

Tidings From Timothy

L Ets all get ready : Gospel Meeting will be on us before you know it. Have you set a goal to invite people? We have one week!

Today, I will be preaching on Honesty this morning and doing an in-depth study of prophecy tonight.

Jail: Jail service is this afternoon. Pray that they will be receptive.

Monroe County Youth Devo: This is tonight at Mud Lick West at 6pm. Michael Miller is the speaker.

In Need of Prayer: JD Key's medical procedure went well. Brother Froedge is awaiting heart surgery on the 18th. Many have lost loved ones in the last few days, pray for them and do a good deed for them. Ruby Ford has been back in the local hospital. Willadean Gerald is in the local hospital. IC Short is in the nursing home getting therapy, but his kidneys are working better. Terry Carter is back at the Nursing Home but is still not doing well.

Youth Service: They all did a great job and Chad's lesson we encouraging for those of us who wonder if we will have faith among this next generation. Keep up the good work!

Young Ladies at Work: Mrs. Charolette's class and some older ones among the girls put together goodies for the shut-ins this past week. We know the gifts are appreciated and we hope to keep up the good work in our classes.

Advertisements for our Ladies Day and Meeting are

out front.

Visitors

I want to speak with you about visitors because it is important for us to deal with them as a Christian ought. When we have someone new visiting with us (or it may be a regular visitor that I don't know) **please** get their name and a phone number or address. Encourage them to sign the guest registry in the foyer. I can't follow-up on people if I didn't know they came. Those who visit at church feel welcome to come back when the church sends them a letter or if I can make a brief visit to let them know how much we appreciated their visit. When greeting a visitor, make sure to smile and give them a warm handshake. Scoot over and give visitors plenty of room to sit. Remember that you never get a second chance to make a "first impression."

Be Friendly

One way that the church can make clear what we are all about is by common friendliness and hospitality. Proverbs 18:24 says "*A man [that hath] friends must shew himself friendly...*" Now I ask you, is being "there for them" the **only** way to show we are friendly? We must do more to get others interested in the gospel. You see, we may not think it to be a great matter, but every Christian should behave in such a way that others will give us an opportunity to do good to them in more fundamental ways. Proverbs 22:24 says "*Make no friendship with an angry man...*" What if others see you just being plain old grumpy or just disinterested? Does that give them the impression that you are a nice person? A related issue is how we deal with controversy. When you disagree with someone as you try to influence them for Christ, **always** keep your anger in check. A Christian should never get to the point where they cannot express their care for others in a logical way. A Christian shows his character as he keeps his cool while the other person "loses it."

But you may wonder just how we show ourselves to be friendly. Well, one example would be to not only introduce ourselves to others but also *to prolong the conversation* by asking them questions that require them to explain a little about themselves. Ask open

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questions like, “I see you came with so and so here to church, how did you come to know them?” That way a person gets a personal connection with you instead of just remembering you as a fella who said, “Hi,” and then turned right back around in their pew. And one more thing, don’t give them a “wet noodle” handshake. Do you think when Paul said: **“Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus...”** (Romans 16:3) that he meant for them to be given one of *those* hand shakes? Do you think they were just supposed to say, “Paul says, Hi.”? You *know* the greeting was to be more warm and personal than that.

Now a person doesn’t have to be hyper, aggressive, loud, or overbearing. These matters just take **time**. Why not spend your time in and out of the church building showing yourself to be friendly?

--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**

Birthdays:

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| Penni | High | 04/02 |
| Caitlyn | Strong | 04/03 |
| Beth | High | 04/03 |
| Maureen | Deckard | 04/04 |

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Verses for the Lord's Supper: Revelation 5:8-10, Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."

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

Steve Carter.....487-8746

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Schedule of Services:

Sunday:

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

Wednesday:

- 7pm Bible Study...

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