

Noteworthy

Prayer Requests: Jo Anderson (*on-going medical*), Joe Brown (*cancer*), Mildred Church (*shut in*), Mary Elliot (*complications with her ear*), Charles Goodall (*on-going medical*), Vernita Goodall (*reaction to medication*), Linda James (*recovering*), Bennie Jones (*rheumatoid arthritis*), Paul Lloyd (*rehabilitation in Toledo, Ohio*), Linda McKenzie (*medical*), Butch Morgan (*ongoing medical*), Dottie Reynolds (*back, ongoing medical*), Ian Rice (*medical*), Suzette Stevens (*ongoing medical*).

Family and friends: Mary Ergiyit (*Bob Marshall's sister at home & doing well*), Ned Hicks (*Larry Hicks' father, ongoing medical*), Brian James (*cancer*), Fritzi Marschall (*skin cancer*), John Marschall, Lindy McReedy (*Cindy Hicks' aunt, cancer*), Wayne Ryland (*ongoing medical*) and Ardis Tucker (*Paula Sullivan's sister-in-law*). Remember and encourage others who are struggling physically and spiritually.

Out of Town: Paula Sullivan (*back 10/3*); Bob & Stef (*will be gone 10/1-17*).

Group Meeting: Group 1 will meet tonight after the evening worship service.

Fifth Sunday: There will be an added emphasis on singing & Scripture reading during the PM assembly tonight.

Men's Training Class: The 4th Sunday of each month at 5 pm (*Oct. 28th*).

Gospel Meetings: The Trilacoochee Church of Christ has a meeting that starts today with David Eldridge (*Sept. 30-Oct 5th*). The Zephyrhills Church of Christ will have a song-service on *Oct. 12th at 7:30PM*. Our fall meeting with Leon Mauldin will be next month (*Oct. 21st-26th*).

Kid's Review Class: Immediately following the PM service this evening.

New Quarter: Teachers, a new quarter begins October 3rd (the 1st Wed. of the month will be a singing night, so new classes actually begin next *Sunday, Oct 7th*).

Assignments for Worship Service

Wednesday Night: 10/3/18

Song Leader: Kirk Marschall
 Opening Prayer: Eric Stevens
 Invitation:
 Announcements: Mike Sadler
 Closing Prayer: Ronnie Henderson
 Recordings: Trent Stevens
 Usher: Leon Miller

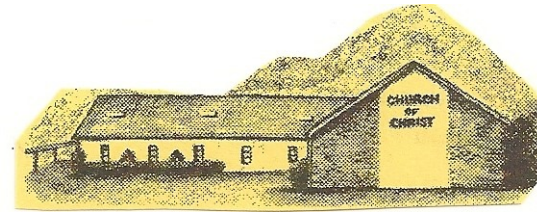
Sunday Evening: 10/7/18

Song Leader: Colby Sadler
 Opening Prayer: Keith Marschall
 Lord's Table: Joe Brown
 Announcements: Larry Hicks
 Closing Prayer: Eric Stevens
 Recordings: Trent Stevens
 Usher: Gus Johnson

Sunday Morning: 10/7/18

Lord's Table: Joe Brown (B)
 Jerry Williams (C)
 Serving: David Williams
 Ed Lawson
 Song Leader: Larry Wisdom

Opening Prayer: Sherman Johnson
 Announcements: Larry Hicks
 Closing Prayer: Mike Sadler
 Recordings: Clay Sadler
 Usher: Gus 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 7:00 P.M.

DEACONS:

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“Dealing With Others”

Dealing with others is not always easy. What should I say? How much should I believe of what I hear? Is there another side to the story I've been told? Am I being fair in my dealings with others? These and other questions must be answered.

When we deal with others there is always the potential for differences to arise. When those differences come it is easy to forget to use some common sense rules in our conflict. We are not always as fair in dealing with those we disagree with as we are in defending ourselves or those with whom agree.

For some time I have been thinking about how brethren treat one another. I have thought about how many problems are simple misunderstandings. It seems to me that we are not always as careful as we ought to be. As I have thought and talked with others, some basic rules come to mind that we ought to follow.

