

## Tidings From Timothy

**W**E want to welcome Michael Shepherd to our services this morning. He is preaching here through Thursday night at 7pm each evening. It will be well worth your time to come and here a message from God's word each night.

**Meeting:** Advertisements are out front. We have a big opportunity to have the best Meeting ever here at Mt. Gilead if we will just work it with the community and get them in to hear the Word. With just a handful of people we distributed hundreds of flyers this weekend. Think of what we could do with YOUR help! It's not too late to invite a neighbor!

### **In Need Of Prayer:**

We are saddened at the passing of so many in our families of late. Please keep the family of Guydell Howard in your prayers as well as Mickey Kilmon. Each family is very saddened at the sudden passing of their loved one and it is a Christian trait to "weep with those who weep..."

**Gospel Meeting:** I will be speaking two days in Smith County at Brush Creek church of Christ on October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Chad Ramsey will speak the other two nights.

**Parking lot:** There is more room now per place, and there are new handicap and van parking areas.

**Sign-Up Sunday:** Today, back in the fellowship hall, you can sign up to have your picture taken for the new church directory. This new directory will be somewhat different than the last but one thing in common is that it won't be complete without you! Sign up today as we enjoy our fellowship meal together.

**Fall Festival and Trunk-r-Treat:** This year we plan to have the Fall Festival at the McHenry's on Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Trunk-or-Treat will be in the church parking lot on Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> after Bible Study.

**Pantry:** Just about everything is getting low. Please donate good items so we can get restocked.

## Righteousness Exalteth A Nation

"Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people." Proverbs 14:34. These wise words need to be heeded in a country like ours today. It is a shame when countries not based on Christian principles are more just with their people than we are in the United States. Now don't get me wrong, we live in a great country, but I am speaking of the judicial system in particular. It is possible to go to countries in the world where hurting and taking from other people results in punishment that will protect the innocent (such as in some of the Middle East countries). Oh no! Did I use a form of the word "punish?" Yes, I did. It is a perversion of the truth to say that punishment is not a godly motivation to get people to do what is right.

Now there are two problems about which Christians as citizens should be concerned. The first is that we have all seen how that criminals are coddled in some cases. Why should this be? Since when do love and mercy cancel out justice? God is all righteous and all loving; there is no contradiction. Our God is longsuffering and merciful, but that does not mean sin will go unpunished. Let us consider an irresponsible person who is, say, a drug abuser (and yes, alcohol is a drug). This man will not respond to treatment or counseling. What shall we do with him? Maybe he will respond to punishment. What if that doesn't work? What if he's a drunk driver who is a special menace to others? Lock him up. "But," some may say, "don't you know that prisons are already overcrowded?" I don't care. Pack 'em in like rats. If they are going to behave as an animal then let them live like one, it's their choice. I don't know where we got the idea that a criminal has a right to so many square feet of private space or that he needs cable TV. Even if you call those "rights," he lost them when he beat his wife, stole from his neighbor, refused to pay his taxes, or whatever. Of course, we should let the punishment fit the crime and also make sure he is *guilty* of it. Now let us consider the second problem area. The government needs to stay out of the church and the home when it comes to taking away responsibilities that belong to the elders or mommy and daddy. Don't be telling my child that what is right and wrong depends upon what they feel or that the church cannot exercise effective discipline.

If we will all exercise the Christian influence that we have, maybe these things will get better instead of worse. Are you doing your part as a citizen and a Christian?

--Tim McHenry--

*What must I do?*

- Hear the Gospel - Acts 15:7
- Believe the Gospel - Mark 16:15,16 (cont. on p.4)
- 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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**Birthdays:**

Ryan	Price	10/09
Garrett	Stoops	10/10
Jeff	Warren	10/10
Page	Anderson	10/11
Frances	Stoops	10/12
Connor	Geralds	10/15
Skyler	Geralds	10/16
Dana	Hammer	10/16

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**Lord's Supper Reading:**

Luke 24:25-26 <sup>25</sup>Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?"

**Elders:**

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

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

**Evangelist:** Tim McHenry, 931-258-3494  
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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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