

Tidings From Timothy

What is important to you? This morning we will take time to investigate this important question in a way that I think you will find interesting. Tonight, we study on Peculiar People. Be at both services for good singing, heartfelt prayers, and hopefully some decent preaching.

Advertisements for the Meeting: These are out front. We have set the Saturday before the Meeting, October 9th at 1pm, to meet and go out in teams door-to-door to advertise.

Feeding the Preacher: I believe that we will have food groups take care of feeding the preacher before services again this time. This keeps the visiting preachers happy and keeps them from preaching too long since they have a full stomach☺.

Gospel Meeting: Several Meetings are going on. Pine Branch in Clay County has a meeting this week Through the 8th with David Hill. Evening services are at 7pm with singing at 6:30.

In Need of Prayer : Well, there may be some that I can't recall from Wednesday night, but just look on the list out front and remember them all, visit them if you can!

Congratulations Great Grandparents: To Ronnie and Linda Branstetter on the birth of Triston Kade Swift who weighed 7lbs15oz!

Fall Festival: This year we will have some improvements in the games and also in the route for the hayride. Come and see us at our house on October 16th!

Church Growth

Concerning the important subject of church growth, David Womack has made the observation that churches tend to level off their growth at specific plateaus. He noted some of these

are: 125, 240, 400, 600, 800, and just under 1200.

He states that once a church is large enough to care for its own members, pay its own expenses, and establish a favorable image in the community, the congregation often loses momentum. Thus, they are lulled into the peaceful slumber of religious passivity.

Brethren, we must not allow this stagnation to happen at Mt. Gilead. Look at four things we must do to prevent it.

1. **REALIZE OUR WORK IS NEVER DONE EVEN THOUGH WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS.** You can recall in the O. T. that God gave Joshua the job of taking all the land of Canaan. For a while the people did well, but after they got enough to live comfortably, they stopped. God's response to Joshua was, "Thou are old and well stricken in years, but there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed" (Joshua 13:1). There are so many more precious souls that need to hear and know about our Lord. We cannot stop because we have enjoyed some success. We must march forward.
2. **INVOLVE MORE PEOPLE IN THE WORK.** Joshua was instructed to take the land and "Divide it as an inheritance, even among the people" (v. 8). A key to ensure church growth is more folks getting involved in its work. It is a serious mistake to think only a few can do **ALL** that must be done.
3. **BE PRAYERFUL.** After we have done everything from our involvement, the trust, faith, desire and dreams must be shared with God. We must persistently communicate with our Father in prayer concerning the growth of Scottsville. Remember: I Thess. 5:17,18.
4. **BE ENTHUSIASTIC.** When we have faith in God, in our being His special people and the serious need of saving the lost, then we can live with enthusiasm (God in us). This wonderful quality of life will keep the church pushing, dreaming, searching, and growing.

--Wayne Miller--, Edited for use in this bulletin

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:

Mallori		10/05
Joe	McGeorge	10/05
Dillan	Bartley	10/06
Megan	Billingsley	10/07
Ezra	Proffitt	10/08
Ryan	Price	10/09
Garrett	Stoops	10/10
Jeff	Warren	10/10

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Lord's Supper Reading: John 12:24-28 ²⁴Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. ²⁵He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. ²⁶If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will *my* Father honour. ²⁷Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify thy name.

Elders:

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 Veachel Harlan.....487-5727
 Roger Deckard.....487-8544
 Steve Carter.....487-8746

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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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