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"The churches of Christ salute you" Rom. 16:16

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

APRIL 1, 2012

HAPPY NATIONAL ATHEIST DAY

In Florida, an atheist became incensed over the preparation for Easter and Passover holidays and decided to contact his lawyer about the discrimination inflicted on atheists by the constant celebrations afforded to Christians and Jews with all their holidays while the atheists had no holiday to celebrate.

The case was brought before a wise judge who after listening to the long, passionate presentation of his lawyer, promptly banged his gavel and declared, "Case dismissed!"

The lawyer immediately stood and objected to the ruling and said, "Your honor, how can you possibly dismiss this case? Surely the Christians have Christmas, Easter and many other observances. And the Jews -- why in addition to Passover they have Yom Kippur and Hanukkah... and yet my client and all other atheists have no such holiday!"

The judge leaned forward in his chair and simply said "Obviously your client is too confused to know about or to celebrate the atheists' holiday!"

The lawyer pompously said "We are aware of no such holiday for atheists, just when might that be, your honor?"

The judge said "Well it comes every year on exactly the same date-- **April 1st!**"

"The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God" (Psalms 14:1)

—Paul

ELDERS CORNER:

Visual Purity – Part 1

Our discussion on the subject of purity today will combine two passages, Matt. 5:27-30 and Job 31:1-12. Brothers and sisters, when it comes to sexual purity, it is obvious that both men and women are to be responsible. However, the proliferation of pornography in our nation primarily for men and the use of sensual and provocative advertisement to sell almost anything to men tell us what God already knew. The sex drive of men is very visually oriented. Thus, to help us maintain purity of mind, the Lord says, "...That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." He also makes it clear (with tongue-in-cheek hyperbole) that it would be better to pluck out our eyes than to be led by our eyes to lust. Job, a godly man, very much understood this problem and its cure when he said of himself, "I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?" We men in the church do not want to talk about or admit that we can be so tempted. After all, we are supposed to be spiritually minded. But brothers, if our creator points out that this is a concern and the godly man Job admits it as a temptation, we cannot afford to be dishonest with ourselves.

Job went further to specify the problem. In verse 7, he talks about the danger of his heart going after his eyes. He says this would cause "his step to turn out of the way." That is, we would not be walking in the light. When our eyes fall upon a pretty girl or woman and we then let our mind dwell on sexual thoughts as a result, we have let our "heart go after our eyes." Jesus, in a general, but important principle said in Matt. 6:22: "The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. 23: But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! Brothers, if sexual lust is your companion, you are walking in darkness, not light. Peter may have been talking about spiritual adultery in 1 Pet. 2:14, but the point is true sexually. There are those who have "eyes full of adultery, that cannot cease from sin." All of them are not in the world. Some are in the church.

There are some things we can do to help ourselves men. First, like Job, make a covenant with your eyes and with God. Decide not to look. Just because we catch sight of a pretty woman does not mean we have to dwell on a closer examination. Second, walk always with a realization of the presence of God at your side. He is always there – to help us in temptation – but eventually to judge us for eternity (Heb. 4:12-16). Pray a lot. Study what He has said to you. Third, do not put your self in situations that are sexually charged (except with your wife). Stay away from the beach and the pool. Pay attention to your own work at work. Don't build a close friendship with a female coworker unless she might be a potential Christian wife. If you or she are already married, or if she is not Christian, you are treading a downhill path. You cannot rightly have intimate female friends if you are already married. Don't watch sexually charged television. And be sure your wife can check your history of internet surfing.

Ladies, lust in the heart for someone other than your husband is wrong for you also. While women are not as visually oriented, you are not immune to sexual temptations. The above principles would apply to you also. In the next bulletin, we will address the ladies. And ladies, remember that your husband is visually oriented. He is not a lost cause when he improperly notices a pretty woman, but he needs to not form a habit. You might be able to help him turn his thinking away from sin. Certainly, you should not expect him to accompany you to the beach or pool and then not look. You need to keep your reading and watching clean also. Fathers and mothers, think of the responsibility that falls to us in training our children to be pure minded.

—Mike Glenn

OUR SICK

Please Remember In Your Prayers

The Harrison's grandson, **Dakota Edwards**, who recently suffered a serious eye injury.

