

Weekly Newsletter

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Are We Preparing Future Preachers? (#3)

I would like to share a portion of an essay I received recently regarding someone who wants to attend "Preaching School." As part of the application process to attend this particular school, potential candidates have to write an essay based on the prompt, "Why I want to preach." The first sentence in this young man's essay simply says, "I want to preach because I feel the dire need of it!" As the essay unfolds, we see this young man's immediate family & church family had a direct impact on his desire to preach! As we encourage future Preachers we must simply encourage and remind them:

Who is a Preacher?: I Peter 4:11 says, *If anyone speaks, let him as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever.* Let us encourage future Preachers to use their ability as they minister to others by always glorifying Christ!

What is the work of a Preacher?: II Timothy 2:15 says *Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.* Somone once said that success has no finish line. Regardless of how much knowledge Preachers obtain, constant study is required for the next lesson, the next class, and the next Bible study!

What are the qualifications of a Preacher?: Acts 6:4 says *but we will give ourselves continuously to prayer and to the ministry of the word.* The Preacher realizes he cannot do the work of the Lord by himself. He realizes he needs God's help!

As we prepare future Preachers let us understand: **the potential Preacher pool is dwindling, we must identify men to Preach, and ask ourselves, are we preparing future Preachers?** ~Allen Jones

CHRIST IN YOUTH

Lads to Leaders

This coming week we have several families that will be traveling to Nashville to attend the Lads to Leaders convention. Please keep this group in your prayers.

Evangelism University

EU has been rescheduled for April 27-29. If you would like to attend, please see Nick.

Taylor Christian Camp

Applications are now available for youth interested in attending Taylor Christian Camp this summer. Camp is June 10-15 in Holland, KY just outside of Scottsville, KY. Any youth who has finished 2nd grade are eligible to attend camp as a camper. Should you have any questions, see Nick Pace. Applications are available in the foyer and at the basement entrance.

Horizons

Applications are now being accepted to attend Horizons Christian Youth Leadership Camp. Horizons is July 1-6 on the campus of Freed Hardeman University. Should you have any questions, please see Nick Pace.

Class of 2018

If you or your child is a graduating senior in the class of 2018 and are an active member of the South Green St. congregation, please notify Ms. Nancy in the office or Nick Pace to be recognized in May. Deadline to turn in names is April 29.

Our Need of Encouragement

We are at a time in world history where we are more “connected” than ever before (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.). Due to the advances of technology, we are able to do things that previous generations could not even imagine.

Ironically, our ability to connect digitally has not solved our pressing problems such as isolation and loneliness. Sadly, such seems to have actually exacerbated the problem. The world seems more lonely than ever.

Two examples of how desperate our world is for **encouragement, fellowship, and belonging**:

- (1) In the United Kingdom, they recently created a new governmental position. They are calling it the “Minister of Loneliness.” This government official is tasked with dealing with the ever-growing problem of isolation. 1 out of every 10 people in the UK say that they feel lonely “always.”
 - This is a problem for many reasons, among them is health risk. Some studies have shown that isolation is worse for our health than smoking 15 cigarettes a day. The isolated have a greater risk of cardiovascular disease, dementia, and depression & anxiety.
- (2) Japan is experiencing a crime wave of sorts among the elderly—especially **elderly women**. Otherwise law-abiding senior citizens are resorting to things like petty theft because they are lonely and scared. They long for the community and stability that jail offers them. They have no one to turn to when they need help. They steal something small hoping to get caught and quickly thrown in jail.

Let us use these examples from places far away from us—from cultures very different from our own—to wake up to and to recognize the fact that all people everywhere long to feel like they belong and that they are safe.

This is where the Good News of Jesus Christ shines like the beacon of hope that it is! Those who know the love and mercy of Jesus must be about the business of sharing this glorious hope with others.

