

## Tidings From Timothy

**Welcome!** Today we worship God to see how we might give “Encouragement”. We hope we can all worship God today in spirit and in truth.

There will be a Gospel meeting starting tomorrow at **Berea church of Christ**. The singing will start at 6:30pm and I will be doing the preaching.

**Food Pantry:** We are *still* in need of more meaty soups and such (beef stew, chicken noodle, chowder, etc.) Time to give for our fellow man.

**Area-Wide Devotional Tonight!:** That’s right, 6pm is the time and we are excited about having visitors with us to come and help us have a great service. The young people are ready and we want you to come and support them in conducting our worship. Don’t forget which food item you need to bring for after the service. This food list is posted.

**In need of Prayer:** Steve Carter is hoping to get out of St. Thomas hospital around Tuesday. He is still having a few issues that they need to keep an eye on. Alene Blythe had to go back to the hospital. Olene McPherson is now back at the local nursing home.

## Give Me A Second Chance

God wants us to admit our mistakes, and He wants us to change our ungodly way of living. A real example of that was taught by the Lord in Luke 15. You will remember the story; the “prodigal son,” who was a wasteful son, received his inheritance and spent it in riotous living in a far-off country. Notice this passage, **“And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father’s have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my Father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee”** (Luke 15:17). Even though this prodigal wasted his inheritance, he came to himself, the passage says, and realized that there was a need for a change. The end of

the story is that the prodigal son left his evil way of life and repented of his sins, and his father received him in open arms, as we sometimes say. He made a great feast for him and put a great and fine cloak on his back and a ring upon his finger. It is a great ending. In the beginning of this parable the prodigal is a typical sinner. He was selfish: **“Father, give me”** (v. 12). He **“gathered all together and took his departure into a far country”** (v. 13). He was wasteful: **“There he wasted his substance in riotous living”** (v. 13). Notice the consequences of his sin. **“There arose a mighty famine in that country and he began to be in want”** (v. 14). Notice the humiliation involved in sin. **“And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.”** (Luke 15:15) Neither food nor love was to be found: **“No man gave unto him”** (v. 16). With the pinch of hunger upon him **“he came to himself”** (v. 17). His resolution was, **“I will arise and go to my father”** (v. 18). By the end of the parable he becomes the ideal penitent. Because he was willing to admit his mistake and repent, his father received him. Because he changed his life his father honored him. Because he changed his life his father rejoiced.

The same thing is true of us. We are the prodigals in the parable. God is willing to give us that second chance. Desperately we need the second chance. Paul states, **“And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry”** (I Timothy 1:12). At one time Paul fought the truth whereas now he is preaching it. **“Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did [it] ignorantly in unbelief. And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.”** (I Timothy 1:13, 14). This is the second chance. **“This [is] a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting. Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, [be] honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.”** (I Timothy 1:15-17). Much of what Paul is saying in this great passage is, “Thank you Lord for a second chance.” Do not be guilty of taking lightly the longsuffering of God. through His mercy and kindness you have had the opportunity to read and study this short article and know something of what He expects of you. Take advantage of the opportunity to study God’s Word and change your life by repenting of sin (Lk. 13:3) and by being baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). By doing such you will be added to the church you read about in the Bible, the church that belongs to Christ (Rom. 16:16), the church of Christ. --Jim Laws--

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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Lord's Supper passage:

Matthew 26:26-28, "And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat, this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

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Schedule of Services:

**Sunday:**

Bible Study...	9:30am
Morning Worship...	10:05am
Evening Worship...	6pm
<b><u>Wednesday:</u></b>	
Bible Study...	7pm

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