

## Tidings From Timothy

**W**hat a day! Last Sunday was mother's day and so much more for the Mt. Gilead congregation. We added two elders, the first since the 1970's – Roger Deckard and Steve Carter. We had a restoration – Debbie Adams, who wanted to be a better Christian example for her family. Jordan Turner also came forward to be baptized into Christ and so we have a new brother. After services, I was talking to Kerry McPherson. We finished talking and he went to the parking lot, but he had to come back. It was time for him too, to become a Christian and so we baptized him into Christ a few minutes later. Brethren, let's keep up the good work. The Lord's cause is going forward in Monroe County!

**In Need of Prayer:** Mary Ruth Emberton is now out of the hospital (again, and hopefully for the last time!). She is recuperating at home and loves cards and calls. Bobby Welch's back surgery went well, and we should have an update this morning on how he is recovering. Others who had procedures done are recovering well and of course you can check the prayer list out front for a reminder on others.



**Pantry:** We are in need of soups of all kinds for the food pantry. We also need crackers and Vienna sausages.

**Honoring Graduates Tonight:** After our evening service at 6pm we will have an ice cream social in honor of our graduates. Please invite them to come as we have some special treats in store for them and it is especially decorated in the back just for them.

## Church Growth

YOU want the church to grow? More specifically, do you want to see this congregation grow? What can YOU do to promote the growth of the church? Are YOU willing to pay the price for church growth?

It is very easy to sit back and expect others to promote the growth of the church. We expect the preacher, the elders, the deacons and other key members to get it done. Certainly, the leaders of the church should lead in this important area. However, building up the body is the responsibility of every member. It is YOUR responsibility! Paul explained that "the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes the growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love" (Ephesians 4:16).

Why does God want the church to grow? When the church is growing souls are being saved. When the church is growing Christians are involved in God's work and serving others. When the church is growing the weak and wayward are challenged by the activity of others to become more faithful. When the church is growing her influence is like "a city that is set on a hill." When the church is growing we are encouraged. When the church is growing God is glorified.

Why do YOU want the church to grow? Granted, some want the church to grow for the wrong reasons. We should not desire church growth so that we can gloat about "our church." As indicated in the above paragraph, church growth involves a lot more than numbers, nickels and noise. Such pride is demeaning to the dignity of church growth. YOU should want the church to grow for all the right reasons and commit YOURSELF to that end!

--Author Unknown

- 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**

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### 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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Schedule of Services:

**Sunday:**

Bible Study... 9:30am  
 Morning Worship... 10:05am  
 Evening Worship... 6pm

**Wednesday:**

Bible Study... 7pm

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