

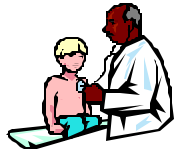
Stand for Something

The late Peter Marshall, chaplain of the US Senate, uttered this petition before the senate, "Give us the courage to be either hot or cold, to stand for something, lest we fall for anything." An urgent need in the church today is for more elders, preachers and members who have the courage and conviction to take a bold stand for truth and righteousness. These are perilous time, best predicted and described by Paul in II Tim. 3:1-5 in these words, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."

Modernist and liberals, like termites working on the foundation of a building, threatening the very foundation of our faith in God and His word. In recent years there has been a concerted effort to undermine and eventually destroy the faith of mankind in the existence of God, and the authority of His word. Termites work in the dark, they work quietly, unrecognized by the owner of the house until the supporting timbers become a hollow shell and the building begins to collapse. It seems to me, that the church of the Lord today is being attacked by "religious termites", who are trying to weaken our faith, destroy our convictions, and "restructure" the church according to human fancy. In some quarters emotionalism, personal experiences, and human testimonials seem to have supplanted biblical authority. They have ceased to demand a "Thus saith the Lord" for every item of faith and practice. Having lost faith in the power of the gospel to save, some have turned to testifying and witnessing to convert the lost, but God's word still declares that the gospel is *The Power* of God unto salvation. (Rom. 1:16)

Drawing the Line—The line of demarcation between truth and error, right and wrong, New Testament Christianity, and denominationalism, has already been obliterated in the minds of many, and the line is not too strictly drawn in the thinking of others. We live in a permissive age where almost anything goes. Many religious bodies have lowered their standards to accommodate themselves to accept the "new morality". We are told that things in the moral realm cannot always be defined as black or white, for there are many so-called "gray areas" where right or wrong cannot be definitely determined. We may then be treated to a lecture on "situations ethics", in which we are informed that a thing that is basically evil may under certain conditions, and in certain circumstances, be right. We are told that "social drinking and dancing" are not so bad after all, and that those who practice such things should not be condemned. - continued

Sick Crawford Keith, Steve Harrah and Roy Doss are now home.



Mark Brooks will have a procedure on Thursday.

Betty Jenkins continues physical therapy at home.

April Harrah will be having surgery on Thursday.

Continue to remember in prayer: **Marguerite Charles, Margaret Kratz, Janet Stover, Jim Dorsett, Mary Anderson, Curtis Doss.**

Happy Birthday this week to:
Charmaine Bush—5-2
Martha Wood—5/4



Happy Anniversary this week to:
Ed & Jean Argabright—5/4



APRIL ITEMS FOR THE

STAFFORDS: Instant Grits and Oatmeal (plain). Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!



MILITARY

Kyle Nester— in Iraq

Erich Felps—in Iraq.



VBS

Water World at West Side
Vacation Bible School will be on June 28 at 9:30. Greg Edwards will be directing again and looking for great people to fill the positions!

Make it easy and say yes when he asks!! This year looks like its gonna be a good one!! Stay tuned for more details and sign ups!

*Meeting today after morning services for all skit leaders and support coordinators in the fellowship hall.

Gospel Meeting

Our Spring Gospel Meeting will be held on May 11-14, with Glen Colley as our guest speaker. Be making plans now to invite someone to come and listen to good preaching!! Flyers are in the foyer and Sunday morning will be our **Introduce a Friend Day.**

Team leaders be making your plans now to feed the minister. Team 3 will be responsible for Monday evening, Team 2 will be responsible for Tuesday evening and Team 1 will handle the duties on Wednesday evening.

Remember a personal invitation goes a long way!!!

Send Glenn a note of encouragement!
Mailing labels are located in the foyer !

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We are not to judge our brethren they say, but the fruit of these practices speaks of spiritual decline, lost influence, wrecked homes, and lost souls. If we may not judge, we can at least be "fruit inspectors".

Some Fall for Almost Anything—The weakness of religious leaders in many instances is truly pathetic. This is especially sad, where weakness and compromise exist among leaders in the Lord's church. It is true that dealing with sin among saints is not a pleasant task, but it will not be pleasant for elders in Judgment who fail to protect the flock from false teachers and do not uphold and maintain the purity of the church. Men can make a mock of sin, joke about its consequences, and excuse those who practice it, but sin is ugly, destructive, and will condemn all who engage in it. The wages of sin is death. (Rom. 6:23)

The practice of discipline is not the path of least resistance. Decisions are sometimes difficult to make, but the Lord needs men who will stand up and be counted on all the vital issues that confront the church today. There can be no compromise on doctrinal or moral issues if we have any regard for the authority of God's Word. It is time to face up to a challenge like Elijah delivered to the children of Israel, "How long shalt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow Him: but if Baal, then follow him." (1 Kings 18:21) The moral standards, the purity of the church, the authority of the Bible, and our hope of heaven, is under attack and we cannot afford to retreat. The power of the gospel, fervently and plainly proclaimed by Christians, who practice what they preach, is the only hope of the world.—J.A. McNutt

-the elders

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For Your Information

SILENCING OF GOD DVD SERIES

The DVDs are here—if you have paid for them they are located in the foyer. Otherwise turn your invoice and payment in to Jo Ann or one of the elders.

TURN, TURN, TURN MEETING

T3 planners meeting will be today at 4:30 in the fellowship hall.

