

Tidings From Timothy

The young men did a great job preaching last Sunday night. Also, the young ladies did great at preparing valentine baskets with cookies and baked goods for our shut-ins. You should be proud of the work they are doing to develop good Christian habits.

In need of Prayer: Lavanna Billingsley has still been in the hospital but has hopes of being released soon. Various people have been suffering from pneumonia so you all be careful out there and **wash your hands** after coming in contact with others. Alene Blythe is now out of the hospital.

Potter Pick-Up: The time is getting near! Get those items in and show your personal care for the families at the children's home in Bowling Green. Brother Goode will be picking up these things from the building on February 24th: Red Pepper, Strawberry Milk Mix, Wet Wipes, Mushrooms in metal can, Frosted Shredded Wheat
Let's set a record for giving this year!

Nursing Home Service: We had a great crowd on hand at the service and many visited from the church. This visitation really makes the residents happy and is a good work, keep it up.

Sunday Morning Scripture Readings: The Bible readings done before the prayer and Lord's supper on Sunday morning are now meant to reflect on some aspect of the Lord's Supper. Lately, I have been publishing verses that have to do with Jesus as the "Lamb of God."

Be Friendly: People are strange. It is often not enough for us to have an obvious concern for others, but to really get someone to think that you are special, you often have to "go the extra mile." That is what this article is about.

Let me say from the start that I am not under the delusion that we should fellowship the world or any worldly thing. I cannot have agreement with any denomination or anyone who does not teach the truth or show me the narrow way (Amos 3:3). However, that does not mean that our *disposition* should be such that others just turn away with no impression of who I am and what I stand for.

One way that the church can make clear what we are all about is by common friendliness and hospitality. Proverbs 18:24 says "***A man [that hath] friends must shew himself friendly...***" Now I ask you, is being "there for them" the **only** way to show we are friendly? We must do more to get others interested in the gospel. You see, we may not think it to be a great matter, but every Christian should behave in such a way that others will give us an opportunity to do good to them in more fundamental ways. Proverbs 22:24 says "***Make no friendship with an angry man...***" What if others see you just being plain old grumpy or just disinterested? Does that give them the impression that you are a nice person? A related issue is how we deal with controversy. When you disagree with someone as you try to influence them for Christ, **always** keep your anger in check. A Christian should never get to the point where they cannot express their care for others in a logical way. A Christian shows his character as he keeps his cool while the other person "loses it."

But you may wonder just how we show ourselves to be friendly. Well, one example would be to not only introduce ourselves to others but also *to prolong the conversation* by asking them questions that require them to explain a little about themselves. Ask open questions like, "I see you came with so and so here to church, how did you come to know them?" That way a person gets a personal connection with you instead of just remembering you as a fella who said, "Hi," and then turned right back around in their pew. And one more thing, don't give them a "wet noodle" handshake. Do you think when Paul said: "***Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus...***" (Romans 16:3) that he meant for them to be given one of *those* hand shakes? Do you think they were just supposed to say, "Paul says, Hi.?" You *know* the greeting was to be more warm and personal than that.

Now a person doesn't have to be hyper, aggressive, loud, or overbearing. These matters just take **time**. Why not spend your time in and out of the church building showing yourself to be friendly?

What Must I do to be saved?

- **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**

Study the Bible?

God speaks to us today through the Holy Word of God - The Bible (Hebrews 1:1-2). The Scriptures instruct us in the way God requires His people to live (2 Timothy 3:16,17). The Bible is powerful and able to save us (Romans 1:16; James 1:21-25), if we will hear, learn and obey it.

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Revelation 5:8-10, Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying:

“You are worthy to take the scroll,
And to open its seals;
For You were slain,

And have redeemed us to God by Your blood
Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,
¹⁰ And have made us kings and priests to our God;
And we shall reign on the earth.”

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