

## Upcoming Events

<b>March 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup></b>	Gospel Meeting at the White Oak church of Christ with Larry Acuff speaking. See bulletin board for details.
<b>March 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Ladies Day at the Graysville church of Christ. See bulletin board for details.
<b>March 31<sup>st</sup>- Apr. 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Gospel Meeting at the Sequatchie Valley church of Christ with Garland Robinson speaking.
<b>April 13<sup>th</sup> @ 12</b>	Fruit Basket making party and activites for kids. Sign up sheet on bulletin board.

The final exhortation to Titus to consider is the nature of his speech. If we desire to be a pattern worthy of following we must have sound speech. We must guard ourselves from saying things that would lead others to think we are not followers of Christ. Our words will either justify us or condemn us before God (Matt. 12:36-37).

Paul makes his purpose very clear for such exhortations. We are aware that there are enemies of the Cross and those enemies are seeking daily for an avenue to gain the upper hand. Paul says that by being such a worthy pattern we will cause even our enemies to be ashamed, should they say evil against us. Those enemies are those on the side of Satan. We should live a life that is above reproach. This is not to say we will never sin (c.f. 1 John 1:8). However, we should acknowledge that sin, repent of our error, and continue walking in the light. When we walk in the light of the Lord we will be a pattern worthy of following!

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### Service Times

Sunday Morning .....10:00AM  
Bible Study  
11:00 AM  
Worship  
Sunday Evening .....6:00PM  
Wednesday Bible Study ....7:00PM

### **A Pattern to Follow**

Paul wrote many words of encouragement to those whom he had worked with in the ministry. At times, those individuals had been left behind at a certain location for the continuance of the ministry of Christ. While writing unto Titus who had been left at Crete (Titus 1:5), Paul encouraged him to be a pattern worthy of following. Please notice Paul's words, *"In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you"* (Titus 2:7-8).

In the 21<sup>st</sup> Century we should thoughtfully consider Paul's words to Titus, and strive to live by them. Let us consider the areas that Paul discussed Titus should be a worthy pattern. First, notice Paul spoke of being uncorrupt in doctrine. The doctrine that Titus was teaching and preaching was none other than the doctrine of Christ. Still, Titus was to teach this doctrine in a way that would not allow any room for contention. He was to proclaim the truth with integrity and honesty. Integrity is an attribute that any and all Christians must have to be pleasing unto the Lord.

Next, we notice that Paul encouraged Titus to have gravity or reverence. Titus, as a minister of the gospel, must have respect for God and His message. This respect can be noticed in Titus' lifestyle as well as his preaching. Again, this is a characteristic that all Christians must have. We must respect God and His glorious message and live in accordance to its statutes.

The next attribute that Titus is encouraged to have is sincerity. Anyone who tries to influence a person to be converted to Christ must be wholly dedicated themselves unto the Lord. It is common today to see many people use the excuse that many Christians are hypocrites. Doing this they will therefore excuse themselves from obeying God. Shame on anyone who is not dedicated wholly unto the Lord and because of this lack of dedication leads others astray.

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### **Prayer Request**

Glenda Swanger; Jean White Smith; Leona & Jimmy Roberts; Irene Melton; Roberta Collier; Steve & Julie Neely; Mildred Gilbert; Barbara Angel; Kate Walling; Mike White; Stanley Guinn; Dora Swafford; JoAnn Beach; Mary Harp; Barbara DeBord; Joyce Mears; Herb & Alice Hale; Belle Smith; Katherine Webb; Jack Pendergrass and Craig Mills.

### **Sick/ Updates**

Lloyd Forsythe having difficulty with his recovery from recent knee surgery; Judy Yates has test Friday concerning her path of treatment.

### **Bible Bowl**

Bible Bowl will be today at the Griffith congregation. Questions will cover Ezekiel 19-21. There will be lunch for those participating immediately following the AM services.

### **Singing Service**

TONIGHT, will be our monthly singing service. Men please come prepared to lead singing.

### **Directory**

The new church directory is on the foyer table.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Q & A**

If you have Bible related questions please give those to Dale for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday PM questions and answer lesson.

### **Women's Monthly Schedule**

Prepare Lord's Supper for March: Ambria Mills

Prepare Lord's Supper for April: Gail Forsythe

### **For The Record week of 3/17/19**

Attendance: AM 80; PM 62; Wed.63; Contribution \$1,887

### **Happy Birthday!**

Kyndall Meloncon (24<sup>th</sup>), Lydia Barger (26<sup>th</sup>), Casey Lewis (26<sup>th</sup>), Dion Brown (27<sup>th</sup>), Ambria Mills (27<sup>th</sup>), Craig Mills (28<sup>th</sup>), Candy Pendergrass (29<sup>th</sup>)

### **Children's Bible Class**

Children's Bible class begins tonight at 5:45.

Note: If there are any updates or additions please let Dale know.