

Which of These Is You?

A Believer

A Believer is one who has learned WHAT to do and does it the best he can day-in-and-day-out. His attitude is, because I am a believer, I am a child of God and a recipient of all His blessings and promises—both now AND forever more. Jesus had much to say about faith and the faithful during His ministry. Some He met had little faith while others had great faith. Faith is the foundation, the bed rock upon which the Christian faith is built. In Hebrews 11:6 we learn, “Without faith it is impossible to please God; we MUST also live in faith, believing that God promises. The believer has examined the facts, heard the evidence that the benefits far outweigh the short term hardship and is willing to endure in this life. James teaches us that life is compared to a vapor, just a little while and then it is gone (James 4:14). Give me ANOTHER day. You can count on me. You will never hear the words, “I pray the

A Non-Believer

A non-believer is one who lives for present day blessings. He desires NOW, nothing more. Doom and gloom await him, and his final destination is beyond the end of his nose. He has no vision; even worse, it doesn't bother him that life will soon be over and all his efforts have been in vain. The non-believer might try to excuse himself by saying, “But I didn't know better. If I had known better, I would have done better.” And the Lord will reply, as He did long ago, “You had Moses and the prophets” (Luke 16:31). To say it in 21st Century language, there were plenty of preachers, and tons of money spent on TV and radio broadcasts as well as an abundance of tracts on every topic you can imagine. Why? Why didn't you know?

A Make-Believer

Of all three, this is the saddest. There is no hope for this man because he has deceived himself. Sadder yet, did you know that the church is full of make-believers? Preachers refer to this personality as “Playing Church.” You may remember when you were a child that you and your friends played church. Everyone got baptized, everyone ate the cracker and drank the juice, and everyone sang but it meant nothing because it was “play church,” and everyone knew it meant nothing. There are adults who never grow up and are still “playing church” on Sunday. If the weather is good and nothing else is planned that worship would interfere with, they will go. But don't ask me to do anything. Don't ask me to visit the sick, or call someone or send a card to someone who needs a word of encouragement. Don't ask me to teach a Bible class because I've done it for so many years. Let's give that job to someone else. Maybe to Joe or Susan, THEY need the experience.

(Con't)



Birthdays this week:

Martha Keith (88) - 10/16

Happy Anniversary this week to:
Charlie & Patti Gwaltney—10/10
Charles & Hazel Maness—10/15



WOW

The next regular meeting is on October 12th at 10:30.
This will be the last meeting until January 2011.

Daniel Ceglowski, Leah Durham's boyfriend, finished basic training for the Army National Guard. He will stay in Missouri for Advanced Individual Training for several more weeks.

Ty Stricklin has received his orders to Afghanistan in November.

Angela Halling is currently stationed in Korea.

BUNCO KICK-OFF

The new BUNCO game kick-off will be October 15th at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Come learn how to play. Sign up sheet is posted. See Amanda Brown for more details.

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You will recognize the make-believers because they aren't into living, working and doing anything to help the church to grow. Lessons preached apply to the "the other man." This is sometimes called the "let someone else do it" syndrome. The poet said it this way, "Of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these...it might have been."

Conclusion:

Which of these is you?

-Bill Watkins (adapted)

West Side Youth

10/15 is BUNCO night in the fellowship hall

7pm

10/17— TBS at the Teen Center 7pm

10/31—Young Men Conduct services

TTT CLOCKS

Anyone who loaned a clock for the TTT decorations, please check to be sure you picked up the correct one. Audrey Gabbard's is missing and there are still some in the fellowship room.

OCT. ITEMS FOR THE STAFFORDS:

Crystal Lite mixes (strawberry, kiwi, tangerine, orange classic) & Slim Jims.

Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!

Bible Memory Tic-Tac-Toe

John 17:17 (King James Version)

¹⁷Sanctify them through thy _____:
thy _____ is _____.

We will publish a memory verse each week for several weeks to go along with the original version of this. It's for all to use to increase our knowledge of God's word.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy goes out to the family of our beloved Collin Gregory. The family addresses are on the hall board for cards.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

New phone number for Ruth Stanton

For Your Information

TUESDAY NIGHT TALENTS

Tuesday Night Talents continues this week. Bring your dinner and join us for the work!

UPDATED PICTURES

Today after services we want to update members' pictures for our hall board. Herman Lowe will be in the fellowship hall to take pictures of members whose last name starts with the letters E-G and any others who want theirs taken today. Please go to this area as quickly as possible.

AREA GOSPEL MEETINGS

Dale Ridge meeting with Garland Elkins will be October 17-20.

Collinsville meeting is October 24-27 with Steve Canup.

More details for these events are posted on the board.

ROCKY MOUNT LADIES' DAY

A Ladies' Day will be held at the Rocky Mount church of Christ on November 13th with Jeanny Gilpin as the featured speaker. More information is posted on the board.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Preachers' Meeting is at West Side October 18th with Garland Elkins speaking. All are welcome to attend.

The 14th Annual Cold Harbor Lectures are November 4-7 in Mechanicsville, Va. Flyer is posted on hall board.

Our Gospel Meeting with Miles Mayo will be November 7-10. Be planning to attend each evening.

The Men's Planning Breakfast is November 13th in the Fellowship Room. All men need to plan to be here.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

Our Ladies' Night Out for October is scheduled for Thursday, 28th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Room. A sign up sheet is posted.

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Our next fellowship meal will be October 20th at 5:45. Menu includes chili, sandwiches and dessert. Sign up by Oct. 17 and pay at the door!!

