

Tidings From Timothy

PRay now for our Gospel Meeting starting next week, April 12-16 with evening sessions at 7pm. David Hill will be the speaker and his sermon topics are on the flyers on the desk out front. Today I will preach on "Temptation." Tonight I will preach on evangelism and Gospel Meetings, Lord willing.

In Need of Prayer: Keith Dyer is now at home, but still has a way to go in his recovery. Jim Stoops had a brief hospitalization, but is now feeling better. Several others have been recovering from everything from heart-related problems to the flu to you-name-it. See the updated prayer list out front.

Going Smoothly: All went well with the Meeting I had at Celina, with several from Mt. Gilead making the trip Monday night. I think I did some of my best preaching during this Meeting ☺. Jonathan Shaw is now an old married man. He and the Mrs. are off on their honeymoon.

Egg Hunt: The yearly egg hunt at the Harlans will be the 11th at 11am. You're invited to come out and be a part of this fun event. If you would like to bring food then hotdogs, buns, etc. would be good. You can also bring eggs and prizes.

For the church to turn aside from its divine work to furnish amusement and recreation is to pervert its mission. It is to degrade its mission. Amusement and recreation should stem from the home rather than the church. The church, like Nehemiah, has a great work to do; and it should not come down on the plains of Ono to amuse and entertain. As the church turns its attention to amusement and recreation, it will be shorn of its power as Samson was when his hair was cut. Only as the church becomes worldly, as it pillows its head on the lap of Delilah, will it want to turn from its wonted course to relatively unimportant matters. Imagine Paul selecting and training a group of brethren to compete in the Isthmian games! Of his work at Corinth, he said: "For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:2). What then, is the work of the church?

On the day of Pentecost, the birthday of the church, we find it **preaching the gospel**. It is reasonable to expect the church, under the leadership of the apostles, to be engaged in its divinely assigned work. Christ, before his ascension, had laid upon his disciples, his church, the grave and momentous responsibility of preaching the gospel to every creature in every age of the world (Mark 16:15,16). During the lifetime of the apostles the church was busily engaged in preaching the gospel to the remote ends of the earth. In his first epistle to Timothy, Paul said, "*These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly: but if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how men ought to behave themselves in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth*" (3:14,15). The church is the "pillar and ground of the truth" - not truth in general, but rather truth in particular. The church must support and preach the gospel always as a part of its divine mission.

Further, the church in Jerusalem "*continued stedfastly in the apostles' teaching.*" In addition to preaching the gospel to alien sinners, the church **taught and built up its own members** that they might "*grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ*" (II Peter 3:18). The Lord has made ample provisions of the edification of his people, the church. "*He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, in craftiness, after the wiles of error*" (Ephesians 4:11-14). It is, therefore, the work of the church to **promote the growth and development of its members**.

Finally, the church in Jerusalem **ministered to the material needs of its worthy poor** (Acts 4:32-37; 6:1-6). The Gentile churches sent help to the brethren in Judea (Acts 11:29-30; Rom. 15:25-26). Paul said that he was always ready to help those in need (Gal. 2:10). It is a part of the work of the church to help those who are in need, but the church is under no obligation to help those who will not help themselves. "*If any will not work,*" said Paul, "*neither let him eat*" (II Thess. 3:10).

If the church will discharge its duty in preaching the gospel, in edifying its members, and in helping the worthy poor, it will not have desire or time merely to amuse and entertain. --B. C. Goodpasture-- (**Gospel Advocate**, May 20, 1948)

- 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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Verses for the Lord's Supper: **Philippians 2:5 - 11** ⁵Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: ⁷But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: ⁸And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. ⁹Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: ¹⁰That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; ¹¹And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father

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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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