

ASHAMED?

There is a growing sense of embarrassment in our fellowship over what we believe and teach. Some folks, wanting to be accepted by the denominational world, cringe when preachers teach the truth in subjects like the role of women, the use of the instrument, and baptism. They no longer want their preachers to show the difference between what the Bible teaches and what the denominations advocate. In other words, some folks have become ashamed of the truth and ashamed of those who actually take a stand for truth. They want to be “politically correct” and doctrinally neutral” in order to mingle among the modern religions without repercussions.

It’s interesting to me that Timothy may have entertained some of the “don’t make waves” kind of thinking when he preached in Ephesus. Paul was aware of his tendencies, so he wrote a rather strong encouragement for the young preacher to teach the truth. Here’s what he said: “For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, or of me His prisoner; but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God” (2 Tim. 1:7,8).

Not only is “acceptance” a motivation for the present shame we are witnessing, but there is also a desire to avoid any kind of suffering that lies behind the willingness to compromise truth for error. People will leave us alone if we don’t take a firm stand against the sin and error in which they have become enslaved. Timothy seems to have been tempted to exhibit this kind of shame...but what about us? Are we ashamed of the gospel and those who preach it plainly?

—Guy Orbison, Jr.

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SUN: 9:00am - Worship

10:15am - Bible Study

6:00pm - Worship

WED: 7:00pm - Bible Study

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CARL'S THOUGHTS:

Our VBS was deemed as a tremendous success as Scott & Stephanie Vaughn and the workers worked so hard. Many more adults attended this year as John Bush, Daniel Hayes, Charles Brown and myself, spoke on “Faith”. Thanks to all who made this a success.

Our hearts were also made to rejoice as Corinne Sykes obeyed the precious gospel of Jesus Christ by being baptized into Christ this past Tuesday. She certainly will be an asset to Main Street as she begins to serve in the Lord’s Kingdom. Welcome her into the fellowship.

This weekend is July 4th and I know that we will have many that will be traveling but it also means that we will be blessed with visitors. Each week we seem to have many visitors to our services and for this we are thankful.

Hope to see all at worship this Lord’s Day and remember what Paul said in Philipians 4:23: “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Keep your eye on the cross of Jesus Christ!

Wednesday June 30, 2010

FOR THE RECORD

Morning Worship: (June 27)	276
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Contribution: (June 27)	\$6,138

HOSPITAL

Barbara Wright, Vanderbilt, Rm. 5020
(mother of Carrie McInturff)
Joyce Finchum, STMC, Skill, Rm. 136.

AT HOME

Dessie Taylor, Fairy Johnson, Kenneth Poff,
Sally Owens, David Browning.

PANTRY ITEMS

Cooking Oil (Small), Vienna Sausages, Juice.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Anita Gray and her family in the loss of her daughter, Susie Hale.. She will be at the Manchester Funeral Home. Arrangements were incomplete at the time of this printing.

CARE TEAM MEETING

Coy & Jewell Noblitt’s Care Team #1 will meet Friday, July 9th, @ 5:30pm at their home in Magnolia Glen. Food will be provided.

NATIONWIDE GOSPEL MEETING

June 27-July 2: McMinnville Civic Cntr.
7:00pm Different Speakers.
The bus will leave the parking lot, Friday July 2nd, at 6:00pm(sharp).

HOLIDAY

The church office will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observance of Independence Day.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to MaKenzie Lewis on being chosen Reporter at the Jr. Beta Club Nationals. MaKenzie is the daughter of Mike & Karen Lewis and granddaughter of Jerry & Martha Armstrong.

MEN TO SERVE

THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN APPOINTED

TO SERVE IN JULY:

LORD’S TABLE A.M.

*Steve Willmore *Roger Taylor
Jim Thompson Ralph Elam
John McInturff Ron Livingston

LORD’S TABLE P.M.

Jonathan Hall & Pierce Green

USHERS & COUNT A.M.

R.V. McMahan & Roger Moore

USHERS & COUNT P.M.

Steven Barnes & Jeff McCullough

GREETERS: David & Barbara Sullivan
Bill & Terry Hollins

THOSE TO SERVE, SUN. JULY 4:

9:00AM

Song Leader: Tim Brown
First Prayer: Bob Gillen
Scripture: Jayson Little
Closing Prayer: Michael Penney

6:00PM

Song Leader: Tim Brown
First Prayer: Wayne Shelton
Scripture: Jayson Little
Closing Prayer: David Sullivan

A.M.: “Freedom” (Romans 6: 15-23)
P.M.: “Confesses Christ” (Matthew 16:13-20)

PICK-UP ATTENDANCE CARDS, SUN. JULY 4:

Jessie Dickerson & Clayton Rowe

NURSERY ATTENDANTS, SUN. JULY 4:

Dawn Willmore & Beverly Woods

THOSE TO SERVE, WED. JULY 7:

Devotional: Bob Kerce
Announcements: Steve Willmore
Opening Prayer: Bob Kerce
Closing Prayer: Ron Livingston
Song Leader: Tim Brown

Remember to notify David Sullivan if you are not able to serve at your appointed time.



Our thanks to Scott & Stephanie Vaughn who headed up the VBS this year and all others who were involved in the making our VBS such a success. Much time and effort was spent in the preparation and implementation of this work. It was appreciated by all.

BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE

Lessons Graded (6/23-6/29).....	1,050
Requests For Personal Contact	0
Students served	420

YOU'RE TOO NARROW-MINDED

Have you ever had anyone tell you that when you tried to present the plan of salvation to them? Most people believe in various plans of salvation that are not supported by Scripture. Then when we try to present the truth to them, because we are not ecumenical in religious thinking, we are deemed narrow-minded. We are looked at as pompous and bigoted. What should our response to this be?

First of all, we need to remember that being narrow-minded is not always bad. For example, when I go to the doctor, I’m grateful that he is narrow-minded. Imagine that I went to my physician, he gave me a whole bunch of different medicines and told me to take whatever I felt like—that one was probably just as good as another? That would be absurd. I’m glad that my doctor is narrow-minded enough to diagnose a specific problem and prescribe a specific solution.

We also need to remember that as Christians we are in sales, not management. Jesus established the only way of salvation

when a He said, *“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me”* (John 14:6). The only way to heaven is through Jesus. The only way into (and thus through) Jesus is faith in Him (Rom. 6:3-5; Gal. 3:27). It is Jesus Himself who said. *“He who believes and is baptized will be saved”* (Mark 16:16).

If we proclaim this, many will say to us that we are being too narrow—minded. Maybe we should respond by answering “I’m only as narrow—minded as Christ was!” Think about it. Jesus was very “narrow—minded” when it came to following Him. In Matt. 7:13-14 He declared, *“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which, leads to life, and there are few who find it.”*

Let’s just stick with Jesus—with His words and His ways. They may seem marrow to men, but they are wide enough to get us to heaven. —Edd Sterchi

A POEM TO PONDER

A candle’s but a simple thing...
It starts with just a bit of string,
Yet dipped with patient hand,
It gathers wax upon the strand
Until, complete and snowy white,
It gives a lovely light.

Life seems so like that bit of string...
Each deed we do, a simple thing,
Yet day by day if on life’s stand
We work with patient heart and hand,
It gathers joy, makes dark days bright,
And gives at last a lovely light.

—Copied