

NEWS & NOTES

THE SICK: *Jack and Onzell Tucker* continue to be confined at home. ~ Buffy Wallen's grandmother and James McConnell's aunt, **Nadine Thompson**, is in the Lauderdale Christian Nursing Home in Killen. ~ Eric White's father, **Jim White**, continues his cancer treatments. ~ Steven Crunk's niece, **Abby Vandiver**, is in Children's Hospital in Birmingham and is seriously sick with a blood disorder. ~ Judy Williams' mother, **Flossie Kazzaire**, continues in a nursing facility in Fayette. ~ **Jerry Dickey** will start radiation and chemo therapy in the weeks to come. ~ **Frances Resse**, Aric Butler's grandmother, who lives in Brookings, Oregon is very sick with lung cancer. **Others on the sick list include: C.L. Weathers** who has the flu. ~ **Margaret Weathers** fell and has broken ribs. ~ **Amber and Isabella Hammond** ~ **Erica Crunk** continues her recovery. There may be others that I am not aware of. Remember all the sick in your prayers.

REJOICE! *John and Virginia Lovell* were restored last Sunday. Let us continue to pray for them and encourage them.

COMMUNITATIONS GROUP: Tonight after our evening service will be the meeting time for "Group A". If you are in this group, be sure to attend this meeting.

GOSPEL MEETING: Oct 26th - 28th:
EASTSIDE with **Bobby Graham**. Sun 3:00 PM.
 Mon & Tues 7:00 PM.
Oct 26th – 29th : WESTVIEW with **Gary Kerr**.
 Sun 5:00 PM. Mon thru Wed 7:00 PM.
ISELL with **Randall Hammock**. Sun 7:30 PM.
 Mon thru Wed 7:00 PM.
Oct 30th: HUGHES ROAD with **Bill Hall**.
 Thursday series. "What was the Issue?". This Thursday – The Sponsoring Church.

FOR THE RECORD: (Week of October 19th)

Sunday:	
Bible Classes	98
Morning Worship	115
Evening Worship	88
Wednesday:	
Bible Classes	87

Schedule of Services

Sunday
 Bible Classes 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday
 Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

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 Michael Clemmons...(256) 247-0836
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 Jimmy Glass.....(256) 247-0571
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"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation..." **Romans 1:16**

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Men Privileged To Serve For the Week of October 26th:

Bible Classes
 Song Leader.....Brian Word
 Bible Reading.....Ronnie Phillips
Deuteronomy 25:1-10
 Prayer.....Rodney McCrary

Morning Worship
 Song Leader.....Brian Word
 Prayer.....Jimmy Glass
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding.....Mr. E Hammond
 Assisting.....Aric Butler
 Serving.....Mark McCrary
Corey Goode
Jerry Dickey
Jim Phillips
 Closing Prayer.....Rocky Rose

Evening Worship
 Song Leader.....Daniel Clemmons
 Bible Reading.....Brad Hammond
Deuteronomy 25:11-19
 Prayer.....Andrew Gatlin
 Lord's Supper.....Mr. E. Hammond
Aric Butler
 Closing Prayer.....Steve Parker

Wednesday Bible Classes
 Song Leader.....Mark McCrary
 Prayer.....Scottie Goode
 Bible Reading.....Brian Word
Deuteronomy 26:1-11
 Invitation.....Jimmy Glass
 Closing Prayer.....Brad Hammond

What is Our Excuse? Aaron C. Andrews

Many people believe assembling to Worship God is a hassle. These same people will get up every morning before sunrise, get their kids off to school, drive themselves to work usually through traffic jams and road construction, work forty plus hours a week, and look forward to the weekend. All they really want is just two days to sit back and relax, to recuperate from all of the week's activities, and to get some work done around the house.

We can sympathize with such sentiments. However, what we cannot sympathize with is a failure to assemble with the saints. Who among us has not heard numerous excuses for not assembling with God's people?

"But this is the only day that I can sleep in,"
"God will understand that I am just too tired to come. He will understand if I just stay at home and read my Bible. That will be good enough,"
"Go to church twice on Sunday and once on Wednesday, well that's too much! Surely God will understand that I cannot seem to fit that into my schedule."

What do we usually say to that line of reasoning? We usually tell straying brethren what the Hebrew writer says, **"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching"** (Heb 10:24-25), and that is correct and accurate. However, I find that most brethren who are failing to meet this command continue to rationalize away their responsibilities. They know what that verse says, they just don't want to do it.

I have often wondered if these same weak brethren were told they were dying of some horrible disease, and that the only cure was to come to the physician's office and get an injection, "twice on Sunday and once on Wednesday" how many argue that the doctor is asking too much? How many would come up with the same old line of excuses that they use for not assembling with the saints! I wonder!

And yet isn't that what coming and assembling together is all about? We have the disease of sin within us and we must come to the Great Physician for the cure. We can help protect ourselves from sin by coming together and stirring one another up with love and good works, "**exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.**" We need to understand that this is a matter of life and death. Pursue life, assemble with God's saints. You'll get good things out of being here: Invigorating study of the Word of God, prayer, singing together, partaking of the Lord's Supper, and besides you'll be in obedience to God and His Word, and you will once again walk in that narrow way that leads to Heaven.