We do not have to be or feel alone. “...*be content with what you have, for He has said, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you.’*” (**Heb. 13:5**)

We should help others to be and to feel connected to the body of Christ. “*And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works.*” (**Heb. 10:24**)

Somebody is counting on you to show them kindness and to connect them to Jesus!

“*Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.*” (**1 Thess. 5:11**)

—Bart

Area Events

- Madisonville church of Christ Bible Lectureship-April 21-22-various speakers (Bart will speak 9:00 Sat., April 21)
- Gospel Meeting-Elizabethtown church of Christ-April 22-25-David Powell, speaker-Mon-Wed-7:00 pm
- Weekend event hosted by Lehman Ave church of Christ-April 27-29- “If You Love ME” Bart Warren, speaker-check the flyer posted on the bulletin boards for more details

Sunday Morning Bible Classes

For Sunday, April 1, the His Word classes will cover Luke chapters 12-16. The ladies class (taught by Mrs. Helen Russell) will be studying Chapter 10, The Blessings of Prayer.

Family Matters

Prayer List

- Dickie Barrick, 105 Oak Leaf St., Glasgow
- Shirley Birge , 34 Circle Rd., Glasgow
- Scott Bradford, 909 South Green St., Glasgow
- Jimmy Briggs, 682 Wilson Rd, Cave City, KY
- Larry & Joyce Bushong 4871 Scottsville Rd., Glasgow
- Shirley Coffey, Room 48, Diversicare, 300 Westwood, Glasgow
- Sherian Gray, 409 Robin Rd., Horse Cave, KY 42749
- Marilyn Grider, 111 Kenwood Ct., Glasgow
- Covella Hare, 304A Trista Lane, Glasgow
- Allene Miller, NHC, Room 103, Glasgow
- Harold Moore P.O. Box 2, Smiths Grove, KY 42171
- Dottie Ritter, 207 Seay St.. Glasgow
- Doris Sharp, 294 Fox Ridge, Glasgow
- Mary Ann Simmons, 300 Seay St., Glasgow
- Bill Speer, 1509 Beckton Rocky Hill Rd. Glasgow
- Wanda Staples, 168 Staples Way, Glasgow
- Monte Taylor 4402 Happy Valley Rd., Cave City, 42127
- Debbie Turner, 112 Country Lane, Glasgow
- Betty Walton 1598 Roberts Rd., Hardyville, KY 42746
- Geraldine Williams, 6482 Burkesville Rd., Glasgow

Additional Prayer Requests

- Sarah Bowman, niece of Mark & Nancy Bowman
- Doug Culton, family of Teresa Hapney
- Robert Garmon, husband of Margaret Garmon
- James Hagan, father of Amber Pitcock, is having health issues
- Jeff Lile, brother of Sonya Hogue
- Janie McKinney, daughter-in-law of Brenda Kirk
- Jennifer Lyle, niece of Sonya Hogue
- Leigh Ann Moore, niece of McRee Houchens and Judy Dugger
- Doug McPherson, father of Shara Page
- Kenneth Pace, father of Betty Edmunds
- Coleton Parsley, remains in the Vanderbilt Children's Hospital
- Greg Slayton, brother-in-law of Connie Crabtree
- Allie Smith, niece of Stephen & Audrey Floyd, was injured last week in a fall
- John Thomerson, neighbor of Judy Dugger

Prayers Requested

Jesse Page responded to the invitation Sunday morning and requested prayers. Please honor his request and keep Jesse in your daily prayers.

Special Contribution

The Elders would like to thank the congregation for their generosity to the church in Nigeria. Because of you, South Green has been able to send \$6657.00 to Doka. Please continue to pray for church in Nigeria, Doka and his family.

The Elders

Community Soup Kitchen

South Green will prepare and serve lunch at the local Community Soup Kitchen on Friday, April 6. Volunteers scheduled on this date Shari Harris (leader), Nancy Botts, Bethel Beane, Norma Vance, Patt Edwards, Kathleen Batey, Leland & Ancy Glass, Jesse Page and Doug Belcher.

