

## Tidings From Timothy

**W**elcome brother Honeycutt to the pulpit today. Jack is no stranger to Mt. Gilead and I know he will preach the word. Thanks go to him in advance for filling in while I am away at Clementsville for their Meeting. The Clementsville Gospel Meeting will go through Thursday with evening services beginning with a time of singing at 7pm. Brother Honeycutt and I sort of “play tag” with holding meetings at this good congregation.

**Seed Sower Day Camp:** Applications are downstairs on the desk for Seed Sower Day Camp. This camp will be at Old Mulkey and is for those around the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade level. It is designed for “unchurched” children and we are looking for some young people to come by on the 17<sup>th</sup> and/or 18<sup>th</sup> in the day to befriend a young person at this camp and follow up with them after camp to try and get them interested in church. Just give me a call about this if you need any further information. Space for this camp is very limited, so if you think of a young person that would want to go to it, then you must get the application to the Tompkinsville church building to Kathleen Evans or Sandy Smith as soon as possible. I will be helping out mainly on Friday in this camp and I am looking for a farmer to volunteer to come out on Wednesday to help us teach some lessons on seeds and farming to the children.

**Summer Camp: Part Deux:** Truth Bible Camp is at Tennessee Bible College in the third week of July. Applications are on the desk out front and at the side. I will be helping at this camp and it is excellent for those wanting to develop their Christian skills for service to Christ.

**In Need of Prayer:** Laura Key has now been diagnosed with cancer in her lungs and will find out more about her condition after Tuesday. There are many options for treatment and they haven’t decided what is best yet.

### How Can I Tell If He’s “Preaching The Truth?”

**M**any people are asking, “How can I tell when a preacher is preaching the truth?” This is a brief effort to give a definite answer to this extremely important question.

There are not a few who think, naively, that all preachers are preaching the truth. But this article is for those who believe, rightly, that the

Bible is the word of God and, therefore, “the truth;” who understand that interpretations of any Bible Scripture are either right or wrong; who have listened closely enough to know that many contradictory teachings are found among the various preachers and cannot all be right; and who sincerely want to know how they can tell when a preacher is preaching the truth.

Unfortunately, many conclude that a preacher is preaching the truth for such reasons as the following:

1. He looks like an honest man, one you can trust.
2. He sounds so sincere and earnest.
3. He sounds like he knows what he is talking about.
4. He speaks so forcefully and convincingly.
5. He is such a personable and such a likeable man.
6. He is so good and kind.
7. He insists that he is preaching only the truth and uses a lot of Scripture.
8. He declares with so much conviction that he has received his message from God by the Holy Spirit.

Some will find it hard to believe, but a man may possess every one of these “qualifications” and still not be preaching the truth. In fact, in view of (1) the all-sufficiency of the Scriptures that God has given us (II Timothy 3:14-17), (2) the finality of “the faith” that was “once for all delivered to the saints (Jude 3), and (3) the cessation of the miraculous process of divine revelation upon the completion of that revelation (1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13), it is certain that any preacher today who claims to receive his message, not through his own study of the Scriptures, but through direct revelation or through some miraculous guidance from the Holy Spirit IS NOT, for that reason, preaching the truth.

How, then, can you tell when a preacher is preaching the truth? Here are some guidelines from God’s own book:

1. When he speaks as the oracles of God (I Peter 4:11).
2. When he does not go beyond what is written (I Corinthians 4:6).
3. When he speaks the things that befit sound doctrine (Titus 2:1).
4. When his preaching stands the test of examination in the light of Scripture (Acts 17:11).
5. When he does not preach another gospel (other than that preached by the inspired writers of the New Testament) (Galatians 1:6-9).
6. When he does not teach a different doctrine from that taught by the apostles (I Timothy 1:3-4; 6:3ff).
7. When he does not go beyond, but abides within the doctrine of Christ (II John 9) (cont. on page 4)
8. When he goes “to the law and the testimony” (Isaiah 8:20), or to the Scriptures to establish all that he teaches. --Bill Crews, edited--

*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:**

Thomas	Bartley	06/06
Cass Thomas	Froedge	06/07
JD	Key	06/08
Marrs	Jackson	06/09
Tyler	Netherton	06/10

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