as children with a mind and heart lacking knowledge, and also harboring an indifference toward doing much of anything in the way of our “several part”, then we become a danger both to ourselves and to brethren who are depending upon us to be mature and useful in our work with them in the Kingdom. Possibly a major problem which we face in the church is the obvious fact that far too many brethren “THINK” that they are far more mature and useful than they really are, and we would get really “emotionally wrought up” with anyone who might make that

implication about our spiritual development. Maybe the time has definitely arrived that each one of us look long and hard at ourselves in the mirror of God’s perfect law of liberty, “But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deluding your own selves. For if any one is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a mirror: for he beholdeth himself, and goeth away, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But he that looketh into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and so continueth, being not a hearer that forgetteth but a doer that worketh, this man shall be blessed in his doing.”, James 1:22-25. And I am greatly fearful that far too many of us may look into this mirror with distorted vision, and are never able to truly see ourselves as we really are. Self deception is an extremely dangerous thing.

The Word of God admonishes us to be “men” (spiritually mature) in mind. We must take the initiative to “grow up” rather than remain as “children” (without spiritual

development and usefulness). You and I are the only ones who can make that decision in our life. Others can teach, encourage, and provide leadership for us in that path, but it is left up to ME to decide what I want to become. I must decide if I want to take my “chances” in the judgment and “ride along” as a careless, unconcerned, and basically indifferent member of the church, or I must decide to put Christ “first” in my life and “seek first the Kingdom of God”. I can NEVER expect to attain spiritual maturity without expending the effort to achieve it. It doesn’t come without day and night diligence and hard work! Which will it be for me?

- Dennis L. Reed -