

Tidings From Timothy

I want to thank Wes Hazel for filling in for me today while I am away at a Meeting with the Corinth church of Christ in Bugtussle. I also want to thank Bobby Harlan for taking care of the Nursing Home service.

Friends and Family Day: Every thing is shaping up well. All the slots are filled, I think, for the advertisement booth at the Watermelon festival. Connie may need some help with getting a banner ready to put up at the festival. There are advertisements out front. Please bring one with you and we can beat our record of 515!

Youth Devo Request: The Pleasant Hill congregation has developed a tradition of having our young men come and help them out each year by conducting the services for the monthly youth rally. This monthly service will be Sunday evening at Pleasant Hill on September 11. If you would like to help with the service: speak, lead singing, lead prayer, etc. Then please see me or Steve Carter, or Jim Stoops.

Men's Breakfast: Well, I was a little late, but we all ate very well (I couldn't keep up with a certain MM). It does the heart good to see brethren want to spend time with each other.

Gospel Meeting: I will be starting a Meeting Labor Day with the Arcott church of Christ in Clay County September 5-8. Singing will start at about 6:30pm each night with services to follow.

In Need Of Prayer: Morris Scott may be at SKY rehab by the time you read this. Be listening this morning for an update.

Laura Key is starting a new round of Chemo.

Jessie Chapman has passed on. She was grandmother to Jessica Shaw. Please keep the family in your prayers. Likewise, Modelle Gentry, mother to Jane Hagan, passed on Friday night. Services will be Monday at Strodes and singers are requested from church.

Maureen Deckard is in the local hospital with pneumonia.

Fairness

What a man desires to teach and promote can be seen in more than just his words. We often see that what is not said speaks volumes. Many of us have heard broadcasts on television and over the radio that were supposed to be without bias. However, when we listen to the inflection of the voice, the condescending tone, the downright mean words – the only conclusion we can reach is that the broadcaster is a liberal, left-winger.

However, it's more than just words. We also see that the media have a liberal agenda when they do things unfair to conservatives. For example, if the National Organization for Women (NOW) has a protest, a national news show may devote 2 full minutes out of a 30 min. program to whatever they were protesting. Usually there are just a few protesters and those who are most shrill aren't given airtime. In the same broadcast, there may be a piece on a pro-life rally that included thousands of people. The station finds a person there who is very angry and can't speak well, gives them 30 seconds, and then moves on to another story. This is unfair and shows media bias.

The same kind of bias is found in the church. When some of "our" schools act as if they are not taking sides, and yet lend out the use of their facilities to any and every liberal preacher, you know they **are** taking sides. If they really wanted to be fair, they would likewise encourage the use of their campuses by religious "conservatives".

The Christian Chronicle is not a true newspaper for the brotherhood. If they were then they would give book reviews from the right as well as the left. However, some books just don't seem to get reviewed, no matter how well they sell among the brethren. Many other similar examples could be pointed out.

Individual preachers become unfair in their ministry. I have been tempted not to call upon certain people when they lose a loved one or need help. I would visit them immediately if it were a friend or one of the prominent ones in the church, but we often catch ourselves not being fair. Should we minister to some less just because of their social status or familiarity? Did Jesus only preach in Galilee? I think not. He preached to the common people – those who wanted to hear Him. If the rich or powerful wanted to hear Him, that was fine too. Jesus wants us to be fair in our work as a preacher.

Finally, we see unfairness in individual congregations. Some don't care what you teach as long as you are a good preacher on morals. Others (the majority), would give you the boot if they thought you just might believe in instrumental music in the worship, but you could teach any ole' thing on marriage, social drinking, etc. and they wouldn't do a thing. Preachers must teach the congregation to accept all the word of God, not just pick and choose like a Pharisee (Matt. 23:23-24). (continued on p. 4)

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Lord's Supper Reading: Ephesians 1:3 - 7 ³Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ: ⁴According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: ⁵Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. ⁷In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace

Elders:

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

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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.

Brethren, to be fair is to be just. An evenhanded person treats people all alike. What did Jesus say to the Pharisees? "...these ye ought to have done, and not to leave the other undone." Their uneven applications of the Law lead to sin. When we are unfair, it shows in more than just words. It shows in our treatment of people. The tax collectors loved tax collectors because that's what they were (Matthew 4:46-47). Some give time to and speak kindly to the liberals because **they** are liberals themselves. Some only pay attention to people with money because **they** love money. Being unfair causes you to become a sneak and push your own agenda instead of God's. God is by nature just (fair) – Deut. 32:4. Though some may accuse him of partiality – Romans 9:14, He is and always will be righteous. Therefore, emulate the example of God. Make God's likes and dislikes your own. Let us be good and fair. --Tim McHenry--

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:

Makayla Monday	08/30
Jaxzen Bowles	08/31
Mary Ruth Short	08/06
Erika Cornwell	09/01
Freddie Cornwell	09/01
Tara Emmert	09/01
Cary Cornwell	09/02
Gerene Garmon	09/03