

Tidings From Timothy

If you “had” to do something you didn’t want to, would you just grit your teeth and get right to it, or just say “forget it” and suffer the consequences? We will see this morning that everyone in fact does do what they want to do, and we are all responsible for those choices we make. The title of the lesson is “Self-Control and Responsibility.” Tonight we will be singing with no fellowship meal after.

Congratulations: to Megan Brown on her graduation in Speech Pathology. We will have more to say about graduates next week. We are planning to honor them with an ice-cream social next Sunday evening.



Pantry Item: We have been very tardy in getting this restocked. I don’t really know why. **We need meaty soups/stews and no-sugar added fruit!**

Meetings: Several Gospel Meetings are going on or will shortly start, see the board over the desk out front.

In Need Of Prayer: Hayden Froedge is gradually getting stronger from a lacerated liver. Keith Dyer has been in the hospital but is now out. Edgar Blythe is now out of the hospital. JD Key had to go back to the hospital but should be out by the time you read this.

Thanks: To those who worked hard in the Ladies Day. There were about 75 present and I’m told Mrs. Copeland did a good job. She has many books for sale over the internet if you want to get more of her teachings.

Church Growth

YOU want the church to grow? More specifically, do you want to see this congregation grow? What can YOU do to promote the growth of the church? Are YOU willing to pay the price for church growth?

It is very easy to sit back and expect others to promote the growth of the church. We expect the preacher, the elders, the deacons and other key members to get it done. Certainly, the leaders of the church should lead in this important area. However, building up the body is the responsibility of every member. It is YOUR responsibility! Paul explained that “the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes the growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love” (Ephesians 4:16).

Why does God want the church to grow? When the church is growing souls are being saved. When the church is growing Christians are involved in God’s work and serving others. When the church is growing the weak and wayward are challenged by the activity of others to become more faithful. When the church is growing her influence is like “a city that is set on a hill.” When the church is growing we are encouraged. When the church is growing God is glorified.

Why do YOU want the church to grow? Granted, some want the church to grow for the wrong reasons. We should not desire church growth so that we can gloat about “our church.” As indicated in the above paragraph, church growth involves a lot more than numbers, nickels and noise. Such pride is demeaning to the dignity of church growth. YOU should want the church to grow for all the right reasons and commit YOURSELF to that end!

--Author Unknown

Note: A lot of people don’t want the church to grow, just like they don’t want to live in a “big” city. However, the difference is in souls. You can *live* outside of the city, no big deal. But souls outside of the church are lost apart from God’s family. God’s people must grow!

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**

Birthdays:

Pansy	Gillenwater	05/15
Jeremy	Cloyd	05/16
Gina	Netherton	05/16
Jeremy	Price	05/16
Jimmy	Kerr	05/17
Dennie	Biggerstaff	05/19
Amber	Emmert	05/19
Patty	Adams	05/20
Greg	High	05/22

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Lord's Supper passage:

Matthew 26:26-28, "And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat, this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

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

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Sunday:

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

Wednesday:

Bible Study... 7pm

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