

**Noteworthy**

**Kids' Review Class:** Our review class will be tonight, shortly after the PM service, in classroom number seven.

**Prayer Requests:** Remember Ben Cunningham (who injured his back at work last week), Reagan Cunningham, Betty Eubanks, Linda James, Bonnie Meagher, Butch Morgan (ongoing medical), Wayne Ryland, Kaitlyn Sadler (pregnancy), Mike Sadler (medical procedure this week), Danielle Sheffield (pregnancy), and the Ross family.

*Our friends and family:* Joe Brown is being tested for possible prostate cancer & in need of prayer. Please pray also for Diane Anderson (Linda's sister), Elnora Bennet (Moses Stevens' sister), Mildred Church (shut-in), Canera Wisdom (Larry Wisdom's mother), and Harold Gilbert (Ruth and Leon's brother-in-law has cancer).

**Out of Town:** Paula Sullivan and David & Kyoko Williams.

**Upcoming:** Please mark your calendars for our gospel meeting that will be held next month with Brad Sullivan (September 25th-27th). The theme for the weekend series is on "Commitment". I hope that we as a congregation will be "committing" ourselves to attending all of those services.

**Group Meeting:** Group (2) meets tonight after worship. All who are in that group are encouraged to attend.

**Assignments for Worship Service**

**Wednesday Night: 9/9/15**

Song Leader: Jordan Lawson  
 Opening Prayer: David Williams  
 Invitation: Eddie Lawson  
 Announcements: Charles Rawdon  
 Closing Prayer: Wayne Ryland  
 Parking Lot: Leon Miller

**Sunday Evening: 9/13/15**

Song Leader: Clay Sadler  
 Opening Prayer: Ben Cunningham  
 Lord's Table: Keith Marschall  
 Announcements: Larry Hicks  
 Closing Prayer: Jim Elliot  
 Parking Lot: Norm Blackburn

**Sunday Morning: 9/13/15**

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

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



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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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 Michael Sadler  
 Moses Stevens  
 David Williams

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***"Being Vigilant"***

If you would visit a beehive at night, you would see that the entrance is never left unguarded for a moment, and the vigilant sentries are plainly seen running back and forth, ready to give the alarm if anything comes to disturb. Yet these brave little guards do not challenge everything, but only such creatures as seem to be dangerous. It is well known that the moth, the most deadly foe to the swarm, is allowed to pass without hindrance into the hive. The moth, a soft defenseless creature, without mandibles or sting deposits its egg, which when hatched, brings ruin to the colony.

The moth did not appear harmful. Thus, the sentries were not alarmed. Jesus said that the same could happen to us. We could be victimized by those who have the appearance being harmless. Yes, even by those who have the appearance of innocence. "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves." (Matthew 7:15) Eloquent, pious, kind and loving men have often been allowed to establish themselves in congregations and by the time their agenda is identified they have gathered a following and damage is done to the congregation. That is why Paul says that approval should not be given quickly to those who come in. ( I Tim. 5:22). He says it is important that one is proved by many things. (II Cor. 8:22) He warned that we be aware that

there will be people that are deceitful and are false teachers that will advertise themselves as teachers of Christ. He says we shouldn't be surprised because the devil himself does that. (II Cor. 11:13-15) He spoke of those who would even go so far as to spy out as to whether they had been circumcised or not in order to advance their cause. (Gal. 2:4). It has always been shocking the liberty in wrongdoing that false brethren are willing to stoop to. Lying, gossiping, temper tirades seem to go with the turf whenever those with a false agenda get going. Meek and loving brethren sometimes have no choice but to retreat from the tactics of those are so inclined to make havoc of the Lord's church.

That is why we need to be vigilante and alert to what is right and good. We need to be equipped with all the resources we can muster that God has given us, ... that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting," (Eph. 4:14)

We don't like to think we could have those come in among us and have that kind of influence. They can. That is why Jesus and Paul warned us. To be forewarned is to be forearmed.

- By Charles G. Goodall

### ***"A Great Evangelistic Tool"***

I think it works better than radio, better than auto-dialers, better than showings of Jule Miller filmstrips, better than mailing out a bulletin, better than Dial-a-Bible-Reading, better than debates, better than cable TV.

What is it? It's brethren not being conformed to the world.

If a church is made up of people who understand 184 current and past issues correctly, but their lives do not show superior conduct, servitude, and holiness, don't expect an auto dialer, computer, printer, broadcast antenna, or cable outlet to compensate for the failure.

When church members think like the world, dress like the world, talk like the world, and chase money and status symbols like the world, it is the world that is winning them, not the other way around.

When church members are selfish, egotistical, arrogant, and shallow, then they are not in a position to help the world to a higher plane.

If our families are splitting up, our children are dropping out, and our homes are little different from our neighbors then our "light" gets rather difficult to notice.

But if people learn self-denial (Lk. 9:23), learn submission to God and care for our neighbor (Matt. 22), learn to be servants (Jn. 13), learn to be content (1 Tim. 6:8), learn to invest in family (Titus 2:5; Eph. 6:4; Prov. 22:6), and learn to clean out the inside of the cup, not just the outside (Matt. 23), then bright lights will shine.

"Ye are an elect race, a royal priesthood, a people for God's own possession, that ye may show forth the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light...having your behavior seemly among the Gentiles; that...they may glorify God" (1 Pet. 2:9-12).

"Present your bodies as living sacrifices, holy, acceptable to God...and be not fashioned according to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Rom. 12:1,2).

We are not called simply to know some things different from the world -- we are called to rise above the world, and to "be holy" (1 Pet. 1:15). And when people become that kind of light in the world, they become great evangelistic tools in God's service.

And it will far exceed the effect of debates, radio, TV, and mail outs.

- By Scott Smelser

### **WHAT MUST I DO TO BE A CHRISTIAN?**

- ◇ Jesus taught obedience (Matt.7:21-23; Luke 6:46; Matt. 28:20)
- ◇ Jesus taught that unless we believe in Him, we will die in our sins (John 10:31-39)
- ◇ He taught repentance (Luke 13:3; 24:46-47)
- ◇ He taught confessing Him before others (Matthew 10:32-33)
- ◇ He taught baptism as a necessity (Mark 16:15-16; Matthew 28:19-20; John 3:5)
- ◇ He teaches faithfulness unto death (Revelation 2:10)