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The Trap of Conformity

Have you ever read a book that made you think a great deal about your life and how you were living it? Recently, I pick up one such book that made me question the life that I was living. Now I have read many books before that have made me think about my life, but this book for some reason made me think about it a little more seriously. While reading the book, I would often cringe at some of the comments that he made. The problem that I found was that I could see myself and others making some of the same mistakes that he mentioned. I can not remember everything the author said but one quote stands out among the rest. The author made the comment, "for if the doctrines of Christianity were practiced, they would make a man as different from other people as a civilized man is different from a savage." When I first read this statement, I had to go back and read it several more times to myself before I was able to truly grasp what the author was trying to say. When I realized the importance of this statement to Christians, I began to think hard of whether I was able to say this was true in my life. Now I ask you to think about this statement for a few moments and try to see if your Christian life is in agreement with this statement. As a Christian, is your life different from those of the world?

While we think of this question, let us understand that the Bible is clear in its teaching of how to live the Christian life. Paul tells the Romans that they are to present their bodies as living sacrifices to God (Rom. 12:1). The idea behind the living sacrifice is that God wants His people to make their lives as acceptable to Him as a sacrifice was during the Old Testament. During the Old Testament period, for a sacrifice to be considered worthy for God, it had to be the best animal of the group or the best part of whatever type of offering they were making to Him. The same idea carries over to the living sacrifice Paul talks about in Romans. This means that we should be willing to make our bodies and lives holy and acceptable to God so that we can be considered as a worthy living sacrifice. Paul continues on in verse two by showing the Christians how to keep themselves a living sacrifice. He says, "do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect" (Rom 12:2). This is the key to remaining a living sacrifice. Christians are not to fall into the trap of conformity. We are to be completely different from the world. The people of the world live a life that is in conflict to God's Word, but as Christians our lives should be in complete harmony with what God says. As we think about the way that we live our lives, can we truly say we are different from the world. Have we let conformity creep into our lives? I challenge us to make our lives acceptable to God by not allowing the world to influence us anymore. Let us be different from the World, so that others may know that we are Christians.

-Greg Ashmore

News & Notes



Sermons Today

AM: John Brown: “*The Wonderful Son*”

PM: Greg Ashmore “*Be Faithful*”

Circle Luncheon Next Sunday

Please, remember the potluck luncheon scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 4th, following morning worship service.

Ski Trip Meeting

Following evening service, John Gambill asks everyone interested in going on this ski trip meet in the annex large classroom.

Dates To Remember:

- Feb. 4th-** Circle Potluck luncheon, annex
- Feb. 6th-** Prime-timers– 11am
- Feb. 8th-** Everyone’s Evening out– shut-in goody-box decorating/assembly– 7pm
- Feb. 10th-** Men’s Work Day– 8:30am
- Feb. 18th-** Elders & Deacons Meeting– 4:30
- Feb. 20th-** Prime-timers– 11am
- Feb. 23rd-24th-** Ski Trip (see youth b-board)
- Feb. 22nd-** Nursing Home Singing– 7pm
- Mar. 3rd-** KDMC Health Fair-10am to 2pm– in the annex– open to the community

Area Gospel Meetings & Lectureships

- Feb. 4th-9th-** Freed-Hardeman lectureship>>>>
- Feb. 23rd-24th-** Missions Workshop at Main Street church of Christ, Pikeville, Ky
- Aug. 12th-16th-** Ohio Valley Lectures at North End church of Christ, Parkersburg, WV

Visitation/ Contact Records

Visitation/ contact assignments are available on the library table. Everyone is encouraged to pick these up at any time and to document each call, visit, or card sent. Thank you.

Welcome Our New Deacons

We thank all of our deacons for the good work they do and thank the 2 newest deacons, Matt Vonderheide and Jerry Sturgill, for taking on the amount of work that comes with this position.

Congratulations

Shyler Brown was chosen from over 2000 who auditioned for a position in the All-State Band competition in Ky. Congratulations, Shyler for making the top ‘Symphonic band’.

Winter ‘Blues Buster’ Night in Feb.

Everyone is invited to meet at 7 pm in the annex on Thurs., Feb. 8th, to assemble goody packages for our shut-ins.

Men’s Pre-Spring Cleaning Day

Saturday, Feb. 10th at 8:30 am to care for the buildings and grounds. Please, make every effort to participate.

Freed-Hardeman Lectureship

This year’s lectureship is scheduled for February 4th through the 9th at Henderson, Tennessee. A group is being organized to attend the lectureship. Please, see Mark Parks or Jerry Sturgill with any questions or to be included in the group. If you are going with the group, please pack a lunch & snacks for the road!

Have you contacted a shut-in lately?

Why not today?

Visits-
2007

—	2000
—	1800
—	1600
—	1400
—	1200
—	1000
—	800
—	600
—	400
—	200

<u>Gauging Our Faith</u>			
	<u>01/21/07</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>01/22/06</u>
Bible Study	104	175	142
AM Worship	135	240	200
PM Worship	105	175	155
Mid Week	153	175	134
Contribution:	\$4252.00	\$4900.00	\$4453.36

SERVANTS:

WELCOME: Edgar Phillips

SONG LEADER:

a.m.: Sammy Brown

p.m.: Ray Adkins

FIRST PRAYER:

a.m.: Paul Frederick

p.m.: Don Brown

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: J.C. Hughes
Chris Calliccoat, David Chasteen,
Chuck Dolen, Anthony Park,
Eric Park, Ernie Perry,
Matt Vonderheide

Presiding PM: Jordan Conley

Assisting: Matt Thompson

CLOSING PRAYER:

a.m.: Cecil Thacker

p.m.: Jordan Parks

SCRIPTURE READING:

Sammy Brown— Revelation 2:10

Youth Notes

Teen Drop-In



Friday at 7:00 p.m.

bring snacks and soft drinks!

*** And bring your friends!!!

-Bible Drill-

every Sunday-5:40p.m.

in the front of the auditorium

for 6th grade and younger



Ski Trip, Feb. 23 & 24th

A sign up sheet is on the youth bulletin board

"Makin' Music" will be Apr. 13 & 14-

Tickets must be purchased by Feb. 18th

See Greg Ashmore for details.

—This event is at Freed-Hardeman University—

Come join
us at the

KDMG Health Fair

Saturday, March 3rd from 10am-2pm

in the annex ★ *Tell all your friends!*

THIS IS A FREE EVENT & IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

- ◆ Blood pressure check
- ◆ Cholesterol check
- ◆ PFT breathing test
- ◆ Blood sugar check
- ◆ Hearing screening
- ◆ Oxygen saturation test
- ◆ Glaucoma check
- ◆ Carpel-tunnel test

What better way
to show someone
you care??!!

PLEASE, DIRECT QUESTIONS TO JUDY BRESCH, MIKE SKEENS OR DANIELLE SKEENS