

## Tidings From Timothy

**T**hank you very much for your support in the Meeting at the Pleasant Hill congregation this past week. I know our young men will also appreciate your support tonight as they bring a good lesson on patience. I will be at Oak Hill to start their Gospel Meeting tonight.

**Library Additions:** Three new books are now ready to check out: **Six Hours One Friday, The Gift Of The Blessing, & God Loves The Single Too.** Take advantage of all that you can learn from our Library.

### In Need of Prayer

Janet Houchens was hospitalized in Glasgow for double pneumonia but is now back at home. Several others are recovering from knee problems and such. Visit and keep them in your prayers.

### Birthdays

Sue Isenberg	25 <sup>th</sup>
Patricia Blythe	26 <sup>th</sup>
Kaylin Stinson	27 <sup>th</sup>
Dana Harlan	28 <sup>th</sup>
Rachel Ford	30 <sup>th</sup>



**Happy Anniversary!** to Tim and Virginia Gill – September 27, & to Brian and Tamara Froedge – September 29.

**Don't Forget:** Our Nursing Home service will be at 2pm today.

## A SQUEAK IN THE PULPIT

Steve Higginbotham

Recently I read of an entry found in an old church record of a business meeting. It stated: A committee was appointed to investigate the squeak in the pulpit. Upon reading this, I couldn't help but think that today's world, even today's church, desperately needs more than a "squeak" coming from the pulpit. Now, as much as ever, we need the clear tones of the gospel resounding from our pulpits.

We are hearing far too much about churches who are selling out to the culture. The distinctive preaching of New Testament Christianity is seldom if ever heard in some pulpits. Sermons that challenge our morals, expound our doctrine, question our ethics, and rebuke our mediocrity are exchanged for sermons that have an air of religiosity, but are lacking in substance.

In 1 Chronicles 12:32, it was said of some of God's children that they "understood the times." There remains a multitude of God's children who understand the times. They understand that now is not the time for a squeak in the pulpit. There are many godly elders, and godly Christians who are demanding to hear more than a squeak from the pulpit. They have not bought into the idea that distinctive preaching has harmed the church. They want substance over style and flair. They want truth over entertainment. They want biblical authority over pragmatism. And they would rather have the sometimes bitter truth over a watered-down gospel. To put it in the words of John MacArthur, they realize that the weakness of the pulpit today does not stem from frantic cranks who harangue about hell; it is the result of men who compromise and who fear to speak God's Word powerfully, with conviction.

There are many challenges that face the church today. If we are to rise up to the occasion and defeat our adversary, we must have a strong pulpit; Pulpits that will speak the truth in season and out of season, with all the love it can muster; Pulpits that will not compromise the truth; Pulpits that do more than just squeak!

What Must I do to be saved?

- **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**

### 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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**Luke 2:39 - 40** <sup>39</sup>So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their *own* city, Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

Elders:

Keith Dyer.....427-4105

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Steve Carter, Larry Copas, Ray C. Lyon, Cass Thomas Froedje, Bobby D. Gerald, Bobby Harlan, Tony Harlan, Jimmy High, Gary Rowland

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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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