

Tidings From Timothy

R eal good crowd last Sunday, but of course it was Easter. available on the desk out front.

Potter Home items: We were given a 2 week extension on collecting these items. Last time we collected about \$200 worth of stuff. In a congregation this size that's not hard to do. I think we can beat it this year. The items wanted are: Canned Chicken, Jiffy Corn Bread Mix, 9volt batteries, Magic Eraser Sponges, Bean Soup

Singing School: I think we all learned a lot in this last session. Next meeting is Saturday at 8am.

Gospel Meeting: Oak Hil

In Need of Prayer: Rick Bartley has been in a slow recovery after his accident. My little nephew, Drew McHenry, is at Vanderbilt as well and is suffering from a fever. Connie's grandfather, Glendale Hickey, is considering Chemo to treat his condition. Pat Murray is in the local nursing home. Ramsey Kate Bartley is still waiting on her eye procedure scheduled for the 30th. Kate Carter is recovering well the last I heard.

Mark Your Calendars: Ladies Day – April 25th beginning at 11:30AM, there is a sign-up sheet out at the front desk. There are some advertisements out front as well.

Are You The Pastor?

What do you think is the most often asked question of a preacher of the gospel? It isn't "How do you stay so skinny?", or even "What do you do on weekdays anyway?". No, just about the most common question one will hear is, "Are you the Pastor down at that church over there?" or some other similar question.

I am convinced that this may be one of the best opportunities for members of the church to point out the differences between the true nature of the New Testament church and denominational error. I am a preacher at the Mt. Gilead church of Christ. I am not the pastor, and I have not been a pastor for this or any other congregation, ever.

What am I then? Just what I said, the preacher. That means that I spend my time in the preparation and delivery of gospel sermons both publicly and privately from house to house. On a practical level there are also a multitude of other duties (mostly organizational in nature), that are done to expedite the teaching of the gospel.

Now for pastors: The term is only used once in the King James Version of the scriptures (Eph. 4:11) and not even there in some, if not all, modern versions. A pastor [Greek- ποιμην(poimen)] is a shepherd, one who feeds or tends the flock. This is the responsibility given to ELDERS in the congregation. It is easy to prove this. In Paul's address to some elders in Acts chapter 20, he begins his address to them in verse 18 and tells them in verse 28 that they are to "feed" (shepherd, pastor) the church over which the Holy Ghost had made the elders or overseers. Also, in I Peter 5:1,2 Peter told elders to "feed the flock". These references are clear. An elder is the one in the Bible who was a pastor or shepherd.

Then why do people not understand this rather simple point of scripture? They don't study! Instead they take whatever they have been taught by men and accept it as true without proof (I Thess. 5:21). The result is an unscriptural arrangement wherein a single Pastor, who may not be scripturally qualified (cf. I Timothy chapter 3), rules over the whole congregation when the New Testament church ordained "elders in every church" where there were qualified members (Acts 14:23).

So the next time someone asks you who your "pastor" is at the church of Christ, use it as an opportunity to kindly instruct them in the right way of the Lord and perhaps they will be willing to study with you some more. Let's all do what we can to promote the truth and save souls. --Tim McHenry-

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

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Verses in preparation for the Lord's supper: **Romans 3:24 - 26** ²⁴being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God set forth *as* a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, ²⁶to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Elders:

- Keith Dyer.....427-4105
- Veachel Harlan.....487-5727
- Roger Deckard.....487-8544
- Steve Carter.....487-8746

Deacons: Larry Copas, Ray C. Lyon, Cass Thomas Froedge, Bobby D. Gerald, Bobby Harlan, Kevin Deckard, Jimmy High, Gary Rowland

Evangelist:

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Schedule of Services:

Sunday:

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

Wednesday:

- Bible Study... 7pm

Listen to our Sunday Morning Radio Sermon on WTKY 1370 AM & 92.1, 102.7, 101.5 FM at 8:30am each week, and to our weekday 10min program after the Noonday news and reports.

Birthdays:

Robert	McPherson	04/11
Bart	Rowland	04/11
Jill	Ford	04/15
Roger	McPherson	04/16
David	Anderson	04/18