

Tidings From Timothy

WE had an excellent crowd (far more than what I remember last year) for our youth service. Our young men did a great job and those visiting us from sister congregations did great too. The next big step for them is to have one or two go to Dry Fork at the end of this month and preach for those good brethren. Pray that our young men will go onward and upward in service to God.

Nobody's making me, but I thought today I could get your attention by saying a few things about "Bible Scenes with Mothers." You might be surprised of all the fascinating things that happened with moms in the Bible.

In Need of Prayer: We are saddened at the passing of Dorothy Ramsey, whose funeral was on Wednesday. Others are by and large doing better and you can look on the prayer list for those to remember on a regular basis.

Gospel Meeting: There will be a Meeting at Elbow Bend Monday through Thursday. Westley Hazel will be doing the preaching the first two nights and I will be preaching on Wednesday and Thursday. Singing starts at 6:30pm each evening and preaching at 7pm.

The meeting at Berea went well and Philip Pitcock was restored to more faithful church attendance on Wednesday.

Pantry: We are in need of soups of all kinds for the food pantry, especially chicken noodle. We also need crackers.

Graduates: If any names have not been put on the list over the desk, then please add them. We will be honoring our graduates on the evening of the 17th.

Sour Saints?

Someone has said, "Smile and the world smiles with you..." What this tells us is what we hand out we get back. It is the old sowing and reaping principle.

In the years I have been preaching, I have seen some sour faces that would cause a green apple to blush. I have seen those in

the church of the Living God that looked like they were weaned on green persimmon juice. They must look like the Pharisees did when they were fasting (Matt. 6:16).

Can these people laugh? Oh, yes, they can laugh; for I have seen them do so. They are as fine as can be with certain people and in certain places. Well, what causes them to be so sour at church? I don't know that I can answer this question. Maybe they do not like to be at church. Maybe they do not like the preacher. Maybe they do not agree with the teaching done, even though it is solid Bible teaching. Maybe they have a guilty conscience and being at church makes them feel uncomfortable. Maybe they just want to look that way. We may not know the reason, but we do know they are sour!

Christians should be the happiest people in the world. They should have a lovely smile for everyone. A smile is just as holy as crying. Folks that are sour do a lot of damage to the Lord's church and to His Cause. It is hard to build a church on sour saints. Most of the time sour saints are fault-finders of the worst sort. Of course, the sour saint is above reproach in his own sight, but he can see a gnat in the back of an ant a mile away. The reason he can see this type of thing is because he wants to see it! Does he get a joy out of being sour? I suppose so. Maybe not so much joy; just some satisfaction.

Let me encourage each member of this congregation to be happy. Give us a great big smile when we see you. Brighten the corner where you are. Declare the sunshine that is in your soul each day by rejoicing.

The world is looking for happy people. My prayer is that when they visit us they will find such people. Remember the elder brother was condemned because he was a sour saint (Lk. 15:25-32).

--Malcolm Hill--

- 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: Matthew 26:26-28, "And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat, this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

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Sunday:

Bible Study... 9:30am

Morning Worship... 10:05am

Evening Worship... 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study... 7pm

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