We Believe And Therefore Speak

Bill Hall

The preaching of the apostles proceeded from hearts full of conviction. They had observed the miracles of Jesus; they had heard His teaching; three of them had been with Him in the mount, and had heard those words spoken from heaven, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him;" they had seen His composure as He was arrested in the garden; they had carefully examined evidences of His resurrection, and had talked with Him, eaten with Him, felt of Him; they had watched as He ascended until a cloud received Him out of their sight. They believed! And so full were they

of faith that their faith overflowed in words. They could not hold back that message which burned in their hearts.

They preached it everywhere: in the synagogues and in the temple; in the streets and from house to house; in governors' mansions and in prisons; in market places and from Mars Hill; on ships and in chariots; in upper rooms and on river banks.

They preached it to the rich and to the poor; to worshippers of God and to worshippers of idols; to the humble and to the proud; to the lowly and to the mighty; to the educated and to the uneducated; to the good and to the bad; to the moral and to the immoral.

They preached it to drunkards, to adulterers, to homosexuals, to idolators, to sorcerers, to kings, to governmental officials, to army officers, to jailors, to ship captains, to beggars. They preached it, and preached it, and preached it! Because they preached it they were imprisoned, beaten, scourged, stoned, mocked, ridiculed, threatened; they were victims of lies, deceit, conspiracy, uproars, mob violence, shipwreck; ambush; they lived in poverty, often hungering, and with "no certain dwelling place;" but nothing could stop them from preaching as long as they had breath. They believed, and their faith forced them to preach regardless of the consequences. They believed, and therefore spoke (**2 Cor. 4:13**).

What did they preach? They preached that message revealed to them by the Holy Spirit, God's divine message (**1 Cor. 2:6-13**). They had no time for opinions, human philosophies, or politics; nor was their faith centered upon such things. The message that burned in their hearts was a message concerning the Christ and salvation through Him. They believed in Christ, in the efficacy of His blood, and in the power of His gospel. They believed, and therefore they spoke that message, and that message only.

Faith! In that one word may lie the most important element of effective evangelism. When we come to believe as did those

apostles; when we become so full of faith that we can hardly restrain ourselves; when the message of salvation burns within us as it did in them, we will be teaching others and we will be doing so effectively. Until then our words may contain an unmistakable emptiness that will render them powerless in changing the hearts of men. — *From Perspectives, Vol. IV, No. 5. May 1978*

Ten Commandments

Robert F. Turner

Can you name the ten commandments? In proper order? With some understanding of their significance? Or have you relied upon the stock reply: "*We are under the New Covenant,*" to excuse your ignorance. Many say, "They are all in the New Testament except the 7th Day Jewish Sabbath," and yet have made no serious effort to find and apply these NT regulations.

We are under the system of Faith, rather than any system of Law; but respect for God and Divine authority is not outmoded. The principles of respect for God and man (MAT.22:35f) are very much needed today, and better understanding of the code given Israel, through Moses, is a very good beginning for every one. (GAL.3:24-f)

All ten commandments focus attention upon God, the author of eternal morals; with the first four directly related to God. THE ONE GOD -- "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." THE SPIRIT NATURE OF GOD -- "Thou shalt not make unto thee (to worship) any graven image." TO HOLINESS OF GOD -- (allowing no secular consideration) "Thou" shalt not take the name of God in vain." GOD IN HIS SAVING CAPACITY - - "Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy."

God "set His hand" to redeem Israel from Egyptian bondage (EXO.15:) and gave them a "sign" for a constant

reminder "throughout your generations". (EXO.31:12-17; DEU.5:2,3,15). Isaiah promised (II:10-f) that God would set His hand "the second time" in offering Jesus Christ (the root of Jesse) for the salvation of "the nations" as well as for the remnant of Israel. Our "rest" is neither a single day nor Canaan, but Heaven. (HEB.4:1-11) The next five commandments focus attention upon man's relationship with man, but we should remember that these are more than social morals. They are "as to the Lord" -- a principle more fully developed in the NT. (see COL.3:17-25) The first of this group demands RESPECT FOR THE CENTER OF LIFE, THE HOME -- "Honor thy father and mother". Then LIFE ITSELF -- "Thou shalt not kill". THE SANCTITY OF THE: MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP -- "Thou shalt not commit adultery". RESPECT FOR PROPERTY -- "Thou shalt not steal". RESPECT FOR NAME AND HONOR -- "Thou shalt not bear false witness". Then the last commandment is something like a preview of the deeper meaning Christ would one day place upon all of God's laws. It looks inwardly, calling upon man to RESPECT HIMSELF: -- "Thou shalt not covet". One may covet his neighbor's wife, yet never make a perverse move, one may covet his neighbor's property, and never steal a single object. Covetousness is intense desire, a longing for more, a feeling within, that will affect many facets of life. The covetous man sets up idols in his heart (COL.3:5) and thus sins against himself, his fellow-man, and God. The ten commandments as given in Exodus 20:1-17, DEU.5:1-21, etc., are clearly the central fiber of a covenant which God made with Israel in a dispensation now past. But they are stamped in principle throughout the New Testament, and are sorely needed in this generation. - *From Plain Talk, Vol.IX No.VIII Pg.5. October 1972*