Please continue to remember the following:

Dot Pegram
D. J. Harrison
Curtis Doss' sister, **Grace Meyers**
Elmer Laudenslager's mother
Ellen Wingo's father, **Ernest Kirkland**
Joe Byrd's partner's mother, **Jamesanna Lee**
David & Jeannie Moores friend, **Bill Shay**

~IN SYMPATHY~

Our sympathy goes out to Frank and Jane Shepard in the death of Frank's brother-in-law, **Wyndell Hartley**, who passed away following a massive heart attack. Our prayers and sympathy go out to all the Harley family in their loss. They reside in Birmingham, Alabama.

Read the New Testament in 2012

Apr. 2 - Luke 7:1-30	Apr. 6 - Luke 9:1-17
Apr. 3 - Luke 7:31-50	Apr. 7 - Luke 9:18-36
Apr. 4 - Luke 8:1-25	Apr. 8 - Luke 9:37-62
Apr. 5 - Luke 8:26-56	



ATTENDED NURSERIES AVAILABLE:

Nursery #1 - (0-2 1/2 Yrs.)
Nursery #2 - (2 1/2-4 Yrs.)

AREA EVENTS:

May 19 - Ladies' Day at the Morganton Church of Christ.
May 10-13 - Gospel Meeting at the West Innes church of Christ. **Surendra Singh** will be the speaker.

Welcome

WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU VISITING WITH US THIS MORNING. WE INVITE YOU TO RETURN THIS EVENING AT 6:00 P.M. FOR THE SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE AND AT 7:00 P.M. EACH WEDNESDAY EVENING FOR THE MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO REMAIN FOR A "COVERED DISH" FELLOWSHIP MEAL SPONSORED BY THE ZONE 1.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

April 1 - Pew Packers will meet at 5:30 p.m.
April 1 - Mtg. of 30-50 Group following morning services regarding preparation of food for Senior Rally.
April 2 - Sewing for Nicaragua at 7 p.m. at the home of Lois Allen (sewing bears for the children). Please come and be with us.
April 3 - Ladies Sewing for Nicaragua in Annex at 9 a.m.
April 5 - The 50 & Over Bible Study group will meet at 10:30 a.m.
April 14 - Ladies' Day Workday at 9 a.m. in Annex.
April 21 - Ladies Day at Warners Chapel - Topic: "Why would a Loving God Allow Pain and Suffering" Please invite one woman you know to attend with you.
April 22-25 - Gospel Meeting at Abilene church of Christ. Wayne Hatcher will be the speaker.
May 5 - Senior Rally - Please mark your calendar!

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - <i>March 25, 2012</i>	144
Sunday Morning Worship Service:	180
Contribution for <i>March 25, 2012</i>	\$6,626
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	36
Chapters Read:	683
Daily Children Bible Readers:	
Chapters Read:	
Sunday Evening:	146
Wednesday Evening: <i>March 28, 2012</i>	133

Lord's Day Appointments - April 8, 2012

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READER
Scripture - Mark Roy	Morning - Surendra Singh	A.M. -	A.M. - Robbie Santiago
Song Leader - Tim Allen	Evening - David Elam	P.M. -	P.M. - Adam Warner
Prayer - Jack Piper		Wed. -	

NURSERY (0-2 1/2):	NURSERY (2 1/2-4):	Greeters: <u>April</u>	FELLOWSHIP MEAL:
Morning - Jessica Lay	Morning - Gina Strickland	Rodney & Theresa Brown	<i>Zone 2</i>
Evening - Mary Anne Allen	Evening - Jeannie Moore		

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: -

Wednesday: -

**Serving this Week: April 1, 2012*

Devotions:	Opening Prayer a.m. - Frank Shepard	Scripture Reader a.m. - Randy Warner
Scripture: Rodney Brown	p.m. - Roger Allen	p.m. - Homer Holland
Song: Steve Tesh	Song Leaders: a.m. -	Nursery #1: a.m. - Meredith Southern
Prayer: Steve Martin	p.m. -	p.m. - Marie Harper
	Wed. -	Nursery #2: a.m. - Abby Little
		p.m. - Linda Flinchum

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES - *Nursery open for small children during all services.*

SUNDAY:

Bible Classes	10:00 AM
Morning Worship	10:50 AM
Evening Worship	6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY: Mid-Week Service 7:00 PM

“GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE” at 10:30 p.m. each week night on Cable 8
SEARCH PROGRAM - Sunday Mornings at 7:30 a.m. on Cable 68

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David Moore
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Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh

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Randy Warner
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Keith Warner
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Mark Minor
Jason Allen
Mike Cooper
Jody Everett
Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason