

WHAT ARE WE TELLING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

Words are an effective means of communication. Actions can also be as effective as words. We as God's people must guard carefully our use of words as well as actions. Both will highly influence others. One major concern in connection with our words and actions, that we should give special attention to, is our influence on our young people. They closely monitor our every move.

One question we absolutely must deal with immediately is, "What are we telling them?" What are we telling our young people, our children when we use the same language that the world uses (**James 3:2 - 12**)? What are telling them when we involve ourselves with gossip (**Proverbs 11:13**)? What are we telling them when they hear us speaking lies (**Proverbs 12:22**)? What are we telling them when filthy jokes and lewd remarks come from our lips (**Colossians 3:8**)? What are we telling them when we mimic the world and lose control of our emotions (**Ephesians 4:26**)? What are we telling them when we take off our clothes and wear bikinis, short shorts, halter type tops, no tops, low plunge tops, skin tight clothes, see through clothes, etc. (**1 Timothy 2:9 - 10; Galatians 5:19**)? What are we telling them when we watch T.V. programs and movies that are filled with and promote any and all types of immoral conduct (**1 Peter 2:11**)? What are we telling them when we demote the sanctity of the home by divorcing and remarrying for any flippant excuse (**Matthew 19:9**)? What are we telling them when we forsake the assembling of ourselves together (**Hebrews 10:25**)? What are telling them when our worship to God is nothing more than merely being present and our actions anything but "in spirit and in truth" (**John 4:24**)?

The fact is, we are telling them that to be a Christian is to act no different than the world (**1 John 2:15 - 17; Ephesians 4:17 - 24**). We are telling them that we can love the world and love God at the same time (**James 4:4**). We are telling them that self comes first and that God will settle for second, third, or even last (**Matthew 6:33**). We are telling them that self-gratification, physical pleasure and worldly gain is supreme (**Colossians 3:1-4**). We are telling them that we can abide in sin and still be pleasing to God and be saved (**Romans 6:23**). Yet later on we end up asking ourselves, what went wrong with our young people, our children? The answer is: **THEY BELIEVED WHAT WE WERE TELLING THEM!**

-- Robert L. Moss via Bulletin Digest



Happy Birthday this week:

- October 31 A.C. Janney**
- November 1 Marsha Cooke**
- November 3 Judy Durham**
- November 5 Alecia White**

Happy Anniversary This Month to:

- Glenn & Audrey Gabbard -November 10*
- Eddy & Jeanny Gilpin -November 20*
- Jim & Rosemary Bush -November 22*



West Side Youth

- October 30—TONIGHT Young Men conduct evening services
- November 5 -Bonfire at the Edwards 6PM
- November 12 –Rise & Build Planning Session
- November 13—TBS at Teen Center 7PM
- November 19—Youth Rally 9am-1pm

NINE GOOD MINUTES @ 5:49

NOVEMBER ITEMS FOR THE STAFFORDS
Assorted sizes of ziplocks,
Packets of seasonings (taco, fajita, stroganoff)

Fall Festival
Sunday, October 30, 2011
Today after morning services

W O W

WOW group will eat at Harbor Inn Seafood after services this morning. Please join us for food, fellowship and fun.

We will begin a series on “**Questions and Answers**” Sunday night. The Q&A box is on the table in the foyer for any interested in asking a **Biblical question**.

November Ladies Night Out

November 10 6:00 PM -Fellowship Hall
Sign-up sheet posted
See Amanda Brown for details.

Rise Up and Build November 12

W O W

The WOW group is sponsoring a **Dec 31 Congragational Singing** to welcome the new year. Come and bring your favorite finger food or snack and enjoy fellowship, singing, and fun to welcome in 2012. Time



Team 1 Holiday Get together

Time: December 9 6:00 PM
Place: Laplante’s home
Food: Bring Appetizers and holiday food
Also bring: \$5.00 gift for gift exchange
(Girls bring a girl gift. Boys bring a boy gift).

