

Tidings From Timothy



Local evangelism, July was busy what with church camp, funerals and speaking appointments. In addition, I had about 25 visits for July. Things are going well with the Nursing Home and Jail ministries. We also had several contacts made after we sent out House to House to the T-ville routes. Be looking for this publication to go out again before our Meeting, and let me know if you don't get it. I think next year we may do the labeling and mailing ourselves.

Correction: Willadean Gerald's address is not correct in the church directory. She lives at 5431 Sulpher Lick Rd.

Directories: If you would like a digital copy of the directory then just let me know. Also, I have digital photos of all the pictures in the new directory in case you wanted to make more of them yourself. Finally, be looking for directions soon on how you can view our directory online!

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC IN WORSHIP?

"Oh, you're the ones who don't believe in pianos or music." This statement is not entirely correct. The church of Christ believes the Bible. We do have music in our services, but it is a specific kind of music.

God tells the New Testament church to sing: *"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord" (Ephesians 5:19), also "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." (Colossians 3:16).* This is exactly what we do.

It is deplorable that there is all of this concerting and entertainment going on in this country. And they call it worship, but true worship is the kind that God wants; and He has told us to follow the

authority of his Son in all things (Col. 3:17). Perhaps I need to spend some time on this point. If you will read Colossians 3:17 you find that all deeds and words are to be done *"in the name of the Lord."* Now, if you go back to Acts 4 and read that chapter, you find that Peter said they had healed a lame man by the *power*, or by the *name*, of Jesus. This shows that to invoke someone's name means to invoke their authority or power. A

modern day example would be when a policeman says, "Stop! In the name of the Law!" If the law didn't authorize him to stop us we would say he was overstepping his bounds. However, the law does allow police officers, at least in many situations, to stop us from doing something. Likewise, when people today worship God or serve him in any way, it must be by the authority of Jesus, and since we only know what He wants from the Bible, that's what we must go to before we do or say anything. Since we do not have a "thus saith the Lord" for using instruments of music in worship today, we don't use them. The same kind of principle is taught in 2 John verses 9-11. There we are told to stay in the doctrine of Christ and that *"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God."* How can you stay in Christ's teachings when he never taught you to do it?

Now let me make myself clear, I am not denying that they had instrumental music in Old Testament worship. Then again, you cannot deny that they also had animal sacrifice in the Old Testament as well as a slew of other things we don't do today - because we are not under that law of Moses (cf. Gal. chapter 3 & Hebrews chapters 7 and 8). What I *am* saying is that you will find a unique and totally Scriptural service at the Mt. Gilead church of Christ. --Tim McHenry--

In Need of Prayer

Several that were in the Hospital are now out, but are still not "out of the woods." Pray also for Alene Blythe who is in the local hospital. Please remember in prayers and visits the Gerald's and Summers families. Fay Gerald's will be sorely missed and William Summers was sister Phyllis' uncle.

What Must I do to be saved?

- **Hear the Gospel - Acts 15:7**
- **Believe the Gospel - Mark 16:15,16**
- **Repent of Sins - Acts 17:30**
- **Confess Christ - Rom. 10:9,10**
- **Be Baptized for the Forgiveness of Sins - Acts 2:38**

Then, as a Christian we must:

- **LIVE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH - REV. 2:10**

Study the Bible?

God speaks to us today through the Holy Word of God - The Bible (Hebrews 1:1-2). The Scriptures instruct us in the way God requires His people to live (2 Timothy 3:16,17). The Bible is powerful and able to save us (Romans 1:16; James 1:21-25), if we will hear, learn and obey it.

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1 Corinthians 6:19 - 20 ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

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