

Tidings From Timothy

This morning we study on influence. Tonight, Lord willing, we will have a follow-up lesson to that entitled "All or Nothing." Be with us if you can since we will probably have light crowds due to a good portion of Mt. Gilead being in Richmond, KY – Go Roe Go! Anyway, Tyler tells me that even on Friday the high school was like a ghost town. Bye the way, I'm told from reliable sources that Tyler did a fine job last Sunday night at Dry Fork and he enjoyed being with the brethren there.

Potter Commodities: Please see the list over the desk and get those items in as soon as possible. We are tardy in collecting these this year, but the commodities guy for the home is patient.

Youth Opportunity: The West End church of Christ in Livingston, TN is hosting a Bible Bowl on March 5. I am told we have some teams getting formed up. We need to know something definite as to how many teams by the 18th. We will try and get you some T-shirts and I know we will learn a lot and have fun, too.

In Need of Prayer: We are very saddened at the sudden passing of Louise Brown. Sister Brown was one of those Christians that form the backbone of many, many congregations across the brotherhood. She will be sorely missed, and we encourage you to be in prayer for Burly, Donna, and all the family. Funeral services are today at 1pm with burial to follow in Mt. Gilead cemetery. Connie's grandfather, Glendale Hickey, is having a hard time with his cancer. Be listening to the announcements for others that I may not have gotten an update on.



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC IN WORSHIP

"Oh, you the ones who don't believe in pianos or music." This statement is not entirely

correct. The church of Christ believes the Bible. We do have music in our services, but it is a specific kind of music.

God tells the New Testament church to sing: "*Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord*" (Ephesians 5:19), also "*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*" (Colossians 3:16). This is exactly what we do.

It is deplorable that there is all of this concerting and entertainment going on in this country. And they call it worship, but true worship is the kind that God wants; and He has told us to follow the authority of his Son in all things (Col. 3:17). Perhaps I need to spend some time on this point. If you will read Colossians 3:17 you find that all deeds and words are to be done "*in the name of the Lord.*" Now, if you go back to Acts 4 and read that chapter, you find that Peter said they had healed a lame man by the *power*, or by the *name*, of Jesus. This shows that to invoke someone's name means to invoke their authority or power. A modern day example would be when a policeman says, "Stop!, in the name of the Law!" If the law didn't authorize him to stop us we would say he was overstepping his bounds. However, the law does allow police officers, at least in many situations, to stop us from doing something. Likewise, when people today worship God or serve him in any way, it must be by the authority of Jesus, and since we only know what He wants from the Bible, that's what we must go to before we do or say anything. Since we do not have a "thus saith the Lord" for using instruments of music in worship today, we don't use them. The same kind of principle is taught in 2 John verses 9-11. There we are told to stay in the doctrine of Christ and that "*Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God.*" How can you stay in Christ's teachings when he never taught you to do it?

Now let me make myself clear, I am not denying that they had instrumental music in Old Testament worship. Then again, you cannot deny that they also had animal sacrifice in the Old Testament as well as a slew of other things which we don't do today because we are not under that law of Moses (cf. Gal. chapter 3 & Hebrews chapters 7 and 8). What I *am* saying is that if you come to visit us at the Mt. Gilead church of Christ, we will have a unique and totally scriptural service devoted to God. --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:

Larry	Ford	02/06
IC	Short	02/06
Brian	White	02/06
Klaire	McPherson	02/07
Michael	McPherson	02/08
Hayden	Froedge	02/09
John Reece	Lyons	02/09
Lori	Bowles	02/10
Wilma	Guffey	02/11
Kim	Hagan	02/13

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Lord's Supper Reading:

Acts 4:24-28 ²⁴So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You *are* God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them, ²⁵who ²⁶by the mouth of Your servant David have said: *'Why did the nations rage, And the people plot vain things? The kings of the earth took their stand, And the rulers were gathered together Against the LORD and against His Christ.'* "For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together ²⁸to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done.

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

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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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