

## ARM'S LENGTH CHRISTIANITY?

What kind of relationship does Jesus want His disciples to have with one another? We don't have to wonder. By reading His words we know. He said we must love one another as He loved us (John 13:34-35). He said we must forgive one another as we have been forgiven (Matt. 18:21-35). He said we must serve one another (John 13:12-15).

But we can also learn from His actions. He modeled all the principles He taught. His love took Him to the cross. His love led Him to forgive. His love prompted Him to serve. In all this He serves as our example.

If there is anything Jesus did do, it was to keep people at arm's length. He was approachable. He cared and He showed it. He interacted with people of all kinds and went out of His way to be available. He made time for those in need. In this too He is our example.

The early church reflected Jesus' example. *"Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart..."* (Acts 2:46).

What about today? In any congregation of size there are those who show by their actions that they understand what Jesus taught and did. These Christians are loving, kind, and helpful. They find ways to serve. They open their homes to us. They visit in our homes and make time in their busy schedules for meaningful fellowship.

But then there are those members who keep pretty much to themselves. Hardly anyone in the church knows them well because they have so little interaction with their fellow Christians. They may attend some but that's about all. It's sad! Do they know what they're missing? Do they know what **we're** missing because of their lack of involvement? Do they just not get it?

Those in the congregation who do get it take away all our excuses. By their unselfish service they show us what it means to be a Christian. May God bless them richly because they are such a blessing to us!

—David Gibson

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SUN: 9:00am - Worship

10:15am - Bible Study

6:00pm - Worship

WED: 6:30pm - Bible Study

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## CARL'S THOUGHTS:

Well, the county fair is over and we are now, hopefully, back to our normal routine. We hope that God will help all of us to stay focused on our real purpose in life. Ecclesiastes 12:13 reveals to us *"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."*

This past Thursday, Bill Garner obeyed the gospel by believing in Jesus Christ, repenting of his sins, confessing the name of Christ, and being baptized into Christ for the removal of his sins in the blood of Jesus Christ. Bill has some serious medical problems even though he is just 41 years old. We are thankful that Jesus Christ is now his savior. We pray that Bill will put Christ first in his life that rest of his days here on earth. May we all open our arms of fellowship to Bill.

**Keep your eye on the cross of Jesus Christ**

Wednesday Sept. 29 2010

**FOR THE RECORD**

Morning Worship: (Sept. 26) .....	264
Bible Study.....	175
Evening Worship.....	228
Midweek Bible Study (Sept. 22).....	171
Contribution: (Sept. 26) .....	\$5,980

**AT HOME**

**Dessie Taylor, Fairy Johnson, Kenneth Poff,  
Sally Owens, Joe Sims, Polly Gibson,  
Sterling Wayne Shelton,  
Rickey Woods, Dan Mullins, Garland Brown,  
Sandy Penwell, Clara West, Susie Hastings.**

**BAPTISM**

Our hearts were made to rejoice over the recent baptism of Bill Garner. He lives at 113 Dunk Blanton Rd., Tullahoma. Phone: 931-939-6719. M6/27

**PANTRY ITEMS**

**Chili, Crackers, Peanut Butter.**

**CARE TEAM MEETING**

Coy & Jewell Noblitt's Care Team #1 will meet Saturday, October 9th @ 8:30am @ the Magnolia Glen Clubhouse. Please bring a breakfast dish to share. Coffee & juice will be provided.

**TRUNKS FOR TREATS**

Trunks for Treats will be held Saturday, October 30th. Please see Carrie McInturff or Megan Hall for more information.

Donations from the congregation are requested for the Trunks for Treats service baskets which will be delivered to our shut-ins. A box is in the foyer to collect the following items: travel-size Kleenex, candy, popcorn, small puzzle books, travel-size lotion, stationary/cards, slippers, socks, hot cocoa mix, peanut butter crackers.

