

## Tidings From Timothy

**T**hey are expecting more snow today. This is getting to be a regular event, but really winters used to be like this very often. However, there's nothing like some good gospel singing to warm things up. That's what I hope to do with you this morning as we study on the meaning of some of the songs in our book.

**Ladies Day:** There will be a ladies day conducted by the young ladies in the church here at Mt. Gilead with the keynote speaker Mrs. Sheila Butt in April. Be praying about this event and talk it up among the ladies.

**In Need of Prayer:** Please keep in prayer the family of Noel "Fendell" Page, whose funeral was this past week at Yokeley-Trible.. Sister Laura Key is in the hospital at Celina, but should get out tomorrow. Brother JD Key had to go to the hospital but was released. Sister Lorraine Smith is in very poor health at the hospital here.

**Sign-up sheet:** Please sign up today for what you would like to do to help with the Sweet-heart banquet at next Sunday night's fellowship. The sheet is over the desk out front.

**Pantry Item:** Crackers

### **Effective Visitation for the sick:**

**V**isiting someone who is hospitalized, ill at home, confined to a nursing home, or is in some way incapacitated requires sensitivity, a genuine love of people, and lots of common sense. Perhaps more than any gift we can offer such a person, the gift of caring through listening and meeting physical needs is the most appreciated.

In learning the story about the Son of God, we become aware of His treatment of and conversations with a variety of individuals. Jesus manifested qualities we can imitate if we choose.

Compassion for a stranger who had been beaten, robbed and abandoned became Christ's definition of what constitutes a true neighbor (Luke 10:30-37). Openly caring for the multitudes as well as the individuals became a trademark of the Messiah. Promoting self-esteem by allowing people to do what they were able to do instead of helpless dependence was also a part of Christ's ministry. There were times when physical needs were provided; there were times of shared prayer and prayers spoken in solitude; and there were times of expressing genuine feelings of sadness, despair, compassion and anger.

Our purpose in the Christian family is to minister to the sick in a way that is God-centered and genuine. When Jesus says, "I was sick and you visited Me" (Matt. 25:36 NKJV), He lays the groundwork for His disciples to respond to each other in a loving manner.

While Jesus had the answers, He often chose to answer a question with another question, or He allowed the speaker to complete his statement. All too often we try to provide quick pat answers to painful situations when we would be more effective by sharing the hurt and suffering. Focusing on the patient instead of ourselves is key to true caring. This approach may have to allow freedom of expression without immediate response. Sometimes, shared silence is the best form for communicating love. Body language and physical presence speak volumes.

Prayer, if appropriate to the setting, is usually a welcome gift. Even if a public prayer is not worded at the time of the visit, patients often tell me how much it means to have Christians remembering them in prayers. Prayer is a means of extending the comforting presence of the Lord to someone who may be feeling alienated or distant. Brief Scripture readings are also appropriate in some circumstances.

Other acts of caring include things such as flowers, personalized gifts (i.e., favorite foods or taped music), cards, handwritten notes, assisting in such daily needs as laundry and transportation, and perhaps even the offer of financial assistance.

The best gift we can offer is ourselves. Sincere concern is listening, touching and being there. We can be flexible enough to "rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep" (Romans 12:15), realizing our hope lies in One who has overcome the greatest enemy – death itself.

*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:**

Tammy	Strode	02/15
Eddie Rose	Bartley	02/16
Kaitlyn	Lyon	02/17
Marshall	Isenberg	02/18
Chad	Carter	02/19
Mary Pearl	Clements	02/19
James	Walker	02/19
Brooke	High	02/21

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1 Corinthians 11:23-26 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

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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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