

You Can Be a Spiritual Genius

On page 91 of Will Durant's famous Book, *Lessons of History*, we read this definition of genius:

"It is a combination of clarity of mind and energy of will." Since 2 Cor. 10:5 tells Christians to bring every thought into captivity before the Lord and to never be weary in the doing of that which is proper (Gal. 6:9), no one can better fulfill this view of genius than a faithful child of God!

Some cynic once remarked:

"You must not enthrone ignorance just because there is so much of it." How we do need that admonition in the church today where so much mediocrity is found! There are so few men like Joshua, Barnabas, and Daniel with absolute dedication, loyalty and fervency of spirit. Sometimes we even applaud the schemes and dreams of lazy folk instead of deeply appreciating those like Andrew who quietly, but effectively, stand in the shadows—always serving! Things are not always as evident as they seem. I recall the tale of the so-called village idiot who delighted the Saturday crowds for years by choosing a nickel instead of a dime offered by those who laughed at his seeming ignorance. When asked one day about his choice he quietly replied:

"If I took the dime they would quit playing with me." All of a sudden that village had a new set of clowns! There is a scene in I Sam. 17 where the tables turn rather abruptly. A giant, ten feet tall, mocks a young shepherd boy. But, powerful words of sublime faith—that border on genius even to a pagan society—roll from the lips of David:

"...I came to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts...whom thou hast defied...that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel...for the battle is the Lord's, and He will give you into our hands."

Vicktor Frankl, who spent many tortuous years in a German prison camp and later became a renowned leader in psychotherapy, often quoted the famous words:

"He who has a why to live can bear with almost any how." Job, one of the heroes of the Old Testament, learned that lesson! - Johnny Ramsey

Good For Nothing

Perhaps you have heard the story of the three boys who were talking about what their parents did to encourage them to behave. One said that his dad was a doctor and he gave him \$5 a week if he would be good. The second boy said his dad was a dentist and he gave him \$3 a week if he stayed out of trouble. The third boy told the others that his father was a preacher and that he had to be good for nothing.

The phrase "good for nothing" appears twice in Scripture, once in the Old Testament and once in the New. In Jeremiah 13, the great prophet was told by God to obtain a linen girdle (undergarment), put it on, travel to the Euphrates River, remove it and bury it in a hole. After "many days" he was told to dig it up (Jer. 13:6). Naturally, it was in a terrible state when he did so. In Jeremiah's words it was "profitable for nothing" (Jer. 13:7). As he examined this soiled garment God revealed to him that Judah was quickly becoming as that stained cloth. He said, "This evil people, which refuse to hear my words, which walk in the imagination of their heart, and walk after other gods, to serve them, and to worship them, shall even be as this girdle, which is good for nothing" (Jer. 13:10). In such a condition they were of no profit to God whatsoever.

In the famed sermon on the mount Jesus said, "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men" (Mt. 5:13). As with Jeremiah's sullied garment, salt that has lost its ability to season and preserve is useless. Just as Jeremiah's dirty clothing represented unfaithful Judah, the unsavory salt represents children of God who are no longer faithful to their Lord. In either case, in such a condition one is "good for nothing."

-Eddy

Teens

July Dates to Remember

July 22—VBS Door Knocking

July 23—Summer Youth Devo—Dale Ridge

July 27 & 28—Bonfire/Campout

July 29—Young men conduct services

Hope you remembered to wear comfortable shoes for the door knocking campaign!!

Youth Activities For The Week Of: July 8 – 14th

Summer Youth Devo At Christiansburg , July 9th

We had a good number of West Siders to enjoy a night of games, food and a period of devotion with our surrounding area Christian youth friends.

Movie Day At Teen Center , Friday, July 13th

Fun was experienced by all that came for a night of devotional singing, watching a movie and enjoying popcorn and drinks! The movie "Space Jam" was watched by 17 youth, 1 visitor, and 1 Adult. All of us left relaxed and entertained by a great basketball movie, fellowship with our Christian friends and the singing was spiritually uplifting.

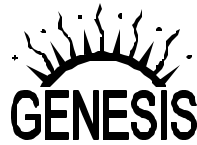
Youth Activities For The Week Of: July 15-21st

Visitation With Evelyn White At The Hospital , Monday July 16th

Preston Duff and Leah Durham had a nice visit with Evelyn White at the hospital. Our visit with her was enjoyable as she talked about her progress that she is making in therapy. She also was happy to share about her grandson, Jeremy, Jessica, and Kylie moving back here to Roanoke to live. She said that Jermeiy is her "hero." Our visit with her was a lot of fun!

Visitation With The Elderly At Richfield , Wednesday, July 17th

Caroline Doss, Rebecca Doss, Grace Earnhart, and Olivia Valentine had a nice visit with Marguerite Charles who loved talking about when she was a "dorm mother" at Freed-Hardeman University! Also there was a very nice Richfield employee in her room who enjoyed our conversation as well! Sounds like Margueite has had a very interesting life! Next, we went to visit Lynn and Mary Anderson who really enjoyed talking about Caroline and Rebecca's grandparents, Curtis and Betty Doss. It was enjoyable for them to remember such Continued...



Vacation Bible School

The fun is just beginning. By now you should know the important part you will play in VBS 2007. If you are not sure, please see me or the skit assignment sheet in the hallway. The skit leaders this year are Josh Whitlow, Richard Simms, David Brown, and Adam House. They are anxiously making final preparations to ensure all the skits come alive and teach God's principles. Scripts are being handed out and rehearsals are being scheduled. You can help by taking the time to talk with your skit leader to ensure you understand your role, and by attending the rehearsals. The final dress rehearsal will be Thursday, August 2 at 7:00 pm. Once again thank you for your willingness to be a part of this work.

