

## **“TAKE HEED UNTO YOURSELF AND UNTO YOUR TEACHING”**

It is universally recognized that men tend to exalt themselves. Men of office tend to magnify and to use their office. God’s spokesman gave inspired directive to those that teach the word of God, “Take heed unto yourself and unto your teaching.” A teacher is first and foremost a steward. The work he does, whether it be great or small, has been entrusted to him. He is a servant of God and his privileges and duties are great. If you are a servant of God, take care that you be not filled with or burdened by a sense of your own importance; rather be humbled before your God, and before the work He has given you to do.

There is a price to be paid in being faithful to God. Faithfulness in teaching and preaching, in advancing the kingdom of Christ, requires more than a negative emphasis or a personal determination to prevail. Nor is it a matter of survival or of “self-defense.” It must be rooted in a desire to faithfully honor God in the upholding of His will. Faithfulness to Him employs both love and logic. It demands an adequate appreciation for that which is entrusted into one’s care. It is not some form of cheap martyrdom. It is self-sacrifice.

When good people seem disposed to turn from our counsel, or reject our leading, or discount our influence we should be compelled to search our hearts and methods, and everything connected with our service, to see if there is anything in our attitude or actions which accounts for this reaction. We would do well to ask ourselves whether our efforts to lead be just and right, whether our attitude be one of love and humility before God, or whether we are mere talkers, or mere teachers of theories – who leave hearts untouched and thus unmoved. We would do well to examine our methods and our motives in preaching the gospel, whether there be some vital part of it that we are leaving out. If we are ministers of Christ, our task is to persuade men, not simply inform them! Our task is to lead men home to truth and to Christ. That task demands that we stay at work inside the facts, the truths, and the nurture of the Gospel.

Ronald Bryant  
Gadsden, AL



### Happy Birthday This Week:

Don Pettit—7/18

Diane Tucker—7/20

David Wilcox—7/25

### Happy Anniversary This Month to:

Squeaky & Lisa Valentine 7/18

Tom & Nancy Richardson 7/31



### WOW

The next event will be planned for August.

Keep an eye on this spot for details!!



Ty Stricklin is at Balboa Hospital in San Diego, CA.

Angela Halling is currently stationed in Korea.

Katie Halling is now stationed in Norfolk, Va. She is in training with the Navy Search & Rescue unit.

Lcpl Harper, Matthew D.; is a Marine from Galax who is now serving in Afghanistan.

### ON LIVING A FULL LIFE

Let me share my cup of joy each day  
With family and friends.  
And drink with full and grateful heart  
The pleasures that Life sends.

Let me live each year to its fullest,  
Finding beauty in all things.  
And answering the challenge  
That every moment brings.

And let me embrace each season of life  
With its share of joy and sorrow,  
Delighting in blessings of Today,  
The promise of Tomorrow.

-B. Burrow-

“SPEAK TO FOLKS ABOUT HEAVEN IN TWO THOUSAND-ELEVEN”

### West Side Youth

July 19– Water From the Well Project/TNT

July 25- SYD at Dale Ridge, 7-8:30

July 27– Teen Devo

July 28– Door Knocking for VBS

July 30 -VBS (Forms on the foyer table)

July 31– Young Men conduct worship service



### TEAMS

***These events will be listed as they are planned by the team leaders.***

### JULY ITEMS FOR THE STAFFORDS:

Instant sugar-free chocolate pudding; Truvia sweetener packets; Meringue powder.  
Give to Jeanny to be shipped over.

### DIRECTORY UPDATE

The Richardsons have disconnected their home phone land line. Their new phone numbers are:

*Contact Office (Removed per privacy policy)*

### REJOICE!!

Heather Boothe, friend of the Cooks, was baptized into Christ last Sunday evening by Chet Duke. Her address is: *Contact Office (Removed per privacy policy)*

### SUNSHINE BASKET

There will be a sunshine bucket in the foyer today for **Chloe Mays** (3) who recently broke her collar bone. She is trying to stay quiet/still for a few more weeks, so here are some suggestions for gifts to help her meet that challenge: coloring/sticker books, crayons, assorted types of paper, glitter glue/pens, paint and paint brushes, Play-Doh, foam crafts, etc.

If you have any question, see Lisa Valentine.

## For Your Information

### TUESDAY NIGHT TALENTS

Tuesday Night Talents continues July 19th. We will work with the youth on the Water From The Well project. Bring your dinner at 6:00 or come at 6:30 pm and join us for the work!

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

July 30—Vacation Bible School

August 6—Anti Drug Program at ALMS auditorium/Tom House

August 12—18—Polishing the Pulpit

September 16-18 RUSH weekend at FHU

October 8—TTT Ladies' Day at West Side

October 16-19—Gospel Meeting with Steve Hall

November 12—Men's w/s planning breakfast

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### Wednesday Night Summer Series:

July 20- **\*George Bailey**- "Heaven Holds All To Me"

July 27- **Franklin Camp**- "Israel Today: Fulfillment of O.T. Prophecy"

August 3- **Bobby Duncan**- "Things Made Clear in Acts 2"

August 10 —**Johnny Ramsey**- "Back to the Bible on the Judgment"

August 17—**Batsell Barrett Baxter**- "Analysis of Love" &

"Examining Ourselves"

August 24—**W. N. "Bill" Jackson**- "According to the Pattern"

August 31—**Winfred Clark**- "Teachings of Jesus"

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### SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Patti Gwaltney upon the death of her brother, Frank Pyott, who died Thursday.

