

Noteworthy

Prayer Requests: Jo Anderson (*on-going medical*), Joe Brown (*cancer*), Mildred Church (*shut in*), Mary Elliot (*medical*), Charles Goodall (*recent bout with pneumonia*), Linda James (*surgery scheduled for Nov. 20th*), Paul Lloyd (*rehabilitation in Toledo, Ohio*), Leon Miller (*sick*), Butch Morgan (*ongoing medical*), Dottie Reynolds (*back, ongoing medical*), Suzette Stevens (*ongoing medical*).

Family and friends: Ned Hicks (*Larry Hicks' father, ongoing medical*), Brian James (*cancer*), Lindy McReedy (*Cindy Hicks' aunt, cancer*), Wayne Ryland (*ongoing medical*), Ardis Tucker (*Paula Sullivan's sister-in-law*). Remember and encourage others who are struggling physically and spiritually.

Out of Town: Audrey Davis, Larry Hicks, Paula Sullivan, David & Kyoko Williams.

Group Meeting: Group 2 will meet tonight after the evening worship service.

Kids' Review Class: Also tonight, immediately following the evening assembly.

Ladies Bible Class: Next class will be November 12th (*tomorrow*) at 7PM in Kaitlyn Sadler's home (*Please see bulletin board in foyer for more details*). In preparation, please do lesson number 9 on page 37 in the book provided for the class (*Woman, Her Blessings and Responsibilities*, by Irene S. Foy).

Gospel Meeting: The Fortune Road Church of Christ is having a meeting this week (*Nov. 11th-14th*) with Antoine N. Holloway. See bulletin board for details.

Third Sunday Night: Jordan Lawson will be preaching during the PM assembly next week (*Nov. 18th*), Lord willing!

Men's Training Class: The 4th Sunday of each month at 5 pm (*Nov. 25th*).

Assignments for Worship Service

Wednesday Night: 11/14/18

Song Leader: Trent Stevens
 Opening Prayer: Sherman Johnson
 Invitation: Keith Marschall
 Announcements: Mike Sadler
 Closing Prayer: Bucky Day
 Recordings: Clay Sadler
 Usher: Leon Miller

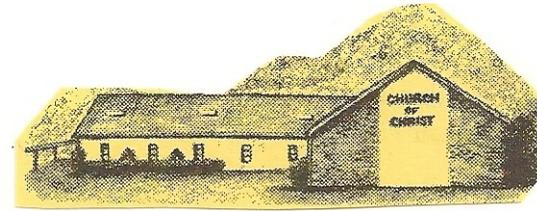
Sunday Evening: 11/18/18

Song Leader: Clay Sadler
 Opening Prayer: Keith Marschall
 Lord's Table: Larry Hicks
 Announcements: Bob Marschall
 Closing Prayer: Neil Miller
 Recordings: Colby Sadler
 Usher: Leon Miller

Sunday Morning: 11/18/18

Lord's Table: Larry Hicks (B)
 Jerry Williams (C)
 Serving: Ed Lawson
 Sherman Johnson
 Song Leader: Larry Wisdom

Opening Prayer: David Williams
 Announcements: Bob Marschall
 Closing Prayer: Charles Goodall
 Recordings: Trent Stevens
 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:

Robert Marschall
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“Discipline in the Home”

Children do not have the ability at birth to understand the language of their parents. We all realize this, but we should also understand that these little people do not know the commonly accepted rules of etiquette, nor do they recognize property rights. Each child seems to assume that anything he finds and likes belongs to him. Only gradually does he learn that some things are his and that other things are the property of others. The innocent child does not, of course, have any sense of discernment between what is morally right and what is wrong. Because of parental failure to guide or train the children many young people never come to have a definite code of morals or sensitive consciences to guide them in the way of righteousness.

While many are not trained to discern between good and evil, they could have been trained. They are as capable of developing faith, godliness, and spiritual wisdom as they are of developing physical skills and language skills from people about them. Some parents take an interest in helping their children to develop the ability to earn a living but not much concern to teach them how to live. There are many who are skilled in athletics, music, and in various aspects of business that are as ignorant of spiritual values as the brute beast from

the jungle (**2 Pet. 2:12, KJV**). That which is most important is lacking.