**MEN TO SERVE**

**THE FOLLOWING ARE TO SERVE IN OCTOBER:**

**LORD'S TABLE AM**

\*David Sullivan                      \*Roger Taylor  
Ralph Elam                              John McInturff  
Jerry Armstrong                      Steven Barnes

**LORD'S TABLE PM**

Don Gregory & Michael Broadrick

**USHERS & COUNT AM**

Ron Livingston & Joe Verner

**USHERS & COUNT PM**

Ricky West & Tim Green

**THOSE TO SERVE, SUN. OCT. 3:**

**9:00AM**

**Announcements:** Scott Vaughn  
**Song Leader:** Tim Brown  
**First Prayer:** Carl Russell  
**Scripture:** Steve Barlow  
**Closing Prayer:** Frank Penney

**6:00PM**

**Song Leader:** Tim Brown  
**First Prayer:** Bob Gillen  
**Scripture:** Steve Barlow  
**Closing Prayer:** Gene Parker

**A.M.: Guest Speaker:** Jimmy Clark

**P.M.: Guest Speaker:** Jimmy Clark

**PICK-UP ATTENDANCE CARDS, SUN. OCT. 3:**

Jesse Dickerson & Blake Williams

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS, SUN. OCT. 3:**

Patsy Sims & Debbie Farless

**THOSE TO SERVE, WED. OCT. 6:**

**Devotional:** Bill Hollins  
**Announcements:** Steve Willmore  
**Opening Prayer:** Tim Brown  
**Closing Prayer:** Bill Hollins  
**Song Leader:** Jayson Little

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

**READ THE NEW TESTAMENT THRU:**

Carl Sims, Peggy Thompson

**BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE**

Lessons Graded (9/22-9/28) .....	995
Requests For Personal Contact.....	0
Students served.....	398

**STUDENT COMMENTS**

I am really enjoying these lessons, help me to learn more about God's Word. (Hartford, CT)

I am really enjoying these study lessons. I look forward to receiving them. They really enhance growth in the Lord. (Princeville, NC)

I am so grateful for these studies because they have broken down the Words of God and draw me closer to God. (Hyattsville, MD)

Thank you so much for the lessons. I enjoyed studying and learning. I have learned so much, and will continue reading them over and over. Keep up the good work! (East Orange, NJ)

**GOSPEL MEETINGS**

**Oct. 3-8:** Shady Grove, M-F 7:00pm  
Speaker: Carl Sims

**Oct. 10-13:** Hickerson Station, M-W  
7:00pm Speaker: Andy Brewer

**WEDDING INVITATION**

*Mr. & Mrs. Kenny Sadler*

*request the honor of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter*

*Leslee Brooke Sadler*

*to*

*Adam Ladue Willmore*

*son of Mr. & Mrs. Steve Willmore  
on Saturday, the ninth of October, 2010*

*at 2 O'clock in the afternoon  
Main Street church of Christ  
Manchester, Tennessee*

**SYMPATHY**

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Joe Sims, father of Carl, who passed from this life, Wednesday morning. Arrangements will be announced later.

Also, our sympathy is extended to the family of Charles Whitley, brother-in-law of Wayne Rigney, who passed from this life on Wednesday morning. His arrangements are incomplete at this time.

**OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

01-L.A. & Barbara Teal  
06-Anthony & Kimberly Reed  
29-John & Doris Edmonds

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

02-Taumi Kay	16-Elizabeth Russell
03-Peggy Brake	17-Jalen Long
03-Jonathan Williams	17-Betty Rigney
05-Mattie Creasman	18-Jana Hollins
05-Aaron Stone	18-Ruth Kendrick
06-Tim Green	19-Karen Green
06-Jo McMahan	19-Greenlee Woods
07-Louise Lowry	20-Jeff McCullough
08-Quaid Smith	23-Denise Watson
08-Aaron Vaughn	26-Joyce Kirby
11-Bettie Ehrhardt	28-Sandra Patterson
11-Joyce Hickerson	29-Doris Edmonds
12-Macie Kay	30-Zora Jetton
13-Coulter Gray	
16-Kimberly Reed	

**BIBLE BOWL STUDY**

There will be a Bible Bowl Study Sunday, October 3rd following Bible Classes in the fellowship hall. Lunch will be provided after which they will leave for Bible Bowl at Mt. Leo in McMinnville.

**"The man who doesn't read his Bible  
has no advantage over the man who  
has no Bible"**