

## Tidings From Timothy

**A**re you ready for our Youth Service tonight? We hope to have a real good crowd on hand to hear about "Why I am a member of the church of Christ." The young men from Mt. Gilead will be doing the preaching and we hope to have several young men from area congregations lead us in songs and prayers. See us tonight for church at 6pm with a fellowship meal following.

**In Need of Prayer:** Lorene Lyons is back in the local nursing home. Dorothy Ramsey is in the hospital in Bowling Green (Cybil Bartley's grandmother).

**Gospel Meeting:** There will be a Meeting at Berea May 3-6<sup>th</sup> with different speakers (I will be speaking on Wednesday night).

**Pantry:** We are in need of soups of all kinds for the food pantry, especially chicken noodle.

**Camp:** If you are interested in going to church camp right at the end of School (May 31 – June 5) then let me know ASAP. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about Christ and have fun as well at Short Mountain Bible Camp.

**Graduates:** If any names have not been put on the list over the desk, then please add them. We will be honoring our graduates later this month

### **A Visit From The Witnesses**

You know how it happens—you're busy doing your week-end work and the doorbell rings and (usually) two well-dressed people are standing outside with a bundle of literature in their hands wanting to talk to you. They insist they want to study the Bible with you. It is evident that they are also very interested in getting you to study their literature.

The last such happening to me occurred just recently. This one came into my garage and knocked on the door to our utility room. My wife answered and upon seeing him and seeing me coming into the house she simply put him off on me! I decided to make the visit as profitable as possible and as short as possible.

I told the man very directly (he was about my age—and one older man has the right to directly confront another of his age, doesn't he?) that I would save us both a lot of time if he would follow my suggestions. He insisted that he only wanted to study the Bible. My response was, "No, you really don't want to study the Bible because you do not believe it! You do not believe that I am one of the 144,000 who will be in heaven according to your doctrine! You do not even believe that I can really be saved as were those on Pentecost! You don't even believe that YOU are one of those! You do not believe in a resurrected Christ. Yet you cannot deal with the "empty tomb" in the Scriptures. You do not believe in punishment in hell for the wicked, which the Bible clearly teaches. You do not believe that the earth will be burned up, which the Bible clearly teaches!"

I said a few more things and the man's response was, "I'm sorry you believe such things about us." I said, "I believe those things because they are true—is there one thing I have said that is not true?" He replied, "Well no, those things are what we believe!"

I responded, "Then you are not being honest in saying you want to study the Bible, because you just have the same as admitted that you do not believe it! I am definitely not interested in studying with you on those terms."

However, I did make a suggestion to the man. It was something like this: Find one of your Bishops (or do it yourself, if you will) and I will gladly meet you in a public discussion of the differences in what you believe and what the Word of God teaches. We can have this discussion anywhere, but I prefer to have it in this area where you are presently working.

He said that such would not be good because it would result in an argument! I suggested to him that he was arguing that he should not argue! I further suggested to him that until he honestly was willing to discuss the Bible that he was not to come to my house again!

When those who do not believe the Bible claim to believe it, but are unwilling to discuss it under the scrutiny of an audience, their dishonesty is evident. We would better spend our time in other, better things.

—*Glenn B. Ramsey*

# Mt. Gilead church of Christ

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- 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.

⇒ **Yes!** I want to learn more about the Holy Bible. Please enroll me in the eight lesson FREE Bible Correspondence Course (we even pay for the postage).

Call 487-5342, or mail this form to us:

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Verses for the Lord's Supper: John 10:17 - 18 <sup>17</sup>“Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father.”

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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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