Parents must have the respect of their children or they cannot convey the value of their own knowledge and experience to them. Love, instruction, personal attention, and the proper example from parents can go a long way toward obtaining this respect. To make their word authoritative, the chastening rod is recommended by the word of God. This is not physical or mental abuse, but it is not always pleasant to the one who is disciplined or to the one who is administering it. Even the Lord chastens those He loves.

"My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: for whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby" (**Heb. 12:5-11**).

We may not be able to identify the occasions when the loving heavenly Father is chastening us. Our complaining bitter attitude toward

things that are beyond our control will not help. Fortunate children whose fathers love them enough to use the rod at the proper time and in the proper way grow up with special respect for their parents. Those undisciplined children cannot be pleased. No undisciplined child is ever a happy child. He is not self-disciplined nor is he pleasant and cooperative in disposition. Is this not true of the unrestrained children you know? Love suggests the use of the rod, but not to the unreasonable point of abuse (**Prov. 13:24; Col. 3:20, 21**). There is the very useful form of discipline that yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness (**Eph. 6:4; Prov. 13:24**).

The punishment the child receives from his parents should be adequate to bring his will into subjection. Impulsively hitting the child may only aggravate the rebellious attitude. Conquer the rebel and be consistent, and there will not need to be a constant running battle. A good man should have his children in subjection with all gravity (**1 Tim. 3:4, 5**). There is some "know how" involved in proper discipline. Children are small for a few years so all parents should develop a skill in the use of effective discipline. Obedience is one of the greatest lessons to be taught, and here is where discipline in the home comes into its place of very great importance. An adult can buffet his own body and bring it into subjection, but a child lacks the depth of understanding to discipline himself, so his parents provide wise and effective discipline until he is trained and mature enough to see the need to control his own fleshly nature.

~ Irven Lee

"The Church Died"

Impressive churches dot the pages of Bible history — Antioch, Ephesus, Jerusalem, Phillipi, Rome. From more recent restoration history, a host of names are recalled. But what finally happened to those churches? A few remain; most are gone. They died! Is this destined to be the final chapter of this church? Why did they die?

Did the churches become outdated? A new T-model Ford is as good as ever but not suited to the demands of our day. Man has not changed. Sin and the truth have not changed. Man's spiritual needs are the same. God's church is perfect in design and needs no improvement. That is not the problem.

Was it persecution that destroyed those grand churches? All churches felt the lash of persecution, but that is when they multiplied their numbers. They died later. Churches die from within — not from outside pressure.

Churches die at the tables of compromise. When the churches fought the world, sin, and false doctrine — asking no quarter nor giving any, they prospered. Brethren bore scars; they lost a battle now and then, but they did not lose the war. In their hand was a two edged sword, and on their side a divine defense none could penetrate. Compromise opened the gates and sheathed the sword. "Let's not dispute with people..." That appeal is the cankerworm and caterpillar that devours a church — and it is at last dead, stripped of its courage and faith.

Churches die of indifference. All churches lose members — they die, quit, or move away. Lazy-

ness just revises the directory and waits for move-ins and births. No effort is made to restore the fallen as scripture demands. No seed is sown. No one has home Bible studies. There is no zealous pursuit of souls. That church naturally — gradually — eventually but ever so surely dies.

Churches die from misdirection. They adopt worldly religious ideals. They see the church as a social reform agency, a general benevolent society, and a recreational institution. Its spiritual mission is forgotten. The harder they work, the worse the church becomes. Finally it is but a grotesque caricature of the Lord's church. Somewhere along the way, the church died — the victim of apostasy. Other churches have no direction at all. They are content to open the doors three times a week, have a meeting once a year, and paint the building when it begins to peel. They go in circles constantly wearing the ruts deeper and deeper. They press without a real goal, running on the treadmill until the church dies.

Is such inevitable? Must our work be wasted? No! The Lord has a prescription: "Preach the word; ... in season, out of season;..." "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life,..." "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee." May we have the zeal, faith, and backbone to take the medicine.

~ Robert F. Turner