

Tidings From Timothy

What better way to start off the new year than by using the first Sunday morning lesson to focus on Jesus? Matthew 26 – 28 is the text for this morning and the title of the lesson is “What is Jesus to You?” On Sunday night, we will study on the Bible and inspiration.

In Need of Prayer: Well, we have several with tests and such going on, but I think it best to wait for definite word before announcing anything. Listen this morning for the latest announcements. Keep in prayer those on the prayer list out front.

Singing: There will be a Singing today at 2pm at Oak Grove in Clay Co.

Rejoice for New Life! First of all, we thank God for the obedience of Jarad Bartley, who was baptized last week. May he have a long and useful life in service to God. Secondly, we want to wish a late happy birthday to Rylee Lucille Lyons, born December 5, 2008 weighing 8lb11.5oz and 21.5in long! Please update your directories.

Pantry Items: Still a little low on some items still, but you are making progress.

Secret Pal: Please let Virginia Smith know who your Pal is for 2009. Thanks go out to all those who participated in 2008.

Effective Visitation for the sick:

Visiting someone who is hospitalized, ill at home, confined to a nursing home, or is in some way incapacitated requires sensitivity, a genuine love of people, and lots of common sense. Perhaps more than any gift we can offer such a person, the gift of caring through listening and meeting physical needs is the most appreciated.

In learning the story about the Son of God, we become aware of His treatment of and conversations with a variety of individuals. Jesus manifested qualities we can imitate if we choose.

Compassion for a stranger who had been beaten, robbed and abandoned became Christ’s definition of what constitutes a true neighbor (Luke 10:30-37). Openly caring for the multitudes as well as the individuals became a trademark of the Messiah. Promoting self-esteem by allowing people to do what they were able to do instead of helpless dependence was also a part of Christ’s ministry. There were times when physical needs were provided; there were times of shared prayer and prayers spoken in solitude; and there were times of expressing genuine feelings of sadness, despair, compassion and anger.

Our purpose in the Christian family is to minister to the sick in a way that is God-centered and genuine. When Jesus says, “I was sick and you visited Me” (Matt. 25:36 NKJV), He lays the groundwork for His disciples to respond to each other in a loving manner.

While Jesus had the answers, He often chose to answer a question with another question, or He allowed the speaker to complete his statement. All too often we try to provide quick pat answers to painful situations when we would be more effective by sharing the hurt and suffering. Focusing on the patient instead of ourselves is key to true caring. This approach may have to allow freedom of expression without immediate response. Sometimes, shared silence is the best form for communicating love. Body language and physical presence speak volumes.

Prayer, if appropriate to the setting, is usually a welcome gift. Even if a public prayer is not worded at the time of the visit, patients often tell me how much it means to have Christians remembering them in prayers. Prayer is a means of extending the comforting presence of the Lord to someone who may be feeling alienated or distant. Brief Scripture readings are also appropriate in some circumstances.

Other acts of caring include things such as flowers, personalized gifts (i.e., favorite foods or taped music), cards, handwritten notes, assisting in such daily needs as laundry and transportation, and perhaps even the offer of financial assistance.

The best gift we can offer is ourselves. Sincere concern is listening, touching and being there. We can be flexible enough to “rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep” (Romans 12:15), realizing our hope lies in One who has overcome the greatest enemy – death itself.

--Virgil Fry--

- 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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Verses for the Lord's Supper: Genesis 22:6 - 8 ⁶So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid *it* on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. ⁷But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where *is* the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." **John 1:29** ²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

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Schedule of Services:

Sunday:

Bible Study...	9:30am
Morning Worship...	10:05am
Evening Worship...	6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study...	7pm
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