

# NEWS & NOTES

**THE SICK OR THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS:**  
Continue to remember Sissy Clemmons and Ronnie Phillips mother, **Lois Ann Corum** as she is home recovering from a cracked pelvis. ~ **Jack and Onzell Tucker** continue to be confined at home. ~ Judy Williams' mother **Flossie Kizzire**, continues in a nursing facility in Fayette ~ **Jerry Dickey** and his fight with cancer. ~ **Monroe Pressnell's** fight with cancer. ~ **C.L Weathers** has been having great difficulty walking but is feeling a little better. Please continue to remember C.L. and Margret during these difficult times. ~ **Madia Haraway** was able to be with us last Sunday even though she is still recovering from a broken hip. ~ **Corey Word** was in the hospital last week with pneumonia and came home last Sunday. He will stay at home a few weeks to recover. ~ Let us continue to pray for our expecting mother **Marissa Gatlin**.  
~ **There may be others that are sick and need of our prayers, please let us know.**

**COMMUNICATIONS GROUP:** "Group B". If you are in this group, be sure to attend this meeting after services tonight.

**THIS WEDNESDAY NIGHT:** Aaron will be speaking at Jackson Drive in Athens. We will not study Angels next week while Aaron is away. Bro. Cecil has agreed to teach the class and will be continuing his study from this morning on "The Seven Churches of Asia."

## CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL

### January 10<sup>th</sup> 2010

**MEMORY VERSE:** "And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, went to him and said to him, 'Thus says the Lord...'" – **Isaiah 38:1**

FOR THE RECORD	Sunday Bible Class	Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening	Wed Evening
Last Week	110	127	94	88

## Schedule of Services

**Sunday**  
Bible Classes ..... 9:45 AM  
Morning Worship ..... 10:45 AM  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 PM  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Worship (*Singing*) . 3:30 PM

**Wednesday**  
Bible Classes ..... 7:00 PM

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# Gospel Power

"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 Serving This Week:

**Sunday Before Class**  
**Song Leader** – Phil Pressnell  
**Bible Reading** – Brian Word  
(*Judges 21:1-5*)  
**Prayer** – Jerry Dickey

**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**Song Leader** – Phil Pressnell  
**Prayer** – James Adams  
**Lord's Supper**

**Presiding** – Jimmy Glass  
**Assisting** – Andrew Gatlin, Jeffrey Bassham, Michael Word, Corey Goode, Rodney McCrary  
**Closing Prayer** – Mark McIntyre

**Sunday Evening Worship**  
**Song Leader** – Daniel Clemmons  
**Bible Reading** – Steve Parker  
(*Judges 21:6-11*)

**Prayer** – Ronnie Phillips  
**Lord's Supper** – Jimmy Glass, Andrew Gatlin  
**Closing Prayer** – Scottie Goode

**Wednesday Bible Classes**  
**Song Leader** – Randy Evans  
**Prayer** – Michael Clemmons  
**Bible Reading** – Mark White  
(*Judges 21:12-19*)  
**Invitation** – Brian Blakely  
**Closing Prayer** – James Word

## DIARY OF A BIBLE

Recently I read the "Diary Of A Bible." I do not know the author. Any one of millions of Bibles covered in dust could have written the following:

**January 10.** Been resting for a week. The first few nights of the New Year my owner read me regularly, but he has now forgotten me already, I guess.

**February 7.** Clean up time. I was dusted with other things and then put back on the shelf.

**February 9.** Owner used me for a short time after dinner looking over a few references. Went to Bible school today.

**March 6.** Clean up. Dusted again. Have been in the hall since my trip to Bible school last month.

**March 30.** Busy day. Owner had young people's meeting and had to look up references. He had an awful time finding them but they were there all the time.

**May 3.** In Grandma's lap again this afternoon. She spent most of her time in 1st Corinthians 13 and the last four verses of the 15th chapter.

**May 7, 8, 9.** In Grandma's lap again this afternoon. She spent most of her time reading and sometimes she just talks to me. It is so comfortable there.

**May 10.** Grandma is gone. Back to the same old place. She did kiss me bye before she left.

**July 3.** Had a couple of four-leaf clovers stuck in me today.

**July 4.** Packed in a suitcase with clothes and other things. Off on vacation I guess.

**July 7.** Still in suitcase.

**July 10.** Still in suitcase, though all else has been taken out by now.

**July 15.** Home again in my old place. Quite a nice journey they say, though I did not see why.

**Aug. 1.** Rather stuffy and hot. Have two magazines, a novel and an old hat on top of me.

**Sept. 10.** Used by Mary for a few minutes today. She was writing a letter to a friend whose brother died and wanted appropriate verses.

**Sept. 23.** New mail order catalogue came today. Certainly is getting a lot of attention. More than I ever received.

**Oct. 10.** Wished someone would take these stinking four-leaf clovers out of me. They have been here five months now, and they tickle me, they are so dry and flaky.

**Nov. 29.** Thanksgiving season. Was taken to church last Sunday.

**Dec. 31.** End of another year. Not interesting for me. Maybe next year. -- Via "The Pointer," Volume VI, Number 31, October 13, 1974



## HOW TO VIEW PORNOGRAPHY

*Jason Moore*

Pornography is not a new malady. It has existed from ancient times. The entertainment, the literature, and religions of the ancient Egyptians, Greeks, and Romans were full of lewd images and conduct. But these were mere representations in clay and stone or other media.

