

Tidings From Timothy

Meeting time is here! This is your opportunity to influence a soul for Christ. Start with your own soul by making plans to be at every service that you can. Then branch out and ask yourself: Have I invited my family, including extended family? Have I invited a neighbor to come out and see us some night this week? Don't think "They won't come, they already go to church somewhere." We are meeting through Thursday night, they have many opportunities to come. Work on them and get someone to visit us this week. Then pray, pray, pray. That's what it takes for a good Meeting.

Eatin's: Look on the desk out front for a list of what food group is feeding what night.

Welcome: Brant Stubblefield is no stranger to Monroe County. We had him for a Meeting a couple of years ago, and he has held some Meetings in the area since. He hails from Oklahoma and we have the privilege of being the congregation to first get him over here to bless us with his keen knowledge of the Bible. His family could not make the trip, but if you want to get caught up on them there are pics over the desk out front.

In Need of Prayer : Becky Shaw is back at it following gall-bladder surgery, certainly not 100%, but she will now feel much better in the long run. There are many others on the prayer list out front. Also, Luke Whitehead had a spell and had to go to the hospital, he has pleurisy and bronchitis.

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 at 3pm! There is a sign-up sheet out front if you want to volunteer to bring something out to the house for Saturday.

"Deep" Thought: Ever wondered which kind of car the Apostles would have liked best? Well, no need to guess – "... they were all with one accord... - Acts 2:1. ; -)

Righteousness Exalteth A Nation

"Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people." Proverbs 14:34. These wise words need to be heeded in a country like ours today. It is a shame when countries not based on Christian principles are more just with their people than we are in the United States. Now don't get me wrong, we live in a great country, but I am speaking of the judicial system in particular. It is possible to go to countries in the world where hurting and taking from other people results in punishment that will protect the innocent (such as in some of the Middle East countries). Oh no! Did I use a form of the word "punish?" Yes, I did. It is a perversion of the truth to say that punishment is not a godly motivation to get people to do what is right.

Now there are two problems about which Christians as citizens should be concerned. The first is that we have all seen how that criminals are coddled in some cases. Why should this be? Since when do love and mercy cancel out justice? God is all righteous and all loving; there is no contradiction. Our God is longsuffering and merciful, but that does not mean sin will go unpunished. Let us consider an irresponsible person who is, say, a drug abuser (and yes, alcohol is a drug). This man will not respond to treatment or counseling. What shall we do with him? Maybe he will respond to punishment. What if that doesn't work? What if he's a drunk driver who is a special menace to others? Lock him up. "But," some may say, "don't you know that prisons are already overcrowded?" I don't care. Pack 'em in like rats. If they are going to behave as an animal then let them live like one, it's their choice. I don't know where we got the idea that a criminal has a right to so many square feet of private space or that he needs cable TV. Even if you call those "rights," he lost them when he beat his wife, stole from his neighbor, refused to pay his taxes, or whatever. Now let us consider the second problem area. The government needs to stay out of the church and the home when it comes to taking away responsibilities that belong to the elders or mommy and daddy. Don't be telling my child that what is right and wrong depends upon what they feel or that the church cannot exercise effective discipline.

If we will all exercise the Christian influence that we have, maybe these things will get better instead of worse. Are you doing your part as a citizen and a Christian?

--Tim McHenry--

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:

Garrett	Stoops	10/10
Jeff	Warren	10/10
Paige	Anderson	10/11
Wendell	Owen	10/11
Frances	Stoops	10/12
Connor	Geralds	10/15
Skylar	Geralds	10/16
Dana	Hammer	10/16

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Lord's Supper Reading: Luke 24:25-26 ²⁵Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?"

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

Evangelist:

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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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