

Tidings From Timothy

Home: is such a wonderful place, concept, organization – all of the above. This morning’s lesson is about us keeping it the way God wants it, and upholding the doctrines and principles that keep it pure. Tonight we look at Advantages of Christianity. Of course, both sermons or verse lists are online at www.mtgileadchurch.net/sermon

Thanks: to all those who helped while I was away. Your labor for the Lord is noted and appreciated. We also want to thank all those who helped with the Ladies’ Day. Attendance was better this year and we will go over 100 next time!

Pantry: Vienna Sausages. We have plenty of crackers now.

In Need of Prayer: Brother Froedge had a little scare from his medication, but is back on the road to recovery. IC Short had to go back to the hospital. Otha Grider had to go to the hospital.

Church Wi-fi: You should now see greatly improved connection for accessing the webpage and getting the lessons. We ask all in the congregation to please keep their children on task and monitor their activity with the local internet connection.

AREA-WIDE YOUTH DEVO: THIS IS NEXT WEEK. BRING FOOD FOR THE EVENING SERVICE. THE YOUNG MEN WILL BE READY.

Young People, please consider your priorities and what you can learn from youth service next Sunday night. Invite a friend to be with us.

Effective Visitation for the sick:

Visiting 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**
- **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:

Jonathan Emberton

04/29

Tim McHenry

04/29

Lesa Owen

04/29

Lincoln Arnett

04/30

Mack Clements

04/30

IlaMae Harrison

04/30

Stevie Hagan

05/01

Rachel Bartley

05/02

Chad McPherson

05/03

Garrett Lyon

05/04

Mary Monday

05/06

Shelby Sparks

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Verses for the Lord's Supper: Genesis 22:6 - 8 ⁶So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid *it* on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. ⁷But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where *is* the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." **John 1:29** ²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

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

Wednesday:

- 7pm Bible Study...

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