

## News & Notes

Sunday, July 24, 2005

**Remember in Prayer:** Melba Cox; Sally Etta Crawford; Lawrence Dawson; Tommy Dawson; Greg Hopper; Mary Sue Kidd; Deliah Mann; Howard Moody; Janet Rooker; Gabby Rutledge; Caleb Smith; Jamie Spence, father of Edna Ray; Jon Street; Austin Simpson; Ruby Street; Chris Tatum; Calvin and Ollie Ursery; James Willbanks; Alvie and Louise Williford;

**Sympathy** is extended to the family of Frankie Hakins.

**Pantry item** for the month of July is school supplies.

The next **elders' meeting** is today at 5:00 PM.

**Leyland Ray** was restored this past Thursday and **Ashley Anderson** responded asking for prayers. Please encourage them to keep on keeping on.

There are many **gospel meetings** going in the area. Please check the bulletin board for details.

### Sermon In Preview:

AM: The 'L' Factor

PM: Preaching Through John: The Post-script (John 21)

### For the Record (July 17, 2005):

Attendance: 78    Contribution: \$1297.00    Budget: \$1205.00

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#### Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 AM

Worship 10:30 AM

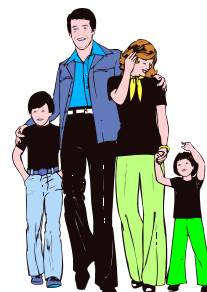
Worship 6:00 PM

#### Wednesday:

Bible Study 7:00 PM

#### Shepherds:

Barney King  
Junior Roberson  
Carrol Street



# The Ashland Announcer

*"Give to the Lord, O families of the peoples,  
Give to the Lord glory and strength" (Psalm 96:7).*

## AN ENORMOUS RESPONSIBILITY

Tom Moore

Solomon declared, "I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths" (Proverbs 4:11). With regard to raising his son, Solomon involved himself in two very important items: he "taught" and "led."

"And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the LORD, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel" (Judges 2:10). This sad passage informs us that apostasy is only one generation away. Israel, during the time of Joshua, was probably in their greatest hour. But, evidently, during that exalted hour, they committed a serious error - they neglected the teaching of their children.

We must TEACH our children in the ways of righteousness, for the well being of their soul depends on it! Paul instructs that we are to "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). We are also commanded to "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). Furthermore, Paul proclaimed, "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine;

continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee" (1Timothy 4:16). The "hearing" mentioned implies that there was teaching being set forth. Our children are too precious, their souls too valuable, for us to neglect their instruction in the way of righteousness.

An area in which many parents fall short is their failure to be a good example - they teach but fail to LEAD in the right path. Concerning the Pharisees, our Lord said, "All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not" (Matthew 23:3). Many parents, by their actions, proclaim, "Do as I say - not as I do." But Jesus said, "Even so let your light shine before men [or, your children in this case]; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). It is imperative that we understand that our children learn more from our example than any verbal instruction that we could ever give them.

If you want your children to be faithful - THEN YOU BE FAITHFUL! If you want your children to be good Bible students - you be a good Bible student! If you want your children to lead righteous lives - you lead a righteous life! If you want your children to love the blood-bought church - then you love the church! If you want your children to go to heaven - then SHOW them the way! Our children will never be willing to go where we ourselves are willing to go. More than likely, our children will grow up to be just like us. This being said, how faithful will our children be when they become adults?

Please set forth the greatest possible effort to teach and lead your children in the ways of righteousness. No caring parent will want to see his or her children spend an eternity in a burning hell. Parents, you have only one chance to raise your children - do it well!

## "Got Milk?"

Frank Bell

To me there is nothing better than a tall glass of cold milk to refresh you. If you really get into it you might even come out with a milk mustache. Today with all the advertisement about drinking milk, it has become more of a status icon. You see actors, athletes, and other notable people appearing in advertisements with milk mustaches to encourage people to drink more milk. "Got Milk?" That is the question.

Peter wrote in 1Peter 2:1-2 to the Christians to "lay aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word..." He was showing them that as a newborn would desire milk so should they as newborns in Christ should desire the "pure milk of the word." So "Got Milk?" Do you desire milk? As a newborn in Christ we should desire the pure milk of the word but as we grow in Christ we should desire more solid food.

The Hebrew writer talked about Spiritual immaturity and said to the people that "by this time you ought to be teachers", but "you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food." (Hebrews 5:12) If a newborn does not grow as the years go by we would worry that something was wrong. We would take him to all kinds of physicians to get him to grow. If a newborn in Christ does not grow as the years go by we think nothing of it. We do not turn to the Great Physician for guidance.

If you could put on a special pair of glasses and looked around at the people at church how many would have a spiritual milk mustache? If you looked at yourself in a mirror would you have a spiritual milk mustache? The Hebrew writer said in 5:13-14, "For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."

So "Got Milk?" I hope not. I hope you have moved on to more solid food.