

Tidings From Timothy

Today will be busy. We begin this morning with a sermon on “States of salvation.” After the morning services the following will be going on:

2:00pm Singing: It is Mt. Gilead’s time for the Monroe County 3rd Sunday singing at 2:00pm. We have this each February of the year. Come out and help us and be encouraged by some good singing.

6:00pm Singing: Our own monthly singing here at Mount Gilead will be tonight at 6:00pm. Why not use the 2pm singing as a warm-up and then let the 6pm service cap off a good day of praise to God?

Sweetheart Fellowship: We will have a special fellowship meal this month. Who will be “crowned” for their lifelong commitment to one another? Who will win the “oldywed” game (I think I’ll shorten the game a little this year, but it’s still on)? Good food and wonderful Christian fellowship await both young and old, so come and bring someone with you tonight to eat with us and enjoy the activities.

In need of Prayer: People continue to recover from the storm, especially in Macon Co. and over Gamaliel, so keep them and others in prayer. Kenneth Bartley has been in the hospital, but should be out by the time you read this. Lavanna Billingsley is in The Palace nursing home in Red Boiling. Others are doing about the same or I don’t have an update for them.

Congratulations: Stacey and Kenneth McPherson have a new baby! Details on the baby next week.

Potter Pick-up: The items for Potter children’s home will be picked up About February 24th so it’s time to get those in soon. We are starting to get several items in, but I’m sure that a bunch of people can eat A LOT of cereal (for example) in one setting, so give with a lot of people in mind. The list of what to give is over the desk.

Have you every been called upon to lead a public prayer? Did you accept or reject the assignment? Did the thought fill you with anxiety and fear? Did the palms of your hands begin to sweat? Did you feel that you needed to know more about what you were doing?

I’m certainly not an expert on the subject, but perhaps a few practical suggestions might be of help.

The role your voice plays is important. When you pray, pray loudly enough to be heard. If you don’t, how will the congregation be able to say “Amen”? (well, all 5 of us who say it won’t know when to anyway, STM) Stay away from a “stained glass” voice. You can say “God.” It doesn’t have to be “Gawd.”

It is a public prayer. What you say should be relevant for the whole congregation. Private matters should be dealt with in private prayers. Enter into your own closet and pray to God secretly.

Have the proper motive. You are not praying to be seen of men, or praised for eloquent speech.

Acknowledge Christ. Our access to God is through Christ.

Be sincere. Don’t fall into the trap of vain repetitions, or the use of trite expressions.

Consider the time. The Model Prayer that Jesus gave his disciples is rather short. We should not think that we will be heard for our much speaking. I read once about a brother who had a habit of praying long public prayers. On this particular Sunday the prayer had been going on for some time when one brother leaned over to his neighbor and said, “Is he about through?” In a low tone the neighbor responded, “When he reaches the point of the Jews being in bondage he is about half through.”

A prayer is not a sermon. You are speaking to God, not to men. I have heard prayer that were used to make announcements (O Lord, you know that the funeral service for brother Smith is going to be conducted at the Ruebel Funeral Home at 2 o’clock in the afternoon this coming Tuesday and we need additional singers). And I have heard prayers which were preached to the members, and even corrected the preacher for the lesson he had just presented. I have even heard prayers which quoted countless scriptures to the Almighty (apparently a reminder to God just in case he forgot what He said).

Take your time. Some public prayers are uttered at such a rapid rate of speech that they become almost unintelligible. I feel sure that much of this is due to stage fright. You may have to remind yourself to be somewhat more deliberate.

Practice praying aloud. If you always pray silently, you may be startled by the sound of your own voice. – John Gipsen--

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 7:13-15: Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?"

¹⁴And I said to him, "Sir, you know."

So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them.

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Evening Worship... 6pm

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