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Mood Rings

By Steve Higginbotham

I'm sure you heard the one about the husband who bought his wife one of those "mood rings?" When she's in a good mood, it turns green, and when she's in a bad mood it leaves a red mark on his forehead.

While we may get a chuckle from this joke, failing to control one's anger is a serious spiritual problem. I've sometimes heard people brag at how they lost their temper and really let someone have it. But such attitudes stand in stark opposition to one who has a Christ-like spirit.

Please don't lose sight of the fact that gentleness, longsuffering, kindness, and self-control are fruits of the Spirit. You say I don't know your spouse, your in-laws, your children, or your boss, and what they put you through? Well, you're right. I don't know to what extent your patience is tried. But I do know that the spiritual disciplines of gentleness, longsuffering, kindness, and self-control, when put into practice, allow Christ to be reflected in your life.

The next time someone threatens to ruin your mood, instead of leaving a red mark on their forehead, allow Jesus to leave his mark on your life.

"...But when you do good and suffer for it, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God" (1 Peter 2: 20).



CHRIST IN Youth

David Burleson, Youth Minister

Have you seen our website lately? The youth group has put together a webpage that is chopped full of news, a calendar, and even pictures. The site's design comes from Kelli and Michael Higginbotham. They did a great job with it and I want to thank them for their hard work. Here are a few activities that are coming very soon.

This week kicks off our Vacation Bible School which will be on the topic King of Kings. Each night there will be classes for all ages. I encourage the teens to come every night of VBS because I know that this study will be beneficial.

I could not think of a better way to end such a great week, than going to Six Flags Kentucky Kingdom on Saturday. The sign-up sheet is up and so is the anticipation. The cost is \$21.99 per ticket. We will be leaving from the church building at 8:00 a.m. this Saturday morning and returning at 9:00 that night.

The fun does not stop this week, in fact, this Sunday following the morning service, we have a group going to Horizons at Freed-Hardeman University. Registration is on Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. so we need to leave from the building at 12:30.

Looking to go to a youth rally this summer? Well here is your opportunity. On July 22 the Elizabethtown church of Christ is having an area wide youth rally. Mark your calendar for this great time of devotion and fellowship.

We will typically meet at the church building on Tuesdays at noon for an on-site devotion or a service project.. Last week we went to the NHC and visited. This week we will have an on-site devo.

Saying, “Peace” When There Is No Peace

By Steve Higginbotham

“They have also healed the hurt of my people slightly, saying, ‘Peace, peace!’ when there is no peace. Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No! They were not at all ashamed; Nor did they know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; at the time I punish them, they shall be cast down, says the Lord. Thus says the Lord: Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; then you will find rest for your souls. But they said, we will not walk in it.”

(Jeremiah 6:14-16)

Have you ever heard of anyone talk about the need for peace, but lacked the willingness to pursue the necessary actions that will secure it. This was the problem in the days of Jeremiah the prophet. The priests and prophets of Israel were calling people to peace, when in reality they were needing to be rebuked for their sinful ways. The prophets of that day showed an unwillingness to confront people with their sins and call them to repentance. The people were guilty of committing abominations, their hearts were hardened to the point that they could no longer even blush in embarrassment over their shameful conduct. Yet, in spite of all this, they were being told by a cowardly priesthood that everything was alright. Everything was fine. Peace, peace.

“Even peace may be purchased
at too high a price.”

“There will never be any peace
as long as God remains unseated
at the conference table.”

I can’t help but notice a similarity between the days of Jeremiah and our present day. In far too many pulpits across the land, you will never hear the truth plainly proclaimed about such matters as modesty, lascivious behavior, divorce and remarriage, instrumental music in worship, the role of women in public worship, the uniqueness of the church, church discipline, and the sin of denominationalism, and a host of other biblical matters which address people where they live and challenge their behavior or faith. Yet people who are caught up in these errors will be told each week by some preacher how safe they should feel because they serve a loving God.

Friends, don’t get me wrong. I believe in pursuing peace (Romans 14:19). However, attaining peace at the expense of truth is not what God desires. To those who are in sin, God calls them back to the “old paths.” That is where peace is to be found. Peace must be attained on God’s terms.

A helpful point to remember is that it is not our goal to achieve peace, but rather our goal is to attain, honor, and uphold the truth. In pursuing the goal of truth, peace may just have to be forfeited, or on the other hand, it may come as a natural by-product. The result depends upon the hearts of men.

When error is exposed by the light of truth, don’t rebel. Rather, be thankful that someone loves you enough to tell you the truth while risking your friendship and the pleasantries of peace.

Family Matters

Sick List

- Lucy Byrd Every has been dismissed from the hospital. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.
- Continue to