POUNDING FOR THE REEDS

There will be a 'pounding' for the Reeds after evening services on April 27. See Richard Simms for details.

WEDDING SHOWER

There will be a wedding shower for Aaron Anderson & his fiancée Emilee on May 4 at 4:00 in the fellowship hall. They are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond, Macy's and Target.

SW VIRGINIA REGIONAL PICNIC

SW Virginia Regional Church of Christ Fellowship Picnic will be on May 10 at the Franklin Co. Rec Park. See details on the board. RSVP requested.

CTS REGISTRATIONS

Attention all adults planning to ride the bus and attend the Christian Training series at FHU: The dates are July 12- 18. Please see Jerry or Kay to get a registration form for CTS. We need to see how many adults will be going and start matching people up for room assignments. We want to try to get first choice on the room accommodations.

WEDDING SHOWER

There will be a wedding shower luncheon for Caleb Guard and his fiancée Carrie on May 18 after morning services. They are registered at Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

Feed the Preacher Schedule
 May 12-14
 Team 1 (Simms/Duff)—
 Wednesday
 Team 2 (Garby) - Tuesday
 Team 3 (Brown)—Monday

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Teens

May Dates:

May 17—Lynchburg Senior Banquet
 May 25—WS Graduates Dinner

VCC & Horizon's applications and bus forms are located in the foyer. Pick yours up today!! Yellow bus forms for Senior week!

WOW

The WOW GROUP will meet on TUESDAY, May 13 at 10:30 AM.

Please sign up on the WOW board for the video Auto-biographies being done by Richard Simms.

Marquerite Charles needs someone to tend to her laundry for a couple of weeks while April recovers from surgery.

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VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN CAMP

8 weeks until Virginia Christian Camp. There is a list of items needed for crafts located on the board in the hallway.



Please see Jo Ann or Melissa for details or to make your donations!

Camp Dates—June 15-21. Applications are in the foyer—please return to Curtis Graves by May 15.

- Curtis is also looking for Female Counselors!!! See Jo Ann for details.

Welcome New Member!
 Olivia Valentine was baptized
 by her dad last Sunday.

Other responses: Susan Duff, Sam Valentine, and Michelle Earnhart.

“Bar Church”

May 2008

Announcements Danny Guard
Song Leader (AM) Jeff Durham
Opening Prayer (AM)
5/4 Barry White
5/11 Gene Benefield
5/18 Charlie Gwaltney
5/25 Tom Rogers
Preside at Communion Wayne Dixon
Serve Table Sam Valentine Roger Mays
Greg Edwards Bob Garby
Closing Prayer
5/4 Jim Harrington
5/11 Glenn Gabbard
5/18 Richard Simms
5/25 Collin Gregory

Song Leader (PM) Paul Mays
Opening Prayer (PM)
5/4 Eric Earnhart
5/11 Bob Martin
5/18 Jerry Anderson
5/25 Herb Baker
Scripture Reader Ethan Rogers
Closing Prayer (PM)
5/4 Norris Gearhart
5/11 George Mellon
5/18 Mark Brooks
5/25 Squeaky Valentine
Serve Table (PM)
Cameron Brown Bradford Durham

Song Leader (Wed) Tom Duff
Prayer (Wed)
5/4 Fred Altizer
5/14 Preston Duff
5/21 David Brown
5/28 Mike Durham

Open/Close Bldg Eric Earnhart
Greeters Duff Pettit
Nursery Attend
Melissa Marshall Dorothy Mays
Ushers Glen Hartman John Black
Handouts Preston Duff Garrett Durham
AC Janney Jim Bush

Alternates
Prepare communion
Michelle Earnhart Marsha Cooke
Cards & Pencils
Chandler Jearls Jimmy Harrington

Last weeks attendance 4/20&23/08
Bible Class—143 Worship Service—169
Eve. Worship—139 Wed. Service—137
Contribution—\$5798

Paul condemned the Gentile world for changing “the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man...” (Rom. 1:23). The ancient Gentile world had nothing on today’s culture. For some time our society has been on a trend toward

adapting religion to suit man’s needs rather than adapting man’s behavior to fit the Bible. Further evidence of this was seen this week.

In Sidney, Ohio, the “Country Rock Church,” an offshoot of the Sidney First United Methodist Church, held its first meeting at the Pub Lounge (that’s right- a bar!). Beer was on tap and a mechanical bull provided the inspiration for the day’s sermon (on how to get along in life). Its website advertises, “top regional bands, pizza, wings, rowdy fun and a short message.” The church’s “pastor,” Chris Heckaman said the people really seemed to enjoy themselves.

As with much that is being done in the religious world, the question for this group was not “What does the Bible say ” or “What does God command in worship.” The obvious objective was to insure that everyone had a good time, regardless of what the Bible says. This kind of trend will continue in the religious world as man continues to seek his own will instead of the Lord’s.

God is to be revered. The Psalmist said of Him, “God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him” (Ps. 89:7). The Hebrews writer stated, “Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: for our God is a consuming fire” (Heb. 12:28, 29). We must be diligent in maintaining reverence for God in our worship to Him. Man errs greatly when he thinks God to be like him (Ps. 50:21; Job 9:32), or when he attempts to bring God down to his level. Let us take great care each time we gather to worship Him and hold in reverence His name each time we speak it.

-Eddy

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