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Thanks to the efforts of Herman Lowe there is a nice slotted Question and Answer box on the foyer table. Beginning soon, we will have a regular Q&A session on Sunday evenings. Please be sure to place your questions for consideration in the box. Thank you, Herman, for providing this for us.

Senior Servants

Lynn Anderson

Norma Filer

Betty Richner

Marguerite Charles

Jim Dorsett

Al Furrow

Collin Gregory

Walter & Betty Jenkins

Martha Keith

Margaret Kratz

Miriam Majors

Jo Musgrove

Grace Myers

Evelyn Scott

Elsie Smith

Ruth Stanton

Evelyn White

EV Wimmer

WJ Wood

SICK LIST

Kelli Railey (47), sister of John Gay, has been diagnosed with terminal cancer.

- Willard Campbell's heart surgery was postponed because of his cold
- Tim Six, nephew of Mickie Janney and Abigale Janney, niece of A.C., each have health problems.
- Marguerite Charles is in V.A.
- Lynda Bailey, Floyd's mom, is undergoing tests.
- Betty Jenkins is in LGH.
- Jim Dorsett is at Raleigh Court for rehab.
- Wes White is in RMH rehab.
- Tammy Stilwell Murphy has tests scheduled soon.
- Kelly Garby, Bob's sister-in-law, had gallbladder surgery.
- Carl Furrow, Debbie Whitt's father, has needed blood transfusions.

Continue in prayer:

Ruth & Glenn Hartman, Claude Crowe, Shannon VanRavestein, Lori Whitlow, Brooke Nicholls, Natalie Valentine, Don Pettit, Erica Regester, Annette Shrader, Jan & Kyle Shadix, Melissa & Milton Webster, Cayden Abbott (5), Sarah & Jack Cook, Hazel Maness, Bobby Paxton

October 2010

Announcements: Jeff Durham

“But God...” (21)

Song Leader (AM) Eric Earnhart

Opening Prayer (AM)

10/3 Jim Harrington

10/10 Marc Laplante

10/17 Herman Lowe

10/24 Bob Martin

10/31 Wayne Dixon

Preside at Communion: Mike Durham

Serve Table

Jeff Guilliams, Mitch Jearls

Nathan Pelfrey, Herb Baker

Closing Prayer (AM)

10/3 Mark Brooks

10/10 Jim Cooke

10/17 Squeaky Valentine

10/24 Roger Mays

10/31 Josh Whitlow

Song Leader (PM) Adam House

Opening Prayer (PM)

10/3 Tom Rogers

10/10 Barry White

10/17 Don Pettit

10/24 Glenn Hartman

10/31 Cameron Brown

Scripture Reader: Andrew Gibson

Closing Prayer (PM)

10/3 Charlie Gwaltney

10/10 Jack Cook

10/17 Glenn Gabbard

10/24 Greg Edwards

10/31 Bob Garby

Serve Table (PM)

Ethan Rogers, Sam Valentine

Song Leader (Wed) Josh Whitlow

Prayer (Wed)

10/6 Ron White

10/13 Jerry Anderson

10/20 Danny Guard

10/27 Ethan Rogers

Open/Close Bldg Mike Durham

Greeters R. Mays/Neighbors

Nursery Attend Olivia Valentine

Mary Halling (PM)

Ushers John Black, Norris Gearhart

Handouts A. Gibson, Dylan Tyler

Prepare communion

Lisa Valentine, Jo Ann Edwards

Care of Bapt. Garments- M. Earnhart

Cards/Pencils - Guilliams/Kevin Mickens

Last week's attendance 10/3 & 10/6/10

Bible Class— 156 Worship Service—174

Sunday Eve.— 125, Wednesday Eve.—145

Contribution—\$8379

The phrase “but God” appears in 44 Bible verses (KJV). Its significance is seen in that, for the most part, it contrasts what God did or said with what man did or said. But for the fact that God acted, man would have been hopeless.

In Galatians chapter three Paul contrasts the Law of Moses with the system (gospel) of Christ. It is Christ that redeemed man from the curse of the law (Gal. 3:13); that curse being that the law could not save man from sin. When the Lord sacrificed Himself on the cross He provided the end result of the promise made to Abraham (Gen 12:1-3). That promise (which encompassed both Jew and Gentile) was made 430 years before the Law of Moses was given (Gal. 3:17). This covenant made by God to man could not be annulled because it was established by promise from God and would be provided regardless of man's actions (Gal. 3:14). Regarding this thought Paul stated, “For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: *but God* gave it to Abraham by promise” (Gal. 3:18). The significance of this might not be readily seen. The promise made by God was based solely upon His character. The law given by Moses also included the obedience of those who lived under its statutes. The law could be (and was) violated. The promise could never be revoked because it rested on the character and merits of God and not of man. For the most part, the Jews saw the Law of Moses as superior to the promise of Abraham. They failed to see the significance. Thus, when Jesus, the fulfillment of the promise to Abraham was revealed, He was rejected by His own (Jn. 1:11)..

Thankfully, the hope of inheritance rests upon the promise of God, the sacrifice of Christ, and not the ability of man to keep perfectly the law. At the same time, however, one must obey His will and keep His commands (Lk. 6:46; Heb. 5:8, 9; Rev. 2:10). When one obeys the gospel and is baptized into Christ (Gal. 3:27), he becomes a seed of Abraham and an heir of the promise (Gal. 3:29). He then has hope of obtaining that incorruptible, undefiled inheritance awaiting him in heaven (I Pet. 1:4).

-Eddy