

The Follower

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Welcome To Our Services

SUNDAY: Bible Study 9:00am - Worship 10:00am - Evening Worship 5:00pm

WEDNESDAY: Bible Study 6:30pm

"Bible Classes for all Ages"

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Everyone Please Read This Article

THE ANSWER TO MOST PROBLEMS

Until his death a few years ago, C.E. McGaughey was loved and respected throughout the entire brotherhood. He was one of my favorite preachers. He loved the word of God and knew how to preach it effectively in love and simplicity.

Someone told me that once while speaking on a lectureship in Texas, brother McGaughey said that the solution to every problem in a local congregation is evangelism. To a great degree, I am persuaded that he was right.

With few exceptions, all congregations face the same problems-poor attendance, poor giving, poor interest, lack of enthusiasm, lack of real commitment, many dropouts, loss of many young people and only a few conversions each year.

But can you imagine the change if every member of every congregation should become vitally concerned with the salvation of lost souls and determined to do something about it? What would happen if a large number of the members came to the elders and assured them of their fullest support in trying to reach the lost in both the local community and throughout the world?

Can you imagine the interest and enthusiasm in Bible classes and worship if all Christians really became involved in trying to lead others to the Lord? Do you think prayer would be a formality? Do you think the preaching of God's word would be dull and meaningless? Can you imagine a large group coming together to pray for strength and wisdom in reaching the lost in the local community? Can you imagine a business meeting when the only item discussed is how to reach the lost with the gospel effectively?

Is this not what God wants us to be doing? Should not this be our top priority? Can we truthfully claim to be the church of the New Testament until we make evangelism the very heart and center of our lives?

-C.W. Bradley

SOME THINGS I DID NOT KNOW

Terry Joe Kee

As an Arkansas legislative committee gathers to consider allowing the sell of liquor in restaurants and hotels in all dry counties in our state, I have gone back and been doing some reading concerning the use of alcohol among citizens in our nation. My research causes me to see some things I had not considered.

1. Alcohol is a business that conservative estimates say is a forty billion dollar business in our country.
2. Over one billion dollars is spent on advertising this deadly brew.
3. Estimates vary among reports, but everyone agrees that better than fifty percent of all teenagers drink alcoholic beverages.
4. One of every four teenage drinkers is a problem drinker or alcoholic.
5. More than five percent of America's work force are alcoholics and another five percent are alcohol abusers and problem drinkers.
6. Of about 50,000 lives lost each year in traffic accidents more than half are alcohol related-about 28,000.
7. For every one dollar raised in tax revenue in this country, more than four dollars is lost in alcohol related expenses such as lost production, health and medical care, motor vehicle accidents, violent crimes, and fire losses.
8. Two of every three murders in this nation are committed when the perpetrator has at least a 0.10% blood alcohol level.
9. Although alcohol is not given as a primary diagnosis for persons admitted to hospitals the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism found that \$1.00 of every \$5.00 spent on medical care is due to alcohol related problems.
10. The suicide rate for alcoholics is 58% greater than for non-drinkers.
11. Alcoholics are 7 times more likely to be divorced or separated.
12. The children of alcoholics are twice as likely to become alcoholics as the children of non-alcoholics.
13. Sixty percent of all child abuse cases involve alcohol.
14. Alcohol is the number one cause of preventable birth defects.

One thing I did know, alcohol is the number one drug abused in this country. All drug abuse is a problem, but this is the most dangerous and deadly to our nation and all her citizens.

This article was written in February 2003 by Terry Joe Kee. Brother Kee is the minister of the Greensboro Road church of Christ in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

MORE TO LIFE THAN WINNING...

Opposing Team Helps Handicapped Player Score

Jake Porter was born with chromosomal fragile-X syndrome, a common cause of mental retardation. Jake couldn't read. He could barely write his name. But Jake loved football, and the 17-year-old faithfully attended every practice at his school, Northwest High in McDermott, Ohio.

Jake's coach Dave Frantz wanted to do something special for Jake. So before a game against Waverly High in the fall of 2002, Frantz called his friend Derek Dewitt, the head coach of Waverly. Frantz suggested that both teams allow Jake to run one play at the end of the game, assuming the game wasn't on the line. Jake would get the ball and take a knee, and the game would end. Dewitt agreed.

So, with Waverly leading 42-0 and five seconds left in the game, Frantz called a timeout. Jake trotted out to the huddle, and the two coaches met at midfield. *Sports Illustrated's* Rick Reilly picks up the story:

Fans could see there was a disagreement. Dewitt was shaking his head and swinging his arms. After a ref stepped in, play resumed and Jake got the ball. He started to genuflect, and he'd practiced all week. Teammates stopped him and told him to run, but Jake started going in the wrong direction. The back judge rerouted him toward the line of scrimmage.

