

Tidings From Timothy

Fathers day is upon us but I usually don't have much to say about it, today however, I believe I will say just a little about the true nature of fatherhood by considering our Father in Heaven. I hope you find it an interesting lesson. Tonight we are nearing the homestretch in our lessons on Fellowship.

Camp: Everything went well at Camp and Lauren, Chandra, and Tyler learned many things about Christian basics and understanding the Bible. Tyler was one of the speakers for the Wednesday night service and he was able to hold up okay during the week with restricted activity. A big "Thank You" to Bobby Harlan for filling in for me while I was away Wednesday, and to all of you all who supplied goodies and money to help out with the activities I did with the campers.

John's Seed Sower Day Camp at Old Mulkey will be this week. If your child wants to go, then there is no cost but if you want details you can get an application here at Mt. Gilead or ask Kathleen Evans for more information at Tompkinsville church of Christ.

VBS: There is a VBS at Celina church of Christ this week through Wednesday, I will be speaking on Tuesday night. It starts at 6:30pm. There is a VBS at Flippin starting Wednesday and I will be speaking Friday night at that one. Our VBS here at Mt. Gilead will be in late July and we will have an announcement about it Wednesday.

In Need Of Prayer: Tyler McHenry is generally better and is taking a variety of things for his condition. He still has some specialists to see. Shirley Eversole is still in need of prayer. Olen McPherson has been very ill but is now out of the hospital. Calvin Shaw gave us a scare with a bad nose-bleed. They did some work on him at Bowling Green and he is now back home.

"The Greatest Thing In The World"

Many years ago Henry Drummond wrote a book by the above title. The apostle Paul wrote on the same subject, and antedated Drummond by about 1800 years. First Corinthians Chapter 13 was an outgrowth of a discussion of spiritual gifts in chapters 12 through 14. There was considerable strife, envy, jealousies and divisions among the

Corinthian saints. In Chapter 12 Paul uses the physical body to illustrate the unity that ought to characterize the church. All the members should have the same care for each other, and there should be no schism in the body. As long as the physical body is healthy all members will be subject to the head, and every member will see to the good of every other member. Likewise, Christ is the head of the church, and if every member will be subject to the Head there will never be division nor any evil among the brethren.

Paul admitted that the working of miracles was great, but there was "amore excellent way" (I Cor. 12:31). That way is the way of love. Love is one of the greatest shortages in the church today. The love of God is to keep His commandments (I John 5:3). One of his commands is that there should be fervent love among Christians. If there were, nobody would seek to down anybody, but would seek interest in others (Rom. 12:9,10). Great will be the judgment of those who do not heed this charge.

"IF I HAVE NOT LOVE"

Paul said "Though I speak with the tongues of men and angels, and have not charity (love), I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal." He is saying that without love one is simply a big noise, that he is valueless and empty. There is an old saying, "An empty wagon rattles loudest." Older people may remember log wagons going through the forests, or to the lumber mill. When empty they could be heard to rattle and echo through the woods, but when loaded hardly a sound could be heard.

Miracles are passed, but some today gloat over worldly accomplishments, and exalt themselves above others, and even seek to trod down those whom they think less than themselves. Performing miracles in the first century was no guarantee of salvation, and neither are high performances today. Judas was able to perform miracles (as far as I know, STM), but went to his own place. Paul shows in I Corinthians 13:2 that though one had the greatest degree of faith and the greatest of spiritual gifts, but lacking love he was/is nothing. He has failed in God's design and purpose; there is nothing of value; all is lost.

In Verse 2 the apostle shows that though one makes the greatest sacrifices in benevolence or sacrifice as a martyr, though he have the praise of men (Matt. 6:1-4), he is nothing. – from **The Knight Arnold News**, continued next week

Mt. Gilead church of Christ

PO Box 266, 1189 Mt. Gilead Rd., Tompkinsville, KY 42167 • 270-487-5342

• <http://mtgileadchurch.net>

Lord's Supper Reading:

1 Peter 3:17-18 ¹⁷For *it is* better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing. For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

Elders:

Keith Dyer.....427-4105
Veachel Harlan.....487-5727
Roger Deckard.....487-8544
Steve Carter.....487-8746

Deacons: Larry Copas, Cass Thomas Froedge, Bobby D. Gerald, Bobby Harlan, Kevin Deckard, Jimmy High, Ray C. Lyon, Michael McPherson, Gary Rowland

Evangelist: Tim McHenry, 931-258-3494
12955 Clay Co. HWY Moss, TN 38575

Schedule of Services:

Sunday:

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

Wednesday:

Bible Study... 7pm

Listen to our Sunday Morning Radio Sermon on WTKY 1370 AM & 92.1, 102.7, 101.5 FM at 8:30am each week, and to our weekday 10min program after the Noonday news.

What must I do?

- Hear the Gospel - Acts 15:7
- Believe the Gospel - Mark 16:15,16 (cont. on p.4)
- 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:

Natalie Warren	06/19
Tracy Arnett	06/21
Jimmy Carter	06/21
Patty Lyon	06/21
Luke Whitehead	06/21
Gail Froedge	06/22
Jim Blythe	06/24
Jay Cooper Rowland	06/25
Teresa Cloyd	06/26
Ben Massingille	06/26

Vol. 7

No. 25

6/19/2011