Extra change for Children

Potter Children’s Home Gleaner Cans due December 4.
Extra cans are available on the foyer table. Any questions, see Jerry

Elsie Smith, mother & grandmother of Diane and Grat Tucker has not been feeling well lately. Send her a cheer card at Carriage Hill Retirement Center, , VA 24523

Send cards to Garrett Durham at: (Postage is \$1.18)



TNT –Barnabus Family of Focus

The next TNT meeting will Nov 8. Our current FOF (Family of Focus) is Mary Ellen Crowe. Here are some ways you can help support our FOF: make dinner, phone call, joy basket, invite to lunch, visit, send card/note, sit with during service, give a hug, email. Plan to meet at 6:00 pm for dinner and then stay to help as this new work begins.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT WEST SIDE

October 30– Fall Festival (Primary Classes)

November 5-Bonfire at the Edwards FOR EVERYONE

November 12–Rise & Build Planning Breakfast

December 31– Congregational Singing to welcome 2012

AREA EVENTS:

- ◇ **COLD HARBOR ROAD LECTURESHIP** November 3-6
- ◇ **ROCKY MOUNT LADIES' DAY** - Nov. 5- Speaker: Susan Duff
- ◇ **GREAT SMOKEY MOUNTAIN MARRIAGE RETREAT**
February 15-18, 2012. "A Match Made in Heaven" Pigeon Forge
Holiday Inn Conference Center. ** 2 tracks **

SYMPATHY

Condolences to Tabbie Swain, Bob & Wanda Martin's neighbor, who lost her only son, David, last Friday night, 3 years to the week after her husband's death. We also extend sympathy to **Layne and Alecia White** in the passing of their maternal grandmother in NC.



Youth Bonfire at the Edwards November 5 at 6:00 PM

Youth Bonfire has been extended to the **entire congregation!** It will be held on November 5 at 6:00 pm at the Edwards. Hot Dogs and condiments will be provided - sign up for the rest of the food stuffs! Also we will be having an **Ugly Sweater Contest** with prizes for the winner so dig in the back of your closet (or maybe the front) for your ugliest sweater and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. Horseshoes, Corn Hole and S'mores will be there! Bring your favorite dish and camp chair to gather around the fire!!!

If you have questions see Jo Ann or Halle.

SIGN UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON THE TEAM BOARD.

Congratulations

To **Jeremy and Jessica White** who are expecting their second child sometime in June 2012. Kylie is looking forward to being a "big sister". Barry, Gloria, Grace, Evelyn, and Jessica's parents are excited too.

Senior Servants

Lynn Anderson	Norma Biller
Betty Buckner	Jim Dorsett
Margaret Kratz	Miriam Majors
Jo Musgrove	Evelyn Scott
Elsie Smith	Ruth Stanton
Evelyn White	WJ Wood
Grace Myers	Al Furrow
Willard Campbell	



- ⇒ **Euline Gilpin**, Eddy's mother, has a severe internal infection.
- ⇒ **WJ Wood** is in Rm 103 at the Salem Rehab. Center
- ⇒ **Audrey Gabbard** went well and she plans to be home by Friday evening.
- ⇒ **Rebecca Doss** is recovering from a head injury –no activity until Mon.
- ⇒ Anna Richerdson, **Dan Colwell's** sister, who has cancer, expects to be released from RMH Thur. evening

Continue in Prayer:

Ruth & Glenn Hartman, Sr.
Sandra Speir
Corey Ryan
Jerry and Jennifer Ogden
Mason & Cole Anderson
"Doc" Long
Glenn Gabbard
Dale Janosik
Kevin Barnard
Ryan Kendrick
Keith Ann (Kay) Widener
Di (Nana) Derryberry
Olivia Valentine
Wes White
Chad Coleman
Kerry Cesoro
David Argabright
Betty Garby

