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“The churches of Christ salute you” Rom. 16:16

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

April 27, 2014

“WATCH YOUR FINGERS”

Boys in the eighth grade in Junior High were required to take Wood Shop or Shop Class. I guess if we failed at everything else in life we could support our families making book-ends and cutting boards. The Girls took Home Economics [learning how to cook and sew, etc.]. Our Shop teacher was one of the weirdest men I have ever known. He always had this pained expression on his face as if he had a splinter still stuck in his body from many years ago that made him walk slowly and methodically.

Shop safety was a big deal to him so he would always explain things to us slowly and with great detail.

“First make a pencil line showing exactly where you want to cut the board. Then check your measurement again to make sure you marked it right.”

He continued, “Make sure that the board is on a flat and secure surface and begin to use the hand saw by making contact with the saw-teeth and pulling it on the backstroke making a groove for the saw to follow. And by all means, keep your hands and fingers away from the stroke of the saw.” You see, Mr. _____ was teaching us respect for sharp objects used in woodworking.

One of the reasons that God gave us parents is that we can learn from their experience. Believe it or not your parents used to be kids! They made mistakes but learned a few things so that they might not lose their digits or limbs. Hopefully they learned invaluable information from ***their*** parents. Respect for our parents is very important to God, **Eph 6:2**, “Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)”

Respect for sharp tools is important, but respect for our parents and respect for God is His will.

Paul

The Elders Corner:

The Sky Isn't Falling Church Growth

by Steve Higginbotham

Last weekend, I had the opportunity to attend a presentation on the campus of Freed-Hardeman University. The Christian Higher Education Foundation, representing colleges and universities affiliated with Churches of Christ, commissioned Dr. Flavil Yeakley to study the post-high school years of our young people related to their spiritual growth. (Dr. Yeakley's presentation, along with his PowerPoint slides will be made available for download on Freed-Hardeman's website in the near future).

Dr. Yeakley presented several interesting facts that I wish to share with you. Not only did he share information about our young people, but about churches of Christ in general. Here are some of the statistics that he shared:

- Churches of Christ constitute the 12th largest religious group in America.
- Churches of Christ are the 6th fastest growing church in America.
- Churches of Christ rank 4th in the nation in total number of congregations.
- Churches of Christ rank 5th in the nation in number of counties in which there is a congregation.
- Churches of Christ rank 1st in the nation in distribution of congregations.
- Churches of Christ rank 1st in the nation in weekly attendance among its membership.

That's a far cry from the gloom and doom propaganda that some have been preaching. So much for the talk that we must embrace certain innovations if we want to grow and be remain relevant.

Another interesting tid-bit from Dr. Yeakley's research was that the greatest retention rate of young people following graduation from high school comes from congregations who are described as "middle of the road," whereas the worst retention rate of young people comes from congregations who are described as "much more liberal."

Friends, while we certainly have room for improvement, these statistics prove that we're doing some things right. While we need to be warned and sometimes criticized, we also need to be encouraged, strengthened, and patted on the back. Take a child from the time he is old enough to understand words, and give him constant criticism. Tell him how he is no good, and how other children are better than him. Tell him that he is worthless, and that he has not and cannot achieve anything worthwhile. What impact do you think this would have on the self-image and productivity of that child?

Likewise, take a church, and for an extended period of time, do nothing but criticize it. Tell it how it is no good. Tell it how other "churches" are better than it. Tell it that it is irrelevant, legalistic, and graceless. Tell it that it cannot achieve anything worthwhile. Now what kind of impact do you think this would have on the self-image and productivity of that church? I would suggest the same.

These statistics aren't given so that you will have something about which to brag, but rather are given to encourage you to "keep your hand to the plow" and help you to realize that you are making a positive impact in the world.

Lord's Day Appointments - April 27, 2014

Devotions:	Opening Prayer a.m. - Al Lawson	Scripture Reader a.m. - Homer Holland
Scripture: Randy Warner	p.m. - Gene Ruark	p.m. - Derek Elam
Song: Steve Tesh	Song Leaders: a.m. - Wayne Allen	Nursery #1: a.m. - Sandy Warner
Prayer: Al Lawson	p.m. - Gene Southern	p.m. - Marie Harper
	Wed. - Song Req. Service	Nursery #2: a.m. - Mary Anne Allen
	Gene S. & Clayton W.	p.m. - Betty Hoots

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2014

April 28 - Luke 20:1-26
April 29 - Luke 20:27-47
April 30 - Luke 21:1-19
May 1 - Luke 21:20-58



May 2 - Luke 22:1-20
May 3 - Luke 22:21-46
May 4 - Luke 22:47-71



OUR SICK

Please Remember in your
prayers

Rick Clemmons is better and we are thankful he was feeling well enough to attend services this past Wednesday.

