

## Tidings From Timothy

**T**oday is a big day. Several things are planned and some announcements need to be made:

1. The classrooms upstairs are ready. If your furniture for class has been moved upstairs, just go upstairs and use it! A few things need to be done upstairs but nothing to keep it from being used. Downstairs in the fellowship hall looks good too.
2. This afternoon we will have caroling at the Nursing Home. We need to start this no later than 1:30pm to get done for the church services.
3. This evening we have a singing and fellowship. **Finger Foods** will be brought for this fellowship meal and we will then have our Holiday Ornament Exchange. Everyone come out and enjoy the new fellowship area.

**High Chair:** Has anyone donated one or two of these yet? We could use them in the fellowship hall.

**In Need of Prayer:** Laura Key is having various health problems and is still waiting for word on how to treat her lung condition. Marris Jackson has had a fall and broke his hip. The address for where he is at is:  
Manor House Assisted Living  
1148 Mountain Creek Rd.  
Chattanooga, TN 37405

### Requiring Children to Study the Bible

By David Lipscomb

**I** know of but one way of explaining the fact that a man claiming to believe the Bible can doubt the duty and obligation of parents to require their children to study the Bible. It is this: I knew an

experienced and thoughtful lawyer that insisted that every man had his crazy spot, and on some subject and at some point everyone is crazy.

For a parent to require a child to wash his face and keep his body clean, and not require him to learn and obey the Bible, is to teach him that the body is worth more than a pure heart and a clean and holy spirit.

For a parent to require a child to learn spelling and reading and arithmetic, and not require the child to study the Bible, is to teach it, by forcible object les-son, that it is more important to be qualified to live in this world than to be fitted to live in heaven. There is no evading these simple truths.

The parent that so treats and impresses his child is the worst enemy that child has. He will be made to feel this when he meets that child at the judgment of God. It is better to face the question honestly now.

**Editor's note:** It is a legitimate question to ask, "How do I know when I should make my child do something that he/she should do?" Well, it depends on whether the doing of it requires a willing heart. To make them keep themselves clean is good for them whether they choose to wash or not. On the other hand, to make a child get baptized would do no good, since it requires a willing faith behind the act (Mark 16:16)! This also helps explain why the government should not force people to become Christians – it would do them no good in the sight of God.

We want to wish  
everyone a very  
Merry Christmas

and a most  
Happy New Year!

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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**

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Birthdays:

Calvin	Clements	12/21
Rocky	Evans	12/21
Hilda	Rhoton	12/21
Herold	Wilson	12/21
Ronnie	Branstetter	12/25
Travis	Page	12/25
Heather	Coulter	12/27

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## Verses for the Lord's Supper:

Matthew 26:26-28, "And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat, this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

## Elders:

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

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