

SOUL FOR SALE

Dear Members and Friends of the church,

I secretly visited your Bible classes recently and was overjoyed to see that so many of you had not come. I heard some lessons that were not very well prepared and other teachers said no visits had been made during the week. I was simply delighted! It thrilled me to see some leave the worship service right after the Lord's Supper was over, indicating that they were not going to let the proclamation of God's Word come near to them. I saw some others come just in time for the worship - to sit glassy-eyed with their mouths shut while a few sang the hymns. Then they dozed or acted bored to death while the preacher went through his Sunday morning ritual and hum-drum or "bore-a-tory." I was especially pleased to note how many failed to bring an offering. I love to see the church in financial difficulty. Again, there was a sparkle in my eyes when I returned Sunday night and saw that so many did not come back for the evening worship hour. I was so very glad. I am writing this letter to encourage you to forsake the worship this coming Sunday. It will be more comfortable for you, and besides, it will make my work much easier to do. Hoping to be with you real soon!

Deceitfully Yours,

The Devil

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THE NOT SO SECRETS OF A HAPPY HOME

- A happy home is one where Christ is the head of the home and his work has supreme authority (Psalm 117:97, 105; John 17:7-8; 12:48).
- A happy home is one where the husband is the head of the home (Ephesians 5:23). This means that he furnishes the leadership in the spiritual, physical and moral areas of the household.
- A happy home is one where the wife is in subjection to the leadership of the husband (Ephesians 5:22). It is sad that so often this CANNOT be the case because of the husband's attitudes and lack of leadership in areas of spirituality and responsibility (1 Corinthians 7:12-16; 1 Peter 3:1-2).
- A happy home is one in which the husband loves his wife even to the point where he would be willing to give his life for her (Ephesians 5:25).
- A happy home is one where the wife has learned to love her husband and children (Titus 2:4).
- A happy home is one where the husband and wife love each other more than parents, children, friends and recreation. In fact, only their loyalty to Jehovah is greater than the love found within the marital relationship (Matthew 19:5).
- A happy home is one where children are obedient to their parents (Ephesians 6:1-2).
- A happy home is one where parents love their children enough to discipline them and encourage them spiritually (Ephesians 6:4).
- A happy home is one where Christ comes first in all things (Matthew 6:33; Philippians 1:21). ~ Mark Ray ~

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Bible Study.....9:30a.m.
Worship.....10:30a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Ladies Class.....10:00a.m.
Bible Study.....7:00p.m.

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Auditorium Adult Class

Have the Whole Family Present Each Evening

The Church in the Next Generation

Terry Jones

A recent article crossed my desk that I found interesting. It contained a list of things that babies born in 2011 will never know. Because of the rapid advancement of technology, there are many things that have been an integral part of everyday life for decades that are swiftly becoming obsolete. For example, babies born in 2011 will likely never know of things like video tape, movie rental stores, encyclopedias, CD's, film cameras or fax machines.

This prompts us to wonder just what other things might babies born today not know. Will there be fundamental truths about the Lord's church that will become obsolete among the next generation?

Will the next generation know about **the establishment of the church**? Will they know that Christ is the Builder of the church (Matthew 16:18)? Will they know that the church is built upon Christ as the one Foundation of the church? "For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 3:11). Will it be understood that Christ is the Authority of the church (Matthew 28:18) and is governed by His Word (Colossians 3:17)? If the distinctiveness of the New Testament church is not boldly preached today, then we should not be surprised that it would fade into obscurity in the generation to come.

Will the next generation know about **the exclusiveness of the church**? There are hundreds of different denominations of churches in existence today, and a popular attitude that one is as good as another. However, those who have studied the Bible know that the Lord has only one church. Christ promised to build just one church (Matthew 16:18). Paul declared that "there is one body" (Ephesians 4:4) and condemned any division in that body (1 Corinthians 1:10). The Lord built only one church. All others are manmade. "Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it..." (Psalm 127:1). Are we doing all that we can to make sure that the next generation knows that the Lord has but one church?

