



ust like Arnold Swarzenegar, "I'm back!" This morning I have some observations to make about American society and how God wants us to preach to the masses. Tonight, we deal with some important things from the book of James. Remember that I need multiple choice questions for our Bible Bowl in October.

IN NEED OF PRAYER : I am still a little "out of loop" on the sick, but we are saddened at the passing of **Terry Gerald**s. He will be sorely missed by all those who loved gospel singing a all those who know of the Gerald's influence on the local churches. My uncle, **Mike Palmer** is getting better and is at home now! He still has a long way to go, but at least he can now be treated without constantly being in the hospital. **Pansy Gillenwater** has been diagnosed with Lyme Disease. **Connie Carter** is looking at surgery in the near future. **Maureen Deckard** has had her second cataract surgery and is doing well. Please keep all of these as well as **Robbie Cain** and the **Shaws** in your prayers.

The Next Big Thing: Before you know it we will have our Friends and Family Day. Adverts are out front and it is not too soon to start working for a big crowd.

Other Events: I will be gone again on Wednesday to Center church of Christ for their Wednesday Summer series. I have a couple Wednesday appointments this year but only one Meeting in September.

The Happy Study

A fascinating study on happiness was conducted by Bernard Rimland, director of the Institute for Child Behavior Research. Rimland found that "the happiest people are those who help others." Each person in the study was asked to list ten people they knew best and to label them as either happy or unhappy. Then they were to label each one as either being selfish or unselfish by using the following definition of selfishness: "a consistent and stable tendency to devote one's time and resources to one's own interests and welfare."

In categorizing the results, Rimland consistently found that all of the people who were labeled as "happy" were also labeled as "unselfish" as

well. He discovered that those "whose activities are devoted to bringing themselves happiness were far less likely to be happy than those whose efforts are devoted to making others happy." I am not surprised at the results of the study. However, I am surprised that it took a study to convince Rimland and others of the importance of serving others.

We need to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" Acts 20:35. The road to blessedness is not paved with being focused on self, being distant from others, or from bearing bitterness in our hearts towards others. Being self-focused will not result in true peace and blessedness.

I am convinced, first of all, that happiness is a state of mind. It is not how life treats you but rather how you react to and treat life that directly influences your state of mind concerning your happiness. Therefore, happiness is internally originated, not externally originated. I am convinced, secondly, that true, selfless service and sacrifice for others is the purest when we are internally motivated instead of externally motivated. In other words, we need to ask ourselves why we serve, or why we don't serve

I am convinced, thirdly, that some of the most unhappy people in the world are self-focused rather than others focused. But that is the way of the world, is it not? "Take care of number one because nobody else will." "You only live once, so grab all you can." Yet this philosophy and approach to life will lead to failure and unhappiness. The devil has tricked many into believing that happiness comes from focusing only on self. However, according to the words of Jesus, the road to blessedness is paved with selfless service and sacrifice to others. May we not seek to be served, but to serve.

Paul Williams

WORK LIST FOR AUGUST 2, 2015

Announcements:	Roger Deckard	
Opening Prayer:	Tony Harlan	
Closing Prayer:	MacShane Bartley	
Scripture Reading:	Brian Gerald's	
Song Leader:	Bobby Harlan	
Head Table:	Dwayne Murray	
Wait on Table:	Darrell Emberton	David White
	Jimmy High	Garrett Lyon
Ushers:	TBA	Ray Cecil Lyon

Pantry Item: Chicken Noodle.

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**
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Birthdays

Shawn	Massingille	08/02
Gary	Bartley	08/04
Paisley	Ford	08/04
Mary	Jackson	08/04
Dalton	Stoops	08/05
Josh	Ramirez	08/06
Brenda	Short	08/06
John	Lyons Jr.	08/07
Trevor	High	08/08

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Larry Copas, Cass Thomas Froedge, Bobby D. Geraldts,
 Kevin Deckard, Jimmy High, Ray C. Lyon, Michael
 McPherson, Gary Rowland, Tony Harlan

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Sunday: Bible Study... 9:30am
 Morning Worship...10:05am
 Evening Worship... 6pm
Wednesday: Bible Study... 7pm

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