Suddenly, the Waverly defense parted like peasants for the king and urged him to go on his grinning sprint to the end zone. Imagine having 21 teammates on the field. In the stands mothers cried and fathers roared. Players on both sidelines held their helmets to the sky and whooped.

Apparently when the coaches met before the big play, (Jake's coach) Frantz had reminded Dewitt of the plan, that Jake would simply take a knee. But Dewitt wasn't satisfied. He said, "No, I want him to score." Dewitt called his defense over and said, "They're going to give the ball to number 45. Do not touch him! Open up a hole and let him score! Understand!"

Jake had the run of his life, all because of Dewitt's unselfish decision: "I want him to score."

There is a lesson in there somewhere for Christians. Didn't Jesus say, "Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2:4-5).

-Author Unknown

It is hard

to convince your children that they should respect the church when you continually

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays: February 11-Monte Morris, 13-Julie Miller, 13-Bonnie Nance, 24-Jean Ford, 25-Nichole Lawrence, 26- Curt Foster, 27-Laverne Belew.

Anniversaries: February 11-David & Gail Keel, 16-Edward Ray & Jean Ford, 22-Norris & Shan De Priest, 27- Patrick & Kim Lindsey.

HEALTH WATCH

Sick this past week: **Jay Cruz Rogers, Ella-Marie Rogers, Wendy Rogers, Jackie Sue Foster, Jimmy McClain, Ruth Bennett, Hunter Lindsey, Peyton Lindsey, Rhonda Aden, Halley Chrisman, Christine Aden, Sharon Wright, Sara Beth Wright, Shirley Butler, Haley Chrisman.** Sherrill Smith will be going for eye surgery Tuesday. **Anita Mayo** (Barbra Holt's sister) is in the Regional Hospital at Jackson with heart and kidney problems. Her husband is also in the hospital. **Debi Helton** (Wendy's sister) had a DNC Tuesday. **Glenda Rogers** was moved to Oak Manor in McKenzie on Friday. **Kenny Dunavan** (Mark Wright's brother-in-law) has pneumonia.

SHUT-INS & NURSING HOME

Laverne Belew, Helen Pinson, Glenda Rogers, Betty De Priest, Eva Mae Bray.

PRAYER LIST

Rachel Arrington, Craig Ballentine, Ann Seavers, Toni Mitchell (Julie Miller's Sister), Larry Hays, Trevor Keymon, Kristopher Conway, Jimmy & Ginger Taylor, Will McAlpin, Derick Lamen (David & Gail's friend), Larry Kelley, Alice Moore, Nina Long, Tina Peevyhouse, Cathy Glasgow, Jimmy & Kaffie Greene, Kinley Fowler, Tom Aden, Evelyn Miller, Joann Mewbourn Goodman, Denise & Mark Algood, Otis Brown Foster, Bobby O'Dell, Missy Denton, Rena Arrington, Zach Crider.

CANCER: Nathan Hodge (David Brasher's co-worker), Betty De Priest, Chayla Blagaich (friend of Pam & David), Mona Rychen, Jerry Shelton, Carolyn Seymour, Mike Crocker, Sam Bailey, Ann Spain, Charles Hays, Ian Edwards, Pat Schneider, Marianne Draper, Dorothy Lowe, April Fultz, David Fowler, Elizabeth Cronin, Karen Allen, Kenneth Foster, Christine Johnson, Web Maddox, Debbie Browning, Sally Sullivan, Sammy Holland, Jr. Bell, David Jackson, Timmy Little, Stephanie Carter, Jason Robinson, Keri Dodd, Joy Hays, Tolbert Ray.

Reason to Rejoice

Sara Keen was baptized into Christ this past week. We are so thankful for her decision to be obedient to God. **Glenda Rogers** requested the prayers of the Church this past week. We are so proud of both of these ladies and their desire to be obedient and faithful to God. Let us continue to remember both of them in our prayers and be an encouragement to them.

Last Week's Record

Bible Study	73
AM Worship	74
PM Worship	45
Wednesday Bible Study	47
Contribution	\$1,842.00

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 8th - Fellowship meal (Sweetheart Banquet) after our morning service. Devo @ 12:15pm. Men do all the cooking and cleaning.

February 15th - Conduct services at Wesley Fountain Place in Milan. Van will leave at 2:00pm. Speaker: Dale Ballentine.

February 16th - Grub Club Outing. Van will leave at 11:15am

February 22nd -Deadline: "Shoes for Africa".

February 27th - March 1st - CYC

March 1st - Elders & Deacons meeting @ 3:30pm

March 8th - Fellowship Meal after our morning service. Devo @12:15pm.

March 15th - Conduct services at Wesley Fountain Place in Milan. Van will leave at 2:00pm. Speaker: Dale Aden.

