

Tidings From Timothy

THe sermon this morning has to do with our attitude toward the word of God. This evening we will be dealing with God's Purpose for making us.

Meeting: Advertisements are out front. We have a big opportunity to have the best Meeting ever here at Mt. Gilead if we will just work it with the community and get them in to hear the Word. Remember it begins next week! Food Groups: don't forget to prepare to feed the preacher, we really like that kind of thing.

In Need Of Prayer:

Laura Key is taking it day by day to see if she can get out. She is receiving care at home now.

Becky Shaw was in the hospital and has been weak from her treatments.

Ezra Proffitt has been doing poorly lately.

Morris Scott got a good report recently and continues to gain strength as you can see.

Gospel Meetings: In addition to our own, there are others going on in the area. This week there is a Meeting at Pine Branch just inside Clay Co. I will be speaking one night and there is an advertisement out front. I will be speaking two days in Smith County at Brush Creek church of Christ on October 16th and 17th. Chad Ramsey will speak the other two nights.

Parking Lot: Park as best you can today; we are in the middle of getting it sealed and restriped. This process should be done before Meeting.

New Church Directory: Please look to the inserts in this bulletin to help explain the upcoming church directory! We need EVERYONE to participate to make this the best one yet.

Till Alzheimers Do Us Part
"...In sickness and in health, for better or for worse..." These are a part of the marriage vows that most couples recite during their marriage

ceremony. Whether these vows are recited or not, they are implicit truths concerning the nature of the relationship they are entering. However, in one of Pat Robertson's recent television programs, he was asked whether a man who has a wife suffering from Alzheimers could divorce her so he could move on with his life and with another woman. To most people's surprise, Robertson said, "Yes."

Robertson's answer disturbs me for a number of reasons.

1. Because his answer flagrantly disregards the teaching of Jesus on the matter. Read what Jesus said in [Matthew 19:9](#) and compare it to the answer Robertson gave to this inquirer.
2. Because of the implications of his answer. Robertson argued that Alzheimers was a "form of death," thus freeing the man to act as though she was dead. Now, just how far is one willing to take that? Is she alive or is she dead? You can't be both. If dead, just how much debilitation does it take to make one dead, and who gets to decide? If dead, thus allowing one to walk away from his marital obligations, then why can one not walk away from his health care obligations? You don't continue to feed dead people do you? Talk about Pandora's box! This impacts the sanctity of life and end life decisions.
3. Because it's an insult to countless people who have faithfully ministered to their suffering spouses and parents. Robertson suggested that one ought to consult a better ethicist than himself for answers to this question. While I would agree that people ought to look elsewhere for guidance, I would suggest that most people wouldn't have to consult an ethicist to know what is right and what is wrong in such a situation. Christian and non-Christian alike are appalled by the calloused suggestion that one may walk away from one's spouse at the spouses greatest time of need.
Alzheimers is a terrible disease. I've witnessed it with loved ones in my family. I've watched as my mom and dad gave round the clock care to both of my grandmothers who suffered from this disease. Some of the most vivid pictures of Jesus that I have ever seen are from godly children and spouses who have selflessly and tirelessly ministered to loved ones who were suffering from Alzheimers. To suggest we can simply "walk away" robs the world of an opportunity to see the love and compassion of

Jesus lived out in his disciples, and it robs God of the glory that results from such sacrificial service.

No, the vows don't say "till Alzheimers do us part," or "till stroke do us part," or "till paralysis do is part" or a host of other debilitating situations. The person who desires to honor God, honor one's spouse, and honor his vows will understand that it is "till death do us part." –Steve Higginbotham

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:

Dane	Bourque	10/02
Mallori		10/05
Joe	McGeorge	10/05
Dillan	Bartley	10/06
Megan	Billingsley	10/07
Ezra	Proffitt	10/08
Ryan	Price	10/09

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Lord's Supper Reading: Hebrews 13:20 - 21 ²⁰Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, ²¹make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* glory forever and ever. Amen

Elders:

Keith Dyer.....427-4105
 Veachel Harlan.....487-5727
 Roger Deckard.....487-8544
 Steve Carter.....487-8746

Deacons: Larry Copas, Cass Thomas Froedge, Bobby D. Gerald, Bobby Harlan, Kevin Deckard, Jimmy High, Ray C. Lyon, Michael McPherson, Gary Rowland

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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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