1. Pray for wisdom (Jas. 1:5). If there is any time we need wisdom it is when we deal with those with whom we disagree. Let us pray that we may have the wisdom to know:

(a) how to approach others, (b) what we should say and what we should not reveal, (c) what I should believe and what I should reject of what I hear, (d) the good that is in other people, and (e) how slow or fast I need to be in my conclusions.

2. Be careful what you say. Any of us could easily get carried away and say things that we would later wish had not been said. The proverb writer said, "He who restrains his lips is wise" (**Prov. 10:19**). We must be careful what we say to and about others. It may be information that others have told us in confidence. It may be that the one to whom we give the information may not honor our request to keep it confidential. Let us be "slow to speak" (**Jas. 1:19**) knowing that "a tale bearer reveals secrets, but he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter" (**Prov. 11:13**). We don't have to tell all we know. "A fool vents all his feelings, But a wise man holds them back" (**Prov. 29:11**).

We must be careful how we choose our words. Let's make sure we are conveying the right idea. If we are not cautious, our words can be like the "piercing of a sword" (**Prov. 12:18**). We must watch what we say and how we say it. Remember, "A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger" (**Prov. 15:1**).

Let us also be careful lest we say something detrimental to others. "The hypocrite with

his mouth destroys his neighbor" (**Prov. 11:9; cf. v. 13; 20:19**). It is possible that I could be telling things about others when I don't have all the facts. What I say could destroy the name and reputation of others.

3. There are two sides to the story. In some situations there is some fault on both sides. Thus, both of the parties at odds have some legitimate points. However, there are some situations where the two sides are the right side and the wrong side. Still, there are two sides.

The questions I must ask myself are: Am I listening to and believing the wrong side? Am I taking the wrong side? Have I considered the other side of the story? There may be more that I need to know before I draw my conclusions and state them. The proverb writer said, "The first one to plead his cause seems right, until his neighbor comes and examines him" (**Prov. 18:17**). Whoever tells his side first makes it sound good.

4. Don't jump to conclusions. Too often we take a little information and fill in more gaps than are there. We can easily assume motives that we have no way of knowing. I wonder how often our talk and criticism about others would change if we deleted everything but the real facts that we know.

The proverb writer warned, "He who answers a matter before he hears it, it is folly and shame to him" (**Prov. 18:13**). Let us not be hasty in our words (**Prov. 29:20**).

5. Give others the benefit of the doubt. Love "believes all things" (1 Cor. 13). It gives a person the benefit of the doubt. That means when a questionable situation arises where you could put more than one construction on it, believe the best. When a problem arises and you can put either a good or bad motive on it believe the best. After all, don't you want others to do that with you (**Matt. 7:12**)?

Yes, these rules are simple. But, with a little application we can avoid a lot of friction and misunderstanding.

~ Donnie V. Rader

"Mind YOUR Business"

One of the greatest problems with some people is their inability to keep out of the business of others. Some feel able to assess every situation regarding other people and then proceed to pronounce judgment concerning it. In most cases, they do not have all the facts. Many times their misinformation generates from innuendo and supposition. When Paul was in Jerusalem, the Jews tried to build a case against him based upon supposition. They accused him of polluting the temple by bringing a Gentile into it. They

cried out, "Men of Israel, help: This is the man, that teacheth all men every where against the people, and the law, and this place: and further brought Greeks also into the temple, and hath polluted this holy place. (For they had seen before with him in the city Trophimus an Ephesian, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the temple.)" (**Acts 21:28, 29**) They did not see Paul bring Trophimus into the temple, but merely supposed he had because they had seen them together in the city.

These people who bring judgment upon others are seldom willing to approach the ones they accuse in the presence of those whom they think ought to discipline the "guilty" party. Such is at least ungracious, and may even be dishonest.

Note the company the busybody keeps. "But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters" (**1 Pet 4:15**)

The busybody may claim that he is "just trying to help," and he does not see himself for what he is. He stirs up strife, and faithful people should not give him any audience. Note this from Solomon: "He who goes about as a slanderer reveals secrets, therefore do not associate with a gossip" (**Prov 20:19 NAS**).

~ Bill Lambert