

Tidings From Timothy

Results from the Gospel Meeting were so encouraging. The overt responses included Hannah Bartley, Connie McHenry, and Taylor Miller asking for prayer, & Jerry Monday and Makayla Monday being baptized into Christ. May the Lord continue to prosper us in His work here at Mt. Gilead.

Tonight will be a song service but with no fellowship meal following.

Gospel Meetings: Other Meetings are going on this week. Berea starts today and goes through Wednesday. They were very good to support us. South Edmonton starts today with Michael Shepherd preaching. We have advertisements for these two Meetings out front. Oak Hill will be starting their Meeting with the Monroe Youth Devo tonight at 6pm. Fountain Run and Pine Hill in Clay county have Meetings beginning the 28th and going through the 30th.

In Need of Prayer: **Delma Proffitt** is back in the nursing home but is very much in need of prayer. If you can, send her a card at this address: 213 Jim Bryant Ave., Tompkinsville, KY 42167. IC Short is in the local hospital. Bernelle Emberton is in Vanderbilt Hospital on the Medical Center North wing, she is about the same. Freddie Cornwell had a stint put in all of a sudden and is now recovering.

Fall Festival at McHenry's: The 8th annual Fall Festival will be at the McHenry's on the 27th of October. We will start at about 3pm and there is a sign-up sheet to bring stuff out front.

Trunk-N-Treat: This will be Sunday night the 28th of this month. It's just a time where you bring goodies for the young-uns after Worship on that Sunday night.

What makes the church of Christ different?" Consider the plea of the churches of Christ. Peter wrote, "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God" (I Peter 4:11). Our desire and plea is for men to return to God's word!

"Let's go back to the Bible! Let's do Bible things in Bible ways! Let's call Bible things by Bible names! Let's worship and live according to the pattern! If it's authorized in God's Word, let's do it! If it isn't, let's refuse it!"

Our plea is for the restoration of New Testament Christianity. We see religious unity which can only be realized by returning to "the old paths."

Religious unity is possible. God planned it (Ephesians 4:4-5). Jesus prayed for it (John 17:20,21). Paul pleaded for it (I Corinthians 1:10). However, all of us being one in Christ is impossible until we return to God's Word. We must all plant the same seed (Luke 8:11), speak the same thing (I Corinthians 1:10) and follow the same standard (Philippians 3:16).

The Bible is inspired of God (2 Timothy 3:16, 17). We are to live by it (Matthew 4:4). We will be judged by it (John 12:48). It alone should guide our lives!

"Let's go back to the Bible!" I ask you, "Isn't that a wonderful plea?" Ask yourself, "Am I really following the Bible?" Why this emphasis? Because we want to please God! Why this plea? Because we care about you!

Let us now consider the government of the church. The churches of Christ have no ecclesiastical form of government. In the first century, each congregation was self-governing. There was no system of government larger than the local congregation.

The churches of Christ have no conventions or councils. No group of men have the authority to "legislate" for the church. The church is not a democracy. It is a monarchy. Christ is King!

The churches of Christ have no human head. Jesus Christ is the head of the church (Ephesians 1:22, 23). He is to have the preeminence (Colossians 1:18). He has all authority (Matthew 28:18).

In the Bible, God's simple plan of organization is given. Each congregation is to have bishops (elders) and deacons (Philippians 1:1). The qualifications of these leaders are given in I Timothy 3:1-13 and Titus 1:5-9. They do not enact laws.

Rather, they guide the congregation in obeying Christ's law as dictated in the New Testament.

When men assume authority, it is an insult to Christ on the throne. The existence of councils and conventions is an indication that men are guiding themselves. If we are "just following the Bible," why do they exist? Isn't the Bible a safe, adequate guide?

If we are following God's word and only God's word, why would we need to have a convention to determine what we are going to preach and practice? Hasn't that already been decided? The very existence of councils, conventions and synods tells us something. Think about it!

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What must I do?

- **Hear the Gospel - Acts 15:7**
- **Believe the Gospel - Mark 16:15,16**
- **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:

Sheila Gerald	10/22
Tony Harlan	10/22
Vivian Gerald	10/23
Albert Kerr	10/23
Kevin Gerald	10/24
Grant Biggerstaff	10/26
Jason Bryant	10/26
Patricia Evans	10/26
Jessica McPherson	10/26
Bobby Dale Gerald	10/27
Kelsey Turner	10/27

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Verses for the Lord's Supper: Revelation 5:1-7: And I saw in the right *hand* of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ²Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?" ³And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it. ⁴So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. ⁵But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals." ⁶And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain...

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:

9:30am Bible Study...

10:05am Morning Worship...

6pm Evening Worship...

Wednesday:
6pm
7pm

Bible Study...