Steve Martin underwent knee replacement surgery this past Monday and is now at home recovering.

Karen Clemmons brother, **Ernie Drews**, who is doing much better. He has finished his radiation and tests show the tumor is gone. Thank you for your prayers.

Clarence Sheets was reported to be not feeling well last Lord's Day.

Prayer Requests For:

- **D. J. Harrison**
- Will Winchester's grandson-in-law who has been diagnosed with liver cancer last week.
- **Joel Campbell** who is doing better after his stroke, but is having difficulties eating and swallowing.
- Bridget & Richard Hill's neighbor's daughter, **Debbie** who is battling cancer and undergoing chemo.
- **Candy Jackson** who is doing well following surgery this past Wednesday.
- Ron Leffew, a recent member at Warners, has requested prayers in his behalf as he is traveling north to his father's funeral.
- **Brett Rutherford**, son of Rod Rutherford, who has suffered some stroke-like symptoms. They have found some masses and lesions on his brain. He lives in Tasmania, Australia; is a faithful gospel preacher with a wife and three children.



The **Prayer List** is available on the credenza in the foyer.

NOTE OF THANKS

Thanks to all for the many cards, phone calls, visits, and all the prayers in my behalf. It has meant so much to me during my illness. —In Christian Love, Tib Hoots

~IN SYMPATHY~

Our sympathy goes out to Lou Ann Harper and family in the death of her brother-in-law, **Bill Millsaps**, who passed away Tuesday morning from injuries he sustained in a car accident on Monday. The funeral was held on Saturday, April 26th at the Pfafftown Christian Church.

Baby Gifts

There is a basket located in the foyer for gifts for Bridget and Richard Hills' new baby to be born early next month.



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.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

Apr. 27 - Pew Packers this evening at 5:30 p.m.

Apr. 29 - Sewing for Nicaragua in Annex

May 1 - 50 and Older Class will meet at 10:30 in the Annex.

May 17 - Senior Rally

June 7 - NCSBS Lectures. Theme: Marriage - "Defiled or Undeified"

June 13-21 - Nicaragua Campaign Envelopes are provided in the foyer should you wish to contribute.

June 22-26 - Vacation Bible School

AREA EVENTS:

May 4-8 - Gospel Meeting at the West Jefferson Church of Christ. Guest speaker: Jimmy Canup

June 18-22 - "Sincere Faith" Training Camp at the Cary church of Christ for young Christian ladies between ages 13-18 to teach skills needed to prepare the next generation of Bible school teachers. Space limited - only first 20 will be accepted.

June 14-15 - Abilene church of Christ 100th Homecoming.

June 20-27 - Go Preach! Training Camp at the Cary church of Christ to train Christian young men between the ages of 13 and 18 to study the Bible, prepare a sermon and proclaim the Gospel. Space limited - only first 20 will be accepted.

See bulletin board for further information.

Reminder:

Please check sign-up sheets for taking communion to Dot Pegram and pick-up for Mildred and JD.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - April 20, 2014	157
Sunday Morning Worship Service:	190
Contribution for April 20, 2014	
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	36
Chapters Read:	702
Daily Children Bible Readers:	
Chapters Read:	
Sunday Evening:	120
Wednesday Evening: April 23, 2014	110

Lord's Day Appointments For May, 2014

Serving the Lord's Table For May:

Steve Martin

Roger Allen Andy Santiago

Dwight Barringer Rodney Brown

Mary Anne Allen

Jim Harrison

Frank Shepard

Preparing Communion for May:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Lord's Day Appointments - May 4, 2014

DEVOTIONS:		OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture	- Justin Minor	Morning - Paul Sinnatuah	A.M. - Roger Allen	A.M. - Brad Hoots
Song Leader	- Don Minor	Evening - Andrew Hinson	P.M. - Jason Allen	P.M. - Gene Ruark
Prayer	- Mark Minor		Wed. - Mark Roy	

NURSERY (0-2 1/2):		NURSERY (2 1/2-4):	Greeters: May	FELLOWSHIP MEAL:
Morning	- Meredith Southern	Morning - Debbie Southern	Shawn & Terrie Thomason	Zone 1
Evening	- Mary Anne Allen	Evening - Jeannie Moore		

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday:	- May 4	Todd Hinson
Wednesday:	- May 7	Todd Hinson

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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ELDERS

DEACONS

David Moore	Randy Warner	Mike Cooper
Tim Allen	Keith Warner	Jody Everett
Joe Everett	Andy Santiago	Gene Southern
Todd Hinson	Mark Minor	Shawn Thomason
Steve Tesh	Jason Allen	