The age of photography and filmography made possible a new kind of pornography depicting real subjects and real acts of unspeakable and unprecedented shame. The realism of pornography in this age has created a more voracious appetite for vicarious sensual pleasures. And the advent of the internet has rendered pornography epidemic.

According to the Nielsen Net ratings, 17.5 million internet users visited porn sites from their homes in January of 2000 alone. Never has so much raw obscenity been so accessible to so many both in public and in secret. Never has it been such a profitable industry and never so affordable for the consumer.

Pornography is no longer a back-alley business. It's no longer viewed as deviant behavior. It is gaining the legitimacy of mainstream entertainment, lobbied as a freedom of speech. It is fast becoming a respectable indulgence, legitimate art and entertainment, the object of light humor, the subject of sitcoms, the bulk of billboard advertising and certainly email solicitations, the perverse goddess of the Information Age. And we are seeing only the beginning.

Christians have not been unaffected. Thus the reason for this warning. If you're going to look at pornography, you need to understand the rules. You need to know what it demands of you as a viewer, what it will cost your soul, what it will do to your character, what compromise you make with carnality.

Pornography is not a sin. It is a whole world of iniquity. It is the devil's snare. It is no small crime. If you view pornography, on whatever scale, in whatever way, this is how it's done. These are the rules:

Rule #1: You'll do business with the Devil. And his business is booming. Pornography is big business—presently an estimated \$14 billion dollar per year business. "The pornography industry took in more than \$8 billion dollars in 1999. More than

all revenues generated by Rock-n-Roll and Country music, more than America spent on Broadway productions, theater, ballet, jazz and classical music combined" ("Porn.com." U.S. News. 03/00).

Your purchase or viewing of pornographic materials supports the devil's work in adulterating women, debauching men, defiling the marriage bed, corrupting children, trampling innocence, numbing consciences, polluting habits, mocking holiness, scorning purity, and promoting rank hypocrisy.

No matter if it's free. Free internet, just like radio or television, exists because of paid advertising. When you view free pictures and movies, or visit a website, some sponsor sends a few cents to an internet provider, a director, a photographer, a camera man, an agent, and a porn star. Your participation as part of a viewing audience pays their salaries, expands their business, and supports their profligate lifestyle.

How do you give on the Lord's Day, when you're a contributor to the Adversary's work on Saturday night? Pornography doesn't just affect you. You can't make it a private matter, no matter how private the sin. It's a crime against the souls of men perpetrated by the Devil, and to whatever extent you're involved, you're in partnership with him, and a rightful heir of his damnation. "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption" (Gal. 6:7-8).

Rule #2: You'll betray every relationship. The Industry Standard reports that 70% of porn traffic occurs between 9 and 5, when folks are supposedly on the job or in school. What kind of worker compromises his work and reputation for such tripe? How does he justify such willful and sinful neglect?

Furthermore, what kind of husband fills his mind with images of other women? And what wife would not suppose that he keeps himself "to her only" just because he lacks a willing partner or convenient opportunity for adultery? What man or woman would seek a

spouse whose mind is polluted with thoughts of fornication? What son or daughter could reconcile a father's moral teaching and love of family with the chance discovery of his lascivious double life?

What man would want a friend or neighbor who is in the habit of undressing other men's wives or daughters in his imagination? What woman would befriend such a man? And once he's discovered, who can easily trust such a person again?

Before you view pornography, be prepared to tell lies, to make excuses, to develop other contemptible habits, to neglect duties, to procrastinate, to hide bills, to delete e-mails and computer files, to shred credit card statements, to cover up at work and at home—in short—to betray every trust, break every truce, to risk your entire reputation, to compromise every relationship, to live a lie before men and God.

Rule #3: You'll get cozy with hypocrisy. The pornography of our day doesn't demand secret trips to the video store or subscriptions in brown paper wrappings. Cable television and the internet will pipe it into the home just like drinking water.

The devil makes it easy for those who drink from this cistern to live a double life with little fear of their hypocrisy being exposed once they're practiced in deception. But don't be fooled. Those who fill their belly with these waters drink before the living God who "judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart" (Heb. 4:12). "There is no creature

hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do" (Heb. 4:13). Judas lived a double life and betrayed our Lord for thirty pieces of silver. How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who feigns holiness, who pretends at purity, who secretly consorts with harlots and adulteresses? What reward does the kingdom hold for he who "tramples under foot the Son of God" for such carnal pleasures (Heb. 10:29)? If you're going to view pornography, get comfortable with being a pretender, and with earning the pretender's price. "It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Heb. 10:31).

The hedonistic society of Sodom and Gomorrah could not sustain ten righteous souls. Not even one righteous man—not even the nephew of Abraham—could live there unscathed. Only God knows what fate the future holds for a country which, in the words of Robert H. Bork, is "slouching toward Gomorrah."

Only God knows the fate of the righteous in such a land. Lot may have pitched his tent toward Sodom, but at least he tried to bar the door. If you're going to open the door and play outside with Sodom's sons and Gomorrah's daughters, or invite them into your home, know that your sin, like theirs, "is exceedingly grave" and your condemnation, like theirs, is coming though Abraham himself should plead for your pardon (Gen. 18:20). Learn from Lot. Run pilgrim! And don't look back! **(END)**

### ***"Come Study the Bible!"***

•2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM.

✓We are studying the book of *Ecclesiastes*

•Every Sunday at 9:45 AM

✓Adult Class is studying "*The Seven Churches of Asia*"

✓Young Adult Class is studying "*The Book of Revelation*"

•Every Wednesday at 7:00 PM.

✓We are studying "*Angels*"