

Tidings From Timothy

I Thought the young men did a great job last Sunday night. If you were unable to be with us, you missed a good lesson by Chad on hypocrisy and the church. Why not give your time to being with us (weather permitting) for our next young men's service.

Today we begin a new year with high expectations for spiritual advancement. The commitment we bring to this year and its resolutions will determine how well we are doing this time next year. To that end, I would like us to study about resolutions this morning from Deuteronomy 6. Tonight we will look at the subject of "Suffering and the Loving God."

Youth Devotional: I didn't mention last week that we had quite a bit of money left over this year due to your generous donations. We can use this toward the next small group devotional that we have. If you are interested in hosting one, just see me and we will work out the details.

In Need of Prayer: Gina Netherton had to go to the hospital with a throat infection..

Congratulations!: To Jonathan Emberton and Chelsea Pitcock who were wed yesterday at Pigeon Forge. We wish the Emberton's a long and happy life together.

Directory Update: Connie Brown (11-30) and Evan Brown (6-28)
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More updates next week!

Prayer: Have you every been called upon to lead a public prayer? Did you accept or reject the assignment? Did the thought fill you with anxiety and fear? Did the palms of your hands begin to sweat? Did you feel that you needed to know more about what you were doing?

I'm certainly not an expert on the subject, but perhaps a few practical suggestions might be of help.

The role your voice plays is important. When you pray, pray loudly enough to be heard. If you don't, how will the congregation be able to say "Amen"? (well, all 5 of us who say it won't know when to anyway, STM) Stay away from a "stained glass" voice. You can say "God." It doesn't have to be "Gawd."

It is a public prayer. What you say should be relevant for the whole congregation. Private matters should be dealt with in private prayers. Enter into your own closet and pray to God secretly.

Have the proper motive. You are not praying to be seen of men, or praised for eloquent speech.

Acknowledge Christ. Our access to God is through Christ.

Be sincere. Don't fall into the trap of vain repetitions, or the use of trite expressions.

Consider the time. The Model Prayer that Jesus gave his disciples is rather short. We should not think that we will be heard for our much speaking. I read once about a brother who had a habit of praying long public prayers. On this particular Sunday the prayer had been going on for some time when one brother leaned over to his neighbor and said, "Is he about through?" In a low tone the neighbor responded, "When he reaches the point of the Jews being in bondage he is about half through."

A prayer is not a sermon. You are speaking to God, not to men. I have heard prayer that were used to make announcements (O Lord, you know that the funeral service for brother Smith is going to be conducted at the Ruebel Funeral Home at 2 o'clock in the afternoon this coming Tuesday and we need additional singers). And I have heard prayers which were preached to the members, and even corrected the preacher for the lesson he had just presented. I have even heard prayers which quoted countless scriptures to the Almighty (apparently a reminder to God just in case he forgot what He said).

Take your time. Some public prayers are uttered at such a rapid rate of speech that they become almost unintelligible. I feel sure that much of this is due to stage fright. You may have to remind yourself to be somewhat more deliberate.

Practice praying aloud. If you always pray silently, you may be startled by the sound of your own voice. Pray aloud.

--John Gipson--

What must I do?

- **Hear the Gospel - Acts 15:7**
- **Believe the Gospel - Mark 16:15,16 (cont. on p.4)**
- **Repent of Sins - Acts 17:30**
- **Confess Christ - Rom. 10:9,10**
- **Be Baptized for the Forgiveness of Sins - Acts 2:38**

Then, as a Christian we must:

- **LIVE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH - REV. 2:10**

Birthdays:

Tim	Stinson	01/02
Rita	Hammer	01/03
Kim	Stinson	01/04
Kevin	Cloyd	01/06
Monica	Price	01/06
Charlie	Williams	01/06
Sharon	Bartley	01/07
Carolyn	Hamilton	01/07

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Lord's Supper Reading: Ecclesiastes 12:7-8,13-14 "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it. Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher; all is vanity... Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

Elders:

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Schedule of Services:

Sunday:

Bible Study... 9:30am
 Morning Worship... 10:05am
 Evening Worship... 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study... 7pm

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