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### HEROES OF FAITH

Our Vacation Bible School is scheduled for Saturday, July 30th from 9am—1:30pm. This is for children age 3 years through 5th grade. The registration forms are on the foyer table. Be sure to pick up one for your children and their friends.



## Senior Servants

Lynn Anderson  
Norma Biller  
Betty Buckner  
Jim Dorsett  
Al Furrow  
Walter Jenkins  
Martha Keith  
Margaret Kratz  
Miriam Majors  
Jo Musgrove  
Grace Myers  
Evelyn Scott  
Elsie Smith  
Ruth Stanton  
Evelyn White  
EV Wimmer  
WJ Wood

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### SICK



- Willard Campbell remains in LGH.
- Grace Myers is home now.
- Betty Garby, Bob's mother, had eye surgery last week.
- Chloe Jane Mays fell last week and broke her collar bone.
- Christie (cancer) and Maudi Hester, relatives of Jo Hartman.
- Velda Gearhart had cataract surgery July 11. The next is 18th.
- Sandra Neighbors will have knee replacement surgery July 19th.
- Leadith Neely(103), great- aunt of Steve Harrah, congestive heart failure.

### Continue in Prayer:

Ruth & Glenn Hartman, Sr.;  
Shannon VanRavestein, Annette Shramer, Willard Campbell, Clarence Angelotti, Vicky Rogers, Renee Galloway (LTF), James Paul, Jack Cook family, Hazel McFalls, David Manno, Maurene Gearhart, Evelyn White, Missy Dye, Bradford Durham, Jerri Blevins, Bud Ferguson, Kevin Bernard; Ashley Lakes; Sandra Speir; Rik Henrikson, Nancy Beckner, Ron White, Sam Owens, Corey Ryan

July 2011

## Gleanings from the NKJV (12)

### "An Abomination to the Wicked"

**Announcements:** Paul Mays

**Song Leader (AM):** David Brown

**Opening Prayer (AM)**

7/3 Roger Mays

7/10 Jerry Anderson

7/17 Charlie Gwaltney

7/24 Wayne Dixon

7/31 Jonathan Beavers

**Preside at Communion:** Mike Durham

**Serve Table**

A. C. Janney; Josh Whitlow

Tom Richardson; Garrett Durham

**Closing Prayer (AM):**

7/3 Mark Brooks

7/10 Barry White

7/17 Jim Cooke

7/24 Cameron Brown

7/31 Don Pettit

**Song Leader (PM):** Sam Valentine

**Opening Prayer (PM)**

7/3 John Black

7/10 Jim Harrington

7/17 Marc LaPlante

7/24 Squeaky Valentine

7/31 Bob Garby

**Scripture Reader:** Jimmy Harrington

**Closing Prayer (PM)**

7/3 Herman Lowe

7/10 Jeff Williams

7/17 Glenn Gabbard

7/24 Glenn Hartman

7/31 Gene Benefield

**Serve Table (PM)**

Cameron Brown; Bradford Durham

**Song Leader (Wed):** Garrett Durham

**Prayer (Wed)**

7/6 Greg Edwards

7/13 Jim Bush

7/20 Ron White

7/27 David Brown

**Open/Close Bldg:** Bob Garby

**Greeters:** Pettits; Peverall

**Nursery Attend:** Nancy Richardson (am)

Emily Gray (pm)

**Ushers:** Curtis Oakes, Roger Mays

**Handouts:** Dylan Tyler; Connor Jearls

**Prepare communion:** Katelyn Brown

Gloria White

**Baptismal Garments:** Lisa Valentine

**Cards/Pencils:** Austin Whitlow

Emmalynn Whitlow

*Last week's attendance 7/10 & 7/13/11*

*Bible Class—112, Worship Serv.—143 (CJS)*

*Sunday Eve.—111 Wed. Eve.—138*

*Contribution—\$4567*

The continuation of our study of some statements that are translated differently in the New King James Version from the King James Version brings us again to the book of Proverbs. As we have noted, these sometimes slight variations in the wording, although not affecting the meaning of the passage, often make for some interesting studies.

In Proverbs 29:27 Solomon stated, "An unjust man is an abomination to the righteous, and he who is upright in the way is an abomination to the wicked" (NKJV). Here is a true contrast if ever there was one. The word "abomination" conveys the idea of that which is disgusting, an abhorrence. To those who are truly righteous, the unjust are deplorable. Those who seek to take from others because of their own covetous desires, those who take by force that which would not have been given them otherwise, those who seek to destroy homes and lives by their immoral actions, those who destroy innocent lives, those who lie, cheat and steal their way through life, and those who ruin the lives of those they claim to love by their selfish and sinful lifestyles are "abominations." This is the case primarily because such are abominations to God (Prov. 6:16-19; 12:22; 15:9; etc.).

However, it is interesting to note that those who seek to walk uprightly are "an abomination to the wicked." This is ever so apparent in our modern society. Those who stand against such things as homosexuality, "gay marriage," gambling, abortion, immodest dress, immoral practices and such like are labeled as bigots, homophobes, prudish, insensitive, unloving, intolerant and a plethora of other epithets. The just and upright are truly "an abomination to the wicked." That, however, is a good thing in the eyes of God. His word states, "He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both are abomination to the Lord" (Prov. 17:15). Isaiah said, "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! (Is. 5:20). Better, indeed, to be an abomination to the wicked than an abomination to the righteous...and to God.

-Eddy