Monthly Servants **November 2011**

Announcements: **Bob Garby**
Song Leader (AM): **David Brown**
Opening Prayer (AM)
 11/6/2011 Bob Martin
 11/13/2011 Don Petit
 11/20/2011 Charlie Maness
 11/27/2011 Josh Whitlow
Preside at Communion: **Tom Rogers**
Serve Table **John Black**
 Gene Benefield
 Bradford Durham
 Ethan Rogers
Closing Prayer (AM):
 11/6/2011 Jerry Anderson
 11/13/2011 A. C. Janney
 11/20/2011 Paul Mays
 11/27/2011 Sam Valentine
Song Leader (PM): **Sam Valentine**
Opening Prayer (PM)
 11/6/2011 Ron White
 11/13/2011 Tom Richardson
 11/20/2011 Jonathan Beavers
 11/27/2011 Mitch Jearls
Scripture Reader: **Dylan Tyler**
Closing Prayer (PM)
 11/6/2011 Chandler Jearls
 11/13/2011 Noah Laplante
 11/20/2011 Greg Edwards
 11/27/2011 Ben Munsey
Serve Table (PM) **Andrew Gibson**
 Jimmy Harrington
Song Leader (Wed): **Bob Garby**
Prayer (Wed)
 11/2/2011 Barry White
 11/9/2011 Dylan Tyler
 11/16/2011 Andrew Gibson
 11/23/2011 Bob Garby
 11/30/2011 David Brown
Open/Close Bldg: **Fred Altizer**
Greeters: **Bakers, Richardsons**
Nursery Attend: **Marsha Cooke**
 Lori Cook
Ushers: **Roger Mays**
 Curtis Oakes
Handouts: **Austin Whitlow**
 Dylan Tyler
Prepare communion: **Rebecca Durham**
 Hazel Maness
Baptismal Garments: **Jo Ann Edwards**
Cards/Pencils: **Natalie Valentine**
 Sydney Durham

Last week's attendance 10/23/11 & 10/26/11

Bible Class-159 **Worship Service-168**
Sunday PM-143 **Wednesday PM-126**
Contribution- \$ 4,681

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I Want to Be an Abomination!

As children we were often asked what we wanted to be when we grew up. If you are an adult, likely you've asked a child the same question. Most of us changed our plans several times, and likely you are not today what you originally said you wanted to be (i.e. an astronaut; the President of the United States; a cowboy; a princess; etc.). What if someone were to answer that question by saying: "When I grow up, I want to be an abomination?" We would think them quite strange. However, that is what each of us should strive to be.

Proverbs 29:27 states: "An unjust man is an abomination to the just: and he that is upright in the way is abomination to the wicked." The New King James Version is very similar: "An unjust man is an abomination to the righteous, and he who is upright in the way is an abomination to the wicked." When we examine this verse we note that both the wicked and the righteous are abominations- they are abominations to each other. However, the latter of the two is the one we should strive to be- an abomination to the wicked. This we should seek to be, not because we want to be despised by anyone, but because it is naturally the case that one who stands on the moral high ground and takes the proper spiritual stand will be the source of ridicule for most (II Tim. 3:12). Those who take a stand against abortion are despised by those who want to have things their own way. Those who maintain that alcohol use is sinful are ridiculed as "old fogeys." Those who believe that couples must wait until they are married to have intercourse are looked down upon as being old-fashioned and out of touch. Those who maintain the Scriptural views that there is only one church (Eph. 4:4; Mt. 16:18; Eph. 5:23), that baptism is essential to salvation (Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; I Pet. 3:21), that instrumental music in worship is sinful (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; Rev. 22:18, 19), and other such doctrinal issues are going to be frowned upon by the religious world at large (and, sadly, even by some in the church). To put it in the terms the wise man used, such an individual will be "an abomination to the wicked." However, such individuals are pleasing in God's sight for walking in the old paths (Jer. 6:16) and speaking where the Bible speaks (I Pet. 4:11).