

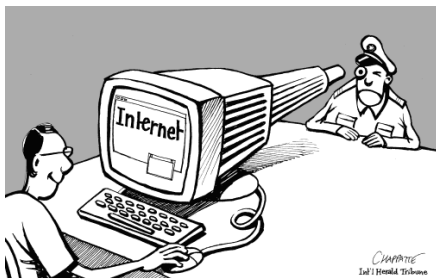
## Tidings From Timothy

**F**riends and Family Day is right around the corner. Invite someone to come with you. If each one brings a friend or family member we will have close to a record crowd. Don't forget to bring extra food for our big fellowship meal after the morning service.

This morning we want to welcome **JT Harrison** into the pulpit. Of course, he is no stranger to Mt. Gilead and I know you all will enjoy hearing his lesson. Tonight **Tyler McHenry** will be preaching in the youth service.

I am in a Meeting this week at **Oak Grove** in Clay County. Evening services are 6:30pm singing and 7pm preaching service. This meeting goes through Wednesday night.

**In Need of Prayer:** We are saddened at the passing of **Otha Grider**. We want to thank all those who expressed sympathy at the funeral and helped with the meal afterward. **Rachel Bartley** is still struggling with complications from her knee procedure. Brenda Short is back at home.



**[www.mtgileadchurch.net](http://www.mtgileadchurch.net)** : Check out the pics of the latest baptismal announcements and pics of when we baptized **Mary Smith** and **Cody Thompson** a couple weeks ago.

**50th:** There is a 50<sup>th</sup> wedding celebration for Glenn and Judy Ramsey that you are invited to on September 1<sup>st</sup>. The invitation is out front.

## Righteousness Exalteth a Nation

“**R**ighteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people.” Proverbs 14:34. These wise words need to be heeded in a country like ours today. It is a shame when countries not based on Christian principles are more just with their people than we are in the United States. Now don't get me wrong, we live in a great country, but I am speaking of the judicial system in particular. It is a perversion of the truth to say that punishment is not a godly motivation to get people to do what is right.

Now there are two problems about which Christians as citizens should be concerned. The first is that we have all seen how that criminals are coddled in some cases. Why should this be? Since when do love and mercy throw justness out the door? God is all righteous *and* all loving; there is no contradiction. Our God is long-suffering and merciful, but that does not mean that any sin not repented of will go unpunished. Let us consider an irresponsible person who is, say, a drug abuser (and yes, alcohol is a drug). This man will not respond to treatment or counseling. What shall we do with him? Well, why not try tying him up to a tree and whipping him? If he is going to act as a child and will not respond to reason, then maybe he will respond to punishment. What if that doesn't work? What if he's a drunk driver who is a special menace to others? Lock him up for a while. “But,” some may say, “don't you know that prisons are already overcrowded?” I don't care. Pack 'em in like rats. If they are going to behave as an animal then let them live like one, it's their choice. And by the way, while they are in the pokey – *rehabilitate them*. It is a shame that nowadays we just let them sit in the jail and rot. However, I don't know where we got the idea that a criminal has a right to so many square feet of private space or that needs cable TV. Even if you call those “rights,” he lost them when he beat his wife, stole from his neighbor, refused to pay his taxes, or whatever.

--Tim McHenry--

Friends and Family Day is next week – who will YOU be bringing?

*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:

David	Biggerstaff	08/30
Dayton	Birdwell	08/30
Makayla	Monday	08/30
Jaxzen	Bowles	08/31
Mary Ruth	Short	08/06
Freddie	Cornwell	09/01
Tara	Emmert	09/01
Marleeta	Sweezy	09/01

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**Verses for the Lord's Supper:** God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory. –1 Timothy 3:16

Elders:

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

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

Evangelist:

Tim McHenry, 931-258-3494  
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Schedule of Services:

**Sunday:**

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

6pm

**Wednesday:**

7pm

Bible Study...

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weekday 10min program after the Noonday  
news.**