March 30th - Food Truck from Tennessee Children's Home. Items needed: 100% Juice (Apple, Orange, Grape) – Mac & Cheese, BBQ Sauce – Gatorade Powdered Mix (canisters) – Kool-Aid and Lemonade (canisters) – Toilet Paper – Paper Towels – Men's Shampoo – Men's Deodorant – Garbage Bags with drawstrings (39 gal) – Little Debbie Snake Cakes - Pop Tarts – Hamburger Helper (assorted) – Brownie Mix – Rice a Roni – First Aid Spray – Automatic Dishwasher Detergent – Liquid Dish Detergent – Bathroom and Kitchen Cleaners. You can give Nick money and the young people will do your shopping. Also \$10.00 is needed for perishable items.

April 12th - Fellowship meal (Widows & Widowers Appreciation) after our morning service. Devo @ 12:15pm.

June 7th-10th - Vacation Bible School!

June 14th - Family & Friend Day! - Fellowship meal after our morning service. Devo @ 12:15pm. GOAL 150!!!

July 31st - Annual Singing. 7:00pm

August 16th-19th - Our Gospel Meeting. Speaker: Bill Irby

February 11 Charlie	The Budding of the Fig Tree Matthew 24:32-35 Mark 13:28-31 Luke 21:29-33
February 18 Steve	The Ten Virgins Matthew 25:1-13
February 25 Dale	The Parables of the Talents Matt. 25:14-30
March 4 David	The Sheepfold John 10:1-18
March 11 Tim	The Vine and the Branches John 15:1-8
March 18 Charlie	The Two Builders Matt. 7:24-27 Luke 6:46-49
March 25 Steve	A House or Kingdom Divided against Itself Cannot Stand Matt. 12:22-30 Mark 3:22-27
April 1	Prayer
April 8 Dale	The Defiled Man Matt. 15:10-20 Mark 7:14-23
April 15 David	If the Blind Lead the Blind Matthew 15:14

Privileged to Serve

February

Prepare Communion Trays: Sherrill & Wanda Smith

Power Point: Keith Peevyhouse

Greet: David & Jeanie Brasher

Announcements: Charlie Wachsmuth

Song Leader AM: David Bryant / Song Leader PM: Nick Bryant / Wednesday: Keith Peevyhouse

Preside at Table: Terry Hall & Nick Bryant

Serve on Table: Monte Morris, Jack Lawrence, Dylan Holt & Peyton Lindsey

Scripture Reading: AM – Proverbs 15:28

Scripture Reading: PM – II Timothy 3:15-17

Date February Sunday	AM Opening Prayer	AM Scripture Reading	AM Closing Prayer	PM Opening Prayer	PM Scripture Reading	PM Closing Prayer	Date February Wednesday	Wednesday Opening Prayer	Wednesday Devotional	Wednesday Closing Prayer
8	William Moore	Joshua Brasher	Greg McClain	David Brasher	Jack Lawrence	Daniel Rogers	11	Nick Bryant	David Bryant	David Brasher
15	Steve Foster	Dale Ballentine	Daniel Rogers	Charlie Wachsmuth	Dale Aden	Jacob Keen	18	Greg McClain	Dale Ballentine	Nick Bryant
22	Dale Ballentine	Mark Wright	Dale Aden	Steve Foster	Jacob Keen	Peyton Lindsey	25	Charlie Wachsmuth	Nick Bryant	Joshua Brasher

PLEASE LET DAVID BRASHER KNOW IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SERVE.

DAILY BIBLE READING FOR 2015

February	New Testament	Old Testament
8	Matthew 24:29-51	Exodus 32-33
9	Matthew 25:1-13	Exodus 34-35
10	Matthew 25:14-46	Exodus 36-37
11	Matthew 26:1-13	Exodus 38-39
12	Matthew 26:14-35	Exodus 40
13	Matthew 26:36-56	Leviticus 1-4
14	Matthew 26:57-75	Leviticus 5-6
15	Matthew 27:1-26	Leviticus 7-8
16	Matthew 27:27-56	Leviticus 9-10
17	Matthew 27:57-66	Leviticus 11-12
18	Matthew 28	Leviticus 13
19	Mark 1:1-28	Leviticus 14-15
20	Mark 1:29-45	Leviticus 16-17
21	Mark 2	Leviticus 18-19
22	Mark 3:1-19	Leviticus 20-22
23	Mark 3:20-35	Leviticus 23
24	Mark 4:1-25	Leviticus 24-25
25	Mark 4:26-41	Leviticus 26
26	Mark 5:1-20	Leviticus 27
27	Mark 5:21-43	Numbers 1-2
28	Mark 6:1-29	Numbers 3-4