

## Tidings From Timothy

**I** Want to thank you all for the enhanced effort put into our Gospel Meeting this past week. Attendance was up, more people were invited, and you all did a great job with the fellowship meals. We will look to build on this and invite even more people for our fall meeting. Let's set a goal of 500 invitations given out. This is only about 50 more than what we did this time based on the flyers that I printed out. We had one response during the week when the elders had prayer with Bobby Harlan for his restoration to good Christian service and example. Make your plans now for our fall meeting with brother Stubblefield!

**In Need of Prayer:** We are saddened at the passing of so many people lately. Please keep in your prayers the families of Betty Collins, JE Dicken, Ruby Harlan, and Loraine Smith. Lavone Welch is to have a procedure done on her neck on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Pat Murray has been very tired and is still in need of prayer. Be listening this morning for updates on others.

**Pantry Item:** Spagettios, mini-ravioli, etc.

**Mark Your Calendars:** Ladies Day – April 25<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11:30pm, there is a sign-up sheet out at the front desk.

### Halting Between Two Opinions

**S**omeone else states, "When I understand all the mysteries of God, then I will obey the gospel." Man will never be able to master God's book. However, God's plan of human redemption can be easily understood and obeyed. We have everything that pertains to life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3). We have the inspired Scriptures which are "...profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16). We need to obey God's commands now, and then continue to study His marvelous book that we might learn and grow. And then someone says, "Just as soon as the church gets right, I will become a Christian." There have always been hypocrites in the church and in every other area of life. Jesus chose twelve apostles. One of them betrayed Him, one denied him

and one doubted. One hypocrite in the church is too many. But remember, that in order for me to hide behind a hypocrite, the hypocrite must be bigger than I am. We must not allow the other person's inconsistencies and sins to keep us from obeying God.

Still others say, "I'm waiting to obey the gospel because I am not fit to go to heaven." A parallel situation would be for a man who hadn't eaten in a long time saying, "I'm not fit to eat because my hands are dirty." Could this individual not get fit to eat? Would he say, "I am not fit to wash" (to get fit to eat)? God gave His Son to die for all because He "so loved" us (John 3:16). Paul, the chiefest of sinners, was saved by doing the Lord's bidding (1 Tim. 1:15). Paul informs us, "***But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.***" (Romans 5:8) On Pentecost, Peter accused his audience of crucifying the Lord. When they were "pricked in their heart" by the message and asked, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Peter did not respond by saying, "There is nothing you can do. You are not fit to go to heaven." Instead, Peter replied, "***Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.***" (Acts 2:38) No matter how sinful you are, you too can get fit to go to heaven if you will repent of your sins and become obedient to the will of Christ.

Someone else replies, "I am halting between two opinions and I will obey the gospel just as soon as I get some better terms." How could anyone seek better terms than those already available? Christ died for us while we were sinners (Romans 5:8); His blood was shed for remission of our sins (Matt. 26:28); our sins were carried to the cross on the shoulders of the sinless Son of God. Rest is offered to those troubled by sin (2 Thess. 1:7). The invitation of our Saviour is issued to all (Rev. 3:20; Matt. 11:28; Rev. 22:17). A mansion is prepared for us (John 14). How could anyone want better terms?

Finally, someone says, "I will obey the gospel as soon as I know that I have enough faith to see me through, so I know I can live the Christian life without sin." A child, beginning to walk, falls down. But, he gets up and tries again. He doesn't say, "I will never begin to walk until I know I will never fall." A steam engine only needs enough steam to get started. When away from home, I cannot see my house. But, I have enough faith to start toward it. Do you have enough faith to start? Obey the gospel today. Then ask God for strength as you grow in His service that you might remain faithful and have heaven as your home. Do not delay!

*What must I do?*

- 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

**Birthdays:**

Briar	Bourque	03/21
David	Wiley	03/22
Sandra	Copas	03/25
Bobby	Garmon	03/25
Brenda	Birdwell	03/26
Heather	Geralds	03/26
Jeff	Geralds	03/26
MacShane	Bartley	03/27

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**John 1:16 - 18** <sup>16</sup>And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. <sup>17</sup>For the law was given through Moses, *but* grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared *Him*.

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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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