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Yet if any man suffer as a Christian,

let him not be ashamed; but

let him glorify God on this behalf.

1 Peter 4:16

Being Reactive and Proactive

A few weeks back, there was an accident across from my house.

The problem started when water run-off from the rain had began to flow beside the road, instead of in the ditch where it should have been. In front of my house the water then came across the road in a large sheet. I made a slight effort to contact the road department for them to fix the problem, but had problems finding someone. A couple of neighbors tried to divert the water into the ditch, up the road at its source, with no luck.

Then the morning came when the temperature dropped below 32 degrees, and you know what water becomes when that happens.

My wife and I heard the reaction of the cars when they would meet this “slippery-slide”. Tires contacting first the frozen water, then sliding, and then the sound when the tires came in contact with the dry pavement.

There was one car though, that made a different noise than the others. A sliding then muffled “crash” sound. A young girl had met the ice and lost. Her car had slid, spun around, and landed in the ditch on the opposite side of the road facing from whence she had come. Thankfully she had not been hurt, just shaken up, and my efforts were renewed with a determination to address this water problem before someone was seriously hurt or worse. I discovered that the road department had already been contacted and would be there shortly.

Reflecting on this incident, a spiritual application began to form in my mind. Those who knew of the problem had not addressed it seriously until calamity struck. We had been more *reactive* than *proactive*. This leads me to ask, are we *reactive* and *proactive* in warning others of the coming Judgment, the danger of eternity in Hell, and telling others the good news of Jesus?

Certainly those who are sick or fallen on hard times or have lost a loved one need to hear of the love of Christ, His sacrifice for us, how the Father cared enough for mankind to send Jesus. To spread the Gospel during hardship is being reactive and this, at times, needs to be done. Now I ask again, are we as the children of God *proactive* in telling the old, old story to others? One should not wait until a calamity strikes to teach others of the cross. We need to be proactive as well as reactive.

In the Great Commission Jesus said to “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” (Mark 16:15) We are to do this in good times and in bad times. Paul’s admonition to Timothy was that his preaching of the word was to be “instant in season, out of season;” (2 Tim. 4:2). As one person was quoted as saying in regard to this phrase “Do not ask yourself if this is a suitable occasion for preaching? But ask rather why this should not be a suitable occasion. Have no limited season; let it always be thy season.”

When it comes to teaching others about the Bible, let us resolve to be both reactive when necessary (when someone skids on the “ice on the road of life”) and seek for every occasion to be proactive in our evangelism (before the water even freezes).

Christians know of a calamity that everyone should be seeking to avoid when this life is over (Matthew 25:41) and souls are so precious not to warn of the coming danger.

-Jerry Sturgill

News & Notes



Sermons Today

AM: "Developing Personal Faith"

PM: "What I Owe the Local Church"

Much Appreciation

We would like to express gratitude to everyone who helped with the Jordan funeral and the bereavement meal for the family.

Condolences

Our deep sympathy is expressed is expressed to Becky Hammonds at the loss of her aunt, Margaret Ramey, from Portsmouth. Mrs. Ramey passed away on Sunday, March 25th.

Dates To Remember:

Apr. 1st- Circle Potluck Luncheon- 12 noon

Apr. 3rd- Prime-timers- 11 am- annex

Apr. 8th- Bradley Wheeler's Party-3pm-annex

Apr. 12th- Couples w/Kids class-7pm-annex

Apr. 15th- Elders & Deacons Meeting- 4:30 pm

Apr. 17th- Prime-timers- 11 am- annex

Apr. 19th- Couples w/Kids class-7pm-annex

Apr. 26th- Nursing Home Singing- 7pm

Area Gospel Meetings & Lectureships

Apr. 1st-5th- Gospel Meeting at the Winfield (WV) church of Christ with Charles Pugh

Apr. 21st- Big Sandy Valley Lectureship at Prestonsburg church of Christ -9am

Visitation/ Contact Records

Don't forget: 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.

Condolences

On March 23rd, our brother Earnest Jordan passed away. His funeral was March 27th, conducted by John Brown & Todd Parsley. Our deepest sympathy goes to his family and friends.

Our Newest Brother

Please welcome Greg Maynard II, baptized Sunday morning, March 11th by John Brown. Greg is the grandson of Carl & Gail Hale. Greg's address is 1320 Price St., Ashland, KY 41101. His phone number is (606) 324-2567.

Potluck Luncheon Today

Remember, the monthly potluck luncheon is scheduled today following morning worship service in the annex. Everyone is encouraged to attend and visitors are especially welcomed.

Prime-timers To Meet Tuesday

The regular meeting of the Prime-timers group is this Tuesday, Apr. 3rd, at 11:00 a.m. in the annex large classroom. Everyone is invited!

Birthday Party Invitation

Bradley Wheeler is inviting all children (of all ages) to attend his party Saturday, Apr. 7th, from 3pm to 5pm in the annex. He will have one of the large inflatables for entertainment. Chuck & Bethany invite all to attend.

Have you contacted a shut-in lately?

Why not today?

Visits-
2007

2000
1800
1600
1400
1200
1000
800
600
400
200

Gauging Our Faith			
	03/25/07	Goal	03/26/06
Bible Study	146	175	152
AM Worship	177	240	208
PM Worship	136	175	160
Mid Week	124	175	132
Contribution:	\$5372.55	\$4900.00	\$5050.29

SERVANTS:

WELCOME: Eric Maynard

SONG LEADER:

a.m.: Steve Wallace

p.m.: Edgar Phillips

FIRST PRAYER:

a.m.: John Ball

p.m.: Jordan Conley

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: J.C. Hughes
Chris Callicoat, David Chasteen,
Jordan Parks, Nathan Parks,
Mike Skeens, Eric Sturgill,
Matt Thompson

Presiding PM: Greg Ashmore

Assisting: Don Brown

CLOSING PRAYER:

a.m.: Chuck Dolen

p.m.: Tim Hammond

SCRIPTURE READING:

John Gambill: *Colossians 1:1-2*

Youth Notes

TEEN DROP-IN

FRIDAY - 7 PM

at Greg's- **BRING POP & SNACKS**



-Bible Drill-

every Sunday-5:40p.m.

the front of the auditorium

for 6th grade and younger



-Bible Bowl Practice-

weekly on Sun. at 5:00p.m.

& Weds. at 6pm- Bible Bowl, Apr. 21st



-Kids for Christ- Monday Apr. 2- Gattiland!!

meet at Greg's at 11am (thru 2ish)

-Youth Service Project- Tuesday Apr. 3

yardwork- meet at 10am at the building

-Makin' Music- Apr. 13-15- teens

-Youth Rally-Apr. 28- Main Street church of

Christ in Pikeville

Join The New Class...



His Needs/
Her Needs...

...For Parents!

Class (tentative) schedule:

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

April 12 & 19,

May (tentative) 3, 10, 17, & 31.



Library Corner

The following book is
highly recommended:

***Every Man's Battle**

topics include:

- choosing true manhood
- your sword & shield
- victory in your mind
- victory in your heart



-Stop in to check this out!