

COMMUNING UNWORTHILY

Sunday morning, a few weeks back, as the Church Family was taking communion, I offered the unleavened bread to a young mother visiting us that day. She had to reach over her two baby girls and as she did, the older one saw the “crackers” and tried to take some. When her mother stopped her, she began to cry. When the “Fruit of the Vine” (grape juice) was passed, both babies began to cry, wanting to have some. The mother smiled and tried to apologize. I smiled my “don’t worry about it” smile and continued on. But it got me to thinking.

Many years ago, Paul wrote that the Christians at Corinth were not taking the “Lord’s Supper” seriously. He mentioned that if you were to “eat the bread or drink the cup unworthily, not honoring the body of Christ, you are eating and drinking God’s judgment upon yourself.” (I Cor. 11:29) In such a short time the cherished “FEAST DIVINE:” had become an act that could cause condemnation. And today, we must not become lackadaisical about our worship; drifting off into apathy.

I long for the day when men and women of the church will be so filled with the desire to commune with God, thru the sacrificial supper, that we, like the children, if we were forbidden to do so, would cry, beg and plead to be allowed to take of the communion commemorating the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

—Mark Burgess

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SUN: 9:00am - Worship

10:15am - Bible Study

6:00pm - Worship

WED: 6:30pm - Bible Study

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MONITOR

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CARL'S THOUGHTS:

Well, we are into the New Year, 2011. This past Lord's Day we had great attendance in worship & in Bible class. What a great way to start!

Kevin & Kellie Bailey came forward requesting prayer on their behalf and to rededicate their lives to Christ. They were both baptized into Christ in 2009. Welcome this family back into the fellowship.

We have also witnessed two that were baptized into Christ this past week. Phillip Brown, Sr. and his daughter, Angel, after studying the Open Bible Study decided that they wanted to become children of God. We are so happy for this family.

All of us have a tremendous responsibility to carry out the Lord's great commission. Luke 19:10 reveals to us the great commission "*The Son of Man came to seek and to save the Lost.*" His great commission gives that responsibility to each one of us. Mark 16:15-16, "*Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.*"

Keep your eye on the cross of Jesus Christ!

FOR THE RECORD

Morning Worship: (Jan. 2)	266
Bible Study.....	186
Evening Worship.....	153
Midweek Bible Study (Dec. 29).....	167
Contribution: (Jan. 2)	\$5,646

HOSPITAL

Garland Brown, Centennial, Rm. 3307A.

Blake Hall, Erlanger, Neo-Natal Unit.

Michael Smith, VA in Nashville
(son of James & Mary Smith)

AT HOME

Dessie Taylor, Fairy Johnson, Kenneth Poff,
Sally Owens, Polly Gibson,

Sterling Wayne Shelton, Dan Mullins,
Sandy Penwell, Clara West, Susie Hastings,
Vance McMahan, Angie Smoot.

PANTRY ITEMS

Jelly, Crackers, Macaroni & Cheese

READ NEW TESTAMENT THRU

Virginia Johnson

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Zane Lanier Lowry whose funeral was Sunday at the Central Funeral Home.

Lanier was our 20th member to pass from this life in 2010.

Our sympathy is extended to Shirley Vilani on the recent death of her grandson in Florida.

CARE TEAM MEETING

There will be a combined Care Team meeting in the fellowship hall, January 7th at 6:00pm. Please bring finger foods.

LIBRARY MEMORIALS

A memorial donation was made to the Library in memory of Virginia Duke by Coy & Jewell Noblitt.

MEN TO SERVE

THOSE TO SERVE, SUN. JAN. 9

9:00AM

Announcements: Wayne Rigney
Song Leader: Tim Brown
First Prayer: Steve Willmore
Scripture: Adam Willmore
Closing Prayer: Jeff McCullough

6:00PM

Song Leader: Tim Brown
First Prayer: Bob Gillen
Scripture: Adam Willmore
Closing Prayer: John McInturff

A.M.: Guest Speaker: Quinton Nash

P.M.: Guest Speaker: Quinton Nash

PICK-UP ATTENDANCE CARDS, SUN. JAN. 9:

Sky Smith & Davis Green

NURSERY ATTENDANTS, SUN. JAN.9:

Debbie & Rachel Farless

THOSE TO SERVE, WED. JAN.12:

Devotional: Carl Sims
Announcements: Adam Willomre
Opening Prayer: Carl Russell
Closing Prayer: Ron Livingston
Song Leader: Pierce Green

Remember to notify David Sullivan @ 607-1580 if you are not able to serve at your appointed time.

MARRIAGE WORKSHOP

Jan. 8-9: Winchester, 9:00am-11:30am.

This workshop is for singles, dating couples, engaged couples, and married couples. You must be at least college-age to attend

This is free of charge but you are asked to sign-up for the Saturday sessions in advance, by calling the church office at 931-967-1441 or e-mailing the church secretary at p.bishop@winchurchofchrist.org.

Free child care is available on Saturday.



I would like to thank friends at Main Street for the love shown to me, during my surgery and recovery. The prayers, phone calls and cards were very much appreciated.

Polly Taylor

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION: TAX ISSUES

The following is a list of guidelines for contributions to the church when taken as a tax deduction:

- Contributions less than \$250.00 must have proper documentation. For each single individual contribution of less than \$250.00, the member must either have supporting bank records or a receipt (or other written communication) from the church showing the nature of the organization, as well as the date and amount of each contribution. If a member has not authorized the church to keep such records, then the church cannot confirm any contribution. However, cancelled checks or other records may suffice for the deduction.
- Contributions of \$250.00 or more must be substantiated for each contribution. Any single contribution of \$250.00 or more requires an acknowledgment of the contribution from the church. If more than one contribution of \$250.00 or more is made, either a separate acknowledgment for each contribution or one acknowledgment listing each contribution with its corresponding date is required by the IRS (Publication 526). Please note that all confirmation of contributions must be in writing from the church.
- The acknowledgment must be provided on or before the earlier of: (a) The date the taxpayer files his/her return for the year the contribution was made, or (b) the due

date, including extensions, for filing the return.

- A contribution must be made to a qualified organization (church) and not set aside for use by a specific person. It is prohibited to take a deduction for amounts given to a missionary, preacher, etc., which is not through the church.
- The basic principle for deductible contributions is that the church must have full control of the funds and apply its discretion as to the donations' use. The contribution must be unrestricted and for the churches use, not for the benefit of a specific individual. Any donation to the church must be completely unrestricted.

If you have any questions, please see Carl R. Russell, church Treasurer.

BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE

Lessons Graded (12/29-1/4).....	875
Requests For Personal Contact.....	1
Students served.....	350

MEMORIALS FOR KNOW YOUR BIBLE

A donation has been made to "Know Your Bible" by Kathryn Hickerson in memory of the following people:

Mural Dreaden	Willie Jean White
Joe Sims	Virginia Duke
Leon Trail	Lanier Lowry

MID-TN SCHOOL OF PREACHING & BIBICAL STUDIES

A new semester of the Middle Tennessee School of Preaching & Biblical Studies begins on Thursday, January 6th, 2011. Class sessions meet for 13 weeks; 6:00-9:00pm. They are open to men & women; free to all and classes can be taken for credit. It meets at the Bethany church of Christ and the classes are:

- The Preacher And His Work** taught by David Costello
- Isaiah (Part II)** taught by Charles Williams