In the foyer are the **VBS registration forms**. Please pick one up and fill it out for your child and also for any child they bring. Prizes for everyone who brings one and a grand prize for the person who brings the most!! Deadline is July 22.

The Food Committee has a **sign-up sheet** in the hallway for drinks and desserts. Sign up today!

Youth—cont.

fine Christian friends! Once again the same Richfield employee came into the Anderson's room and she seem quite surprised that we were making our visits to see the elderly. God wants us to comfort and enjoy the elderly. We felt very blessed that we could listen to their past life and hope that God will continue to bless them in all of their days ahead.

TNT Bible Study, Thursday, July 19th

We had 8 youth and 4 adults to come to study God's word. Grat did the lesson on how important God saw the need to allow young people to serve. He gave three examples of Joseph, and Timothy. Garrett Durham and Ethan Rogers led songs and Luke Guard led us in prayer. After the study, we had ice cream to enjoy!

We have had two busy weeks and look forward to our VBS door knocking today after worship. Tomorrow will be another Summer Youth Devo at Dale Ridge!

- Grat

SICK

Evelyn White is at LGH in room 412. She continues to improve with her rehab. Go by and visit if you get the chance!!

Remember the following in prayer: **Luetta Gregory, Larry Phillips, Betty Jenkins, Effie Wimmer, Marge Goodhart, Julia Reed.**



Happy Birthday this week to:

David Wilcox—7/25

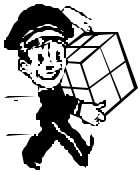
Jeanny Gilpin—7/27

Danny Guard—7/27

*Happy Anniversary to:
Ed & Wanda Mickens—7/24*



JULY & AUGUST ITEMS FOR STAFFORDS:



Sugar free puddings and Dentyne
Fire/spicy cinnamon gum. Give your
items to Jeanny and she will ship
them over!!

WOW (West Sides Olders Workers)

Next Meeting will be on August 14 at 10:30
here at the building.

Team Events

Team 4—Will be hosting an ice cream social to-
night after evening services in the pavilion. Every-
one is invited!

New Information & Involvement Forms

Today in Don's class we will go over the
new information and involvement forms. Other
classes will be doing this in the future. Please fill
out and return these to the office ASAP. If you
have any questions see one of the elders or Jo
Ann.

Get Involved!!!

WEDDING RECEPTION

The wedding reception for Willard and Marie
Campbell will be rescheduled after VBS.

VBS MEETINGS & REHEARSALS

Josh Whitlow's Skit #4 will be meeting after
evening services tonight in the fellowship hall.

WEST SIDE SUMMER SERIES

West Side Summer Series will be "in-house"
this year. Several men of our own congrega-
tion will be presenting lessons on Wednesday
evenings this summer. This week will be Fred
Altizer.

PRIMARY BIBLE CLASS TEACHERS

Please try to have all class materials list that
need to be purchased (\$ + tax & shipping) to
Danny by August 5.

NEW MEMBERS

Jeremy and Jessica White have placed mem-
bership with us. They will be on Team 4 and
the address is: 3816 Sunscape Drive # 405,
Roanoke, VA 24018. Directory labels are lo-
cated in the foyer.

HELP WANTED

Josh Whitlow and family are moving into a
new home and they require assistance with
moving several large pieces of furniture on
Tuesday evening. Check with Josh to find out
the details!!

UPCOMING DATES:

August 4—VBS

August 12—College Sendoff

August 29—Wednesday Fellowship

September 8 & 9—West Side Homecoming

October 6—Turn, Turn, Turn

October 20—Evening at West Side

October 28—November 1—Gospel Meeting

December 8—Men's Business Breakfast

Make sure you add these dates to your agen-
das!!

July 2007

Announcements	Tom Duff	
Song Leader (AM)	Charlie Gwaltney	
Opening Prayer (AM)		
7/1	Don Pettit	
7/8	Glen Hartman	
7/15	Jim Cooke	
7/22	Gene Benefield	
7/29	A. C. Janney	
Preside at Communion	Don Pettit	
Serve Table	Grat Tucker	Luke Guard
	Charlie Puckett	George Mellon
Closing Prayer		
7/1	Bobby Martin	
7/8	Jim Bush	
7/15	Collin Gregory	
7/22	Greg Edwards	
7/29	Eric Earnhart	
Song Leader (PM)	David Brown	
Opening Prayer (PM)		
7/1	Squeaky Valentine	
7/8	Mike Durham	
7/15	Richard Simms	
7/22	Murphy Scott	
7/29	Youth	
Scripture Reader	Garrett Durham	
Closing Prayer (PM)		
7/1	Crawford Keith	
7/8	Paul Mays	
7/15	Josh Whitlow	
7/22	Claude Crowe	
7/29	Youth	
Serve Table (PM)	Sam Valentine	Bradford Durham
Song Leader (Wed)	Josh Whitlow	
Prayer (Wed)		
7/4	Charlie Gwaltney	
7/11	Wayne Dixon	
7/18	Roger Mays	
7/25	Tom Richardson	
Open/Close Bldg	Jim Harrington	
Greeters	Harringtons	Paxtons
Nursery Attend	Jean Argabright	Sondra Tyler
Ushers	Herb Baker	John Black
Handouts	Bob Garby	David McFalls
Alternates	Mark Brooks	
Prepare comm.	Melissa Rogers	Amanda Brown
Cards & Pencils	Sydney Durham	Chandler Jearls

Last weeks attendance 7/15&18/07

Bible Class— 154 Worship Service—186

Eve. Worship— 131 Wed. Service—148

Contribution—\$6781