

# Tidings From Timothy

**Singing Sunday:** That's what you could call today. Don't forget our special Song Service at 2pm and our own singing at 6pm (since this is a 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday). After the evening service, we will have a fellowship meal. If you choose to come to the meal, you won't regret the good food, fellowship, and special activities we have planned for our "Sweetheart Banquet." All are invited.

This morning's sermon is on John 3:16, with a twist. You'll just have to wait and find out what I mean.

**Bible Bowl:** Looks like we will have an elementary team and a high school team. The name we are going with is "KY Soul-hunters." Get behind these young people as they get ready to participate in Bible Bowl March 3<sup>rd</sup>!

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Monroe Co. Singing:** Don't forget this is today, here, at 2pm.

## **In Need of Prayer:**

Several families have lost loved ones recently. See the prayer list out front and be listening to the announcements this morning for the latest. The outline below is to accompany the morning sermon:

## **Effective Visitation for the sick:**

**V**isiting someone who is hospitalized, ill at home, confined to a nursing home, or is in some way incapacitated requires sensitivity, a genuine love of people, and lots of common sense. Perhaps more than any gift we can offer such a person, the gift

of caring through listening and meeting physical needs is the most appreciated.

In learning the story about the Son of God, we become aware of His treatment of and conversations with a variety of individuals. Jesus manifested qualities we can imitate if we choose.

Compassion for a stranger who had been beaten, robbed and abandoned became Christ's definition of what constitutes a true neighbor (Luke 10:30-37). Openly caring for the multitudes as well as the individuals became a trademark of the Messiah. Promoting self-esteem by allowing people to do what they were able to do instead of helpless dependence was also a part of Christ's ministry. There were times when physical needs were provided; there were times of shared prayer and prayers spoken in solitude; and there were times of expressing genuine feelings of sadness, despair, compassion and anger.

Our purpose in the Christian family is to minister to the sick in a way that is God-centered and genuine. When Jesus says, "I was sick and you visited Me" (Matt. 25:36 NKJV), He lays the groundwork for His disciples to respond to each other in a loving manner.

While Jesus had the answers, He often chose to answer a question with another question, or He allowed the speaker to complete his statement. All too often we try to provide quick pat answers to painful situations when we would be more effective by sharing the hurt and suffering. Focusing on the patient instead of ourselves is key to true caring. This approach may have to allow freedom of expression without immediate response. Sometimes, shared silence is the best form for communicating love. Body language and physical presence speak volumes.

Prayer, if appropriate to the setting, is usually a welcome gift. Even if a public prayer is not worded at the time of the visit, patients often tell me how much it means to have Christians remembering them in prayers. Prayer is a means of extending the comforting presence of the Lord to someone who may be feeling alienated or distant. Brief Scripture readings are also appropriate in some circumstances.

Other acts of caring include things such as flowers, personalized gifts (i.e., favorite foods or taped music), cards, handwritten notes, assisting

in such daily needs as laundry and transportation, and perhaps even the offer of financial assistance.

The best gift we can offer is ourself. Sincere concern is listening, touching and being there. We can be flexible enough to “rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep” (Romans 12:15), realizing our hope lies in One who has overcome the greatest enemy – death itself.

--Virgil Fry--

*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:

Brooke	High	02/21
Dana	Gillenwater	02/22
Nelda	Biggerstaff	02/23
Kevin	Deckard	02/23
Alivia	Page	02/23
Thomas	Ford	02/25
Sharon	Goode	02/26
Jackson	Arnett	02/27

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**Psalms 122:1-2 & 5-9** I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD. <sup>2</sup> Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem. <sup>5</sup> For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David. <sup>6</sup> Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee. <sup>7</sup> Peace be within thy walls, *and* prosperity within thy palaces. <sup>8</sup> For my brethren and companions’ sakes, I will now say, Peace *be* within thee. <sup>9</sup> Because of the house of the LORD our God I will seek thy good.

Elders:

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

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

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Schedule of Services:

**Sunday:**

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

6pm  
**Wednesday:**  
7pm

Evening Worship...

Bible Study...

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