



**T**he lack of overt responses is not to be construed as a failure of the Meeting. We all learned much, and I believe in time that the Gospel will have sway over the people as long as it is preached, and brother Stubblefield definitely did preach it. I begin a Meeting this week with the Rock Springs congregation in Clay County. They are, as far as we know, the oldest continuing congregation in TN.

**In Need of Prayer** : **Phyllis Dyer** is out of Sky Rehab. **Rachel Bartley** was still in the hospital as of the last I heard. **Blanche Lyon** broke her hip and had to have surgery in Bowling Green. She came through the surgery very well from what I hear. There has been a great tragedy in the Indian work with brother **Ratnam's (Jack Honeycutt's** longtime co-worker in India) grandson passing on suddenly. My understanding is that he was heavily involved in that ministry in India. Please pray for the work there and brother **Ratnam** and family.

**House to House**: The latest publication for those who don't get it in the mail is on the table at the side door, get as many as you want.

**Next Event**: The May Monroe County Youth Devotional will be here on the evening of May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Work Opportunity**: We are trying to get a group of people up to help get some widows' yards in shape. Please contact Tim or Jarad if interested in helping do that, possibly this weekend.

**Camp Applications**: Hard copy applications are out front, or you can just go online and save \$5 by applying at [www.statelinecamp.com](http://www.statelinecamp.com) This method requires you to use PayPal (in other words, make a PayPal account to pay with credit card or other method). PayPal accounts are free.

## Get On Track and Stay There

A man bought a new hunting dog. Eager to see how he would perform, he took him out to track a bear. No sooner had they gotten into the woods than the dog picked up the trail. Suddenly he stopped, sniffed the ground, and headed in a new direction. He had caught the scent of a deer that had crossed the bear's path. A few moments later he halted again, this time smelling a raccoon that had crossed the path of the deer. Then a turkey, a rabbit, and so on, until finally the breathless hunter caught up with his dog, only to find him barking triumphantly down the hole of a field mouse.

One of the things for which Paul prayed was for his brethren in Colossae to be able to "approve the things that are excellent" (Phil. 1:10). He used a word here that was common among metallurgists. As they tested the quality of metal, they "approved" in the metal that which was genuine. It is used in this passage of testing that which is good or evil. That is not always easy. Easy or not, it is the thing responsible Christians must do.

Our faith gets involved in this. We should test the excellency of our personal faith. Peter informed his readers that "for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials" but also told them how beneficial such would be. He concluded, that "your faith, which is more precious than all the gold in the world, may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed" (1 Pet. 1:6-7). The word "proved" here is the same as in Col. 1:10).

Often Christians start out with high resolve, putting the kingdom of God first in their lives, but their attention is soon diverted to things of lesser worth. One pursuit leads to another until they've strayed far from their original purpose. Let us do our best to put first things first. So, take the divine admonition and stay on track and let nothing cause you to deviate from the straight and narrow way.

*"Let your eyes look straight ahead, fix your gaze directly before you"*  
(Prov. 4:25).

*"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you"* (Matt. 6:33).

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*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**

Morgan	Proffitt	04/18
Wendell	Emberton	04/20
Eugene	Emberton	04/20
Andy	Copas	04/22
Bette	Scott	04/22
Lucas	Gerals	04/24
Steven	Lyon	04/24

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

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10min program after the Noonday news.**