

Tidings From Timothy

H **Ardly any dry bodies (or eyes) left in the house!!** We have had at least 9 (count 'em – *nine*) baptisms in the last few days. It started with Luke Whitehead being baptized a few days back and just after that Lauren McHenry. Then Kayla Murray expressed her desire to be baptized and later that night Natasha Warren. The latest round began when Amanda McGeorge responded to the invitation and was baptized – to be shortly followed by Kalli Lyon, McKenzie Clements, and Madison Clements. To top it off, on Friday I got a phone call and we ended up at the baptistery where Lesa Owen was baptized into Christ. Each one of these precious souls represent years of prayers, sermons, and bible classes. This, brethren, is what it is all about. Not baptism per say, but rather the salvation of souls that is by our Lord Jesus Christ, to Him be all the glory!!

Caroling at Nursing Home: Unless you all have a better date, and no one has told me one, then I will ask the Nursing Home if we can sing holiday songs with them next Sunday afternoon.

In Need of Prayer: Laura Key will hopefully be released for the hospital tomorrow. Maxie Harlan is presently taking treatments. Your prayers are requested for Ethan Strode, who was in a bad auto accident and has had brain injury. Be listening this morning for updates and further announcements.

Youth Devotional and Men's meeting: The men's class is scheduled to meet tomorrow night at 6:30, and we have a youth devotional I would like to start around 7pm here at the building. To have this devotional and provide for supper before I will need some financial assistance. Those coming to the youth devotional that would like to participate in a light-hearted gift exchange, need to bring an inexpensive, wrapped gift with them. We will eat first, then have the devotional, and then the "gift" exchange. The lesson this year will be on what we can learn from Alka-Seltzer (really).

R ecently I read of an entry found in an old church record of a business meeting. It stated: A committee was appointed to investigate the squeak in the pulpit. Upon reading this, I couldn't help but think that today's world, even today's church, desperately needs more than a "squeak" coming from the pulpit. Now, as much as ever, we need the clear tones of the gospel resounding from our pulpits.

We are hearing far too much about churches who are selling out to the culture. The distinctive preaching of New Testament Christianity is seldom if ever heard in some pulpits. Sermons that challenge our morals, expound our doctrine, question our ethics, and rebuke our mediocrity are exchanged for sermons that have an air of religiosity, but are lacking in substance.

In 1 Chronicles 12:32, it was said of some of God's children that they "understood the times." There remains a multitude of God's children who understand the times. They understand that now is not the time for a squeak in the pulpit. There are many godly elders, and godly Christians who are demanding to hear more than a squeak from the pulpit. They have not bought into the idea that distinctive preaching has harmed the church. They want substance over style and flair. They want truth over entertainment. They want biblical authority over pragmatism. And they would rather have the sometimes bitter truth over a watered-down gospel. To put it in the words of John MacArthur, they realize that the weakness of the pulpit today does not stem from frantic cranks who harangue about hell; it is the result of men who compromise and who fear to speak God's Word powerfully, with conviction.

There are many challenges that face the church today. If we are to rise up to the occasion and defeat our adversary, we must have a strong pulpit; Pulpits that will speak the truth in season and out of season, with all the love it can muster; Pulpits that will not compromise the truth; Pulpits that do more than just squeak!

Steve Higginbotham

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:	Glenda Wilson	12/13
	Janice Williams	12/14
	Mackenzie Clements	12/15
	Freddie Cloyd	12/15
	Gary Dyer	12/15
	Morris Scott	12/15
	Steve Myatt	12/18
	Charlie Wilkerson	12/18
	Timmy Gillenwater	12/19
	Sallie Proffitt	12/19

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Isaiah 53:4 - 9⁴ Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows;
Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.⁵ But
He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities;
The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, And by His stripes we are
healed.⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one,
to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.⁷ He
was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He
was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is
silent, So He opened not His mouth.⁸ He was taken from prison and from
judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from
the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken.
⁹ And they made His grave with the wicked— But with the rich at His
death...

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

Wednesday: Bible Study... 7pm

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