

News & Notes

Sunday, June 5, 2005

Remember in Prayer: Sally Etta Crawford; Tommy Dawson; Ann Feathers; Carol Holmes; Leon Jackson; Mary Sue Kidd; Deliah Mann; Howard Moody; Janet Rooker; Gabby Rutledge; Caleb Smith; Katie South; Jamie Spence, father of Edna Ray; Ruby Street; Calvin and Ollie Ursery; Alvie Williford.

The **pantry item** for the month is school supplies.

The **monthly singing** at Briar Crest Extended Care is today at 4:30 PM followed by our **prayer meeting** at 5:00 PM.

Our annual **Vacation Bible School** starts tonight and will go through Wednesday (6:00 PM to 8:30 PM each night).

There will be a **gospel meeting** at the Tiplersville Church of Christ June 12-16. Lance Foster of Iuka, Mississippi will be speaking. See the bulletin board for details.

There is a trip to the **Buffalo Park** in Tupelo scheduled for Saturday, June 18, 2005. See Cindy Walker for details.

Sermon In Preview:

AM: Preaching Christ: His Resurrection
PM: Vacation Bible School

For the Record (May 29, 2005):

Attendance: 70 Contribution: \$1177.00 Budget: \$1205.00

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Sunday:

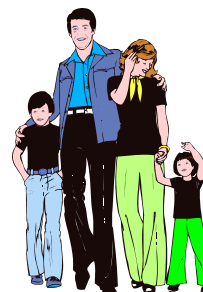
Bible Study 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
Worship 6:00 PM

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).*

The Challenge of Living Modestly in an Immodest World

John M. Grubb

In ancient Corinth, there was a pagan temple dedicated to Aphrodite, the goddess of love. Worship was offered to Aphrodite by means of a thousand hieroduli (sacred prostitutes). The theory was that through physical union with the hieroduli, one was able to achieve spiritual union with Aphrodite. For all practical purposes, they worshipped sex in the name of religion. It was not considered shameful for a Corinthian girl to dedicate her life to prostitution. In fact, some parents of noble families consecrated their daughters to such service from the time of birth.

In the introduction of his book entitled "Index of Leading Cultural Indicators," William Bennett wrote: "A disturbing and telling sign of the declining condition among the young is the result of an on-going teacher survey. Over the years teachers have been asked to identify the top problems in America's public schools. In 1940 teachers identified talking out of turn; chewing gum; making noise; running in halls; cutting in line; dress code infractions; and littering. When asked the same question in 1990, teachers identified drug abuse; alcohol abuse; pregnancy; suicide; rape; robbery; and assault."

The problems that existed 2,000 years ago are still with us. How does the Bible address this problem? The apostle Paul said, “Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God” (1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

He added, “in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works” (1 Timothy 2:9,10).

There are so many challenges facing people today. The Bible tells us how to deal with these challenges and how to go to heaven. May each of us strive to live in such a way that we can be pleasing to God.

Eye on “The Other Guy”

Tim O’Dell

People are often unreasonable, illogical, self-centered;

love them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives;

be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies;

succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you;

be honest anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight;

build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous;

be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow;

do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough;

Give the world the best you have anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God;

it never was between you and them anyway.

There is a tendency for us to live our lives with an eye on “the other guy.” We’ll do what’s right to him as long as he does what’s right to us. But Jesus does not allow us to live our lives as a reaction to others. We must be determined to do what is right regardless.

“Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, ‘But Lord, what about this man?’ Jesus said to him, ‘If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me.’” (John 21:21-22).

If others around you are making it difficult to do what is right, don’t allow yourself to be distracted. Do what is right anyway.