Taylor Christian Camp

Donations are needed for our week of church camp. Monetary donations also accepted. Items needed: Kool Aid (large canisters), lemonade (large canister), family size tea bags, coffee, sodas (12 or 24 packs), apple juice (large size), Powerade. We are still in need of paper products for camp. A complete list of items needed has been posted on the bulletin boards. Donations may be left near the back door. Should you have any questions see Nick or Nancy Denham.

Ladies Bible Class

There will be no Thursday Ladies Bible class on Thursday, March 29.

For The Record

Sunday Morning Attendance	453
Sunday Contribution	\$11,253.75
2018 Weekly Budget	\$11,200.00
2018 Weekly Average	\$11,605.58

Responses Year To Date

Baptisms	2
Prayer Requests	11
Placing Membership	3

Sunday Morning, April 1, 2018

Deacons in Charge Doug Frasier
 Jackie Perkins
 Scripture Reading..... Stephen Floyd
 Song Leader Bryan Sellers
 Opening Prayer John Weaver
 Lesson Bart Warren
 Communion Talk..... Tommy Gumm
 Presiding at the Table Zac Turner
 Robbie Fudge
 Serving the Assembly Ralph Dunbar
 Gordon Kelsay Jr
 Jack London
 Jerry Wood
 Serving the Balcony Danny Johnson
 Mark Bowman
 David McCracken
 Closing Remarks Tommy G./Roger C.
 Dismissal Prayer Glenn Pitcock
 Greeters (Front Door) Tommy Furlong
 Sherry Furlong
 Greeters (Back Door) Norma Vance
 Shari Harris
 Greeter (Side Door) Nancy Botts
 Assistance (Back Door) Jimmy Smith
 Umbrella (Back Door) Jason Cline
 Control Room Kevin R./Garrison P.

Ushers Guy Simmons
 Bobby Steenbergen
 Usher & Serve Basement Larry Estes
 Jeff Harp
 Count Contribution..... Dan Button
 Lloyd Isenberg
 Joe Walden
 Billy Brown
 Bake Bread Brenda Frazier
 Bus Driver Robbie Fudge
 Pick Up Attendance Cards Trace England
 Andrew Neville

Sunday Evening Service

Scripture Reading Stephen Floyd
 Song Leader Bryan Sellers
 Opening Prayer Tommy Gumm
 Lesson Bart Warren
 Presiding at the Table John Steen
 Glen Birge
 Dismissal Prayer Brad Lowe

Wednesday Evening Service

Song Leader Billy Joe Cline
 Opening Prayer Tom Edwards
 Dismissal Prayer..... Leland Glass

Elders

Mark Bowman	678-3632	Tommy Gumm	678-3957
Scott Bradford	651-7244	Darrell Pitcock	678-4333
Roger Cline	749-8893	Billy Pritchard	651-3304
Leland Glass	453-3486		

Ministers

Bart Warren	629-4427
Allen Jones	670-8345
Nick Pace	670-5698

Deacons

Stephen Floyd	202-8911	Nick Pace	670-5698
Doug Frasier	678-2330	Chris Page	678-8824
Robbie Fudge	678-1062	Jackie Perkins	678-4301
Michael Gill	678-6851	Glenn Pitcock	678-4853
David Gray	678-5602	Joe Pritchard	799-7996
Allen Jones	670-8345	Kevin Redford	646-3260
Frankie McCoy	670-7876	Brandon Turner	646-3430
David McCracken	678-1127	Ronnie Turner	678-6798

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Worship Times

Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday A.M. Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday P.M. Worship 6:00 p.m.

**Remember! All Worship Services Streamed Live at:
www.sgcofc.com**

Wednesday Bible Study..... 6:30 p.m.
 Thursday Ladies' Class 10:00 a.m.



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