Will the next generation know about **the entrance of the church**? The world is very confused about how one enters the church because of all of the false doctrines that are heralded. Tragically, many preachers have forsaken the truth on this important matter. The masses are being told simply to believe in Jesus to be saved, and then they will be voted into the church. Yet, the Bible teaches no such thing. Jesus told Nicodemus that "unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" (John 3:5). On Pentecost, "Peter said to them, Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins..." (Acts 2:38). Then verse 47 states "...And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved." Our children must know that baptism is essential to entering the church.

There are some things that babies born in 2011 will never know and never miss, but severe consequences are in store if the fundamentals of the Lord's church are not preserved for them. Diligence must be given to impress upon our posterity the need to preserve the foundational principles concerning the Lord's church. Failure to do so would be catastrophic to future generations. "If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do" (Psalm 11:3)?

SFA FAMILY MATTERS

Prayer List

Our Members: Joyce Burbage is recovering at home with Shingles. Josephine Bowman had cataract surgery Monday. Dick Burbage will have spinal surgery July 2nd. Sam Bolding is not doing well, and unable to attend services. Ken Luigs fell and is having trouble walking. Jacquelin Dopwell is having radiation therapy. Duane Nelson, Margaret Coone & Sharon Washington.

Relatives: Earl Anderson, Nina Hart, Annie Beth Coone,

Shut In Members: Artis Bassett, Mary Shoemake.

Others: Gene and Irma Dampier, Bonnie Hendrick is undergoing another round of chemotherapy. Gary Hendrick, Christina Feussner, Kathy Peel, Danny Edmonds, James Leslie Cribbs.

Upcoming Events

June 28th-30th - Annual Hilltop Singles Seminar at the Hilltop Church of Christ in W.H. See bulletin board for more information.

June 30th - July 6th Central Fla. Bible Camp. You can register on line, or pick up an application from the table in the foyer. A number of our children and adults will be attending. Please pray for their safety while at camp, and also as they travel.

Visitors

Butch & Arlene Carr, Heather Burns, Fran Hinson, Mrs. Tanya Irizarry & children, Kyomi & Nevaeh. Nicole Kretchmer, Michael Thrower.

Baptism

Tucker Sweeney made the decision to obey the Lord's commands, and was baptized into Christ Saturday, June 15th by his father, Jimmy. We all rejoice with this fine young man, and pray God's richest blessings on him.

Sympathy

To Josh Estridge, in the passing of his great-grandmother recently.

To Dolores Longfellow, in the passing of her sister-in-law, Karen Swiney, who fought a long battle with cancer.

SCHEDULED TO SERVE

June

Kenny French **Table** David Williams
Casey Paulin..... **Assist.**..... Robert Cooper

Sunday, June 23, 2013

9:30 A.M.

Song at Bible Class Jim Turner
Prayer.....David Williams

10:30 A.M.

Announcements..... Stacey Paulin
Song Leader Jason Hendrix
Opening Prayer Fred Strickland
Closing PrayerPaul Romine

6:00 P.M.

Song LeaderPaul Romine
Opening Prayer Charles Paulin
Closing PrayerJeff Bingle
Greeters Phil & Dottie Fife
Att. Cards..... Ian Enamorado & Paul Sweeney
Open & Close Building..... Tim Croson

Wed. June 26, 2013

Song LeaderJim Turner
Opening PrayerKenny French
Closing Prayer Phil Fife

Please meet in the library. If you cannot serve, please call Chuck Wyatt, so he can get a replacement - 859-5231.

June 30, 2013

9:30 A.M.

Song at Bible ClassKen Walker
Prayer.....Charles Paulin

10:30 A.M.

Announcements..... Stacey Paulin
Song Leader Jason Hendrix
Opening Prayer David Anderson
Closing Prayer Kyle Williams

6:00 P.M.

Song LeaderPaul Romine
Opening Prayer Jason Hendrix
Closing PrayerDavid Deal
Greeters Kenny & Reba French
Att. Cards..... Quadarius Askew & Antonio Martin
Open & Close Building..... Tim Croson

Wed. July 3, 2013

Song Leader Jason Hendrix
Opening PrayerDavid Anderson
Closing Prayer Casey Paulin

~ HOW WE ARE GIVING ~

May 26 \$3,489.87
Jun 02 \$4,430.66
Jun 09 \$4,406.64
Jun 16 \$3,768.14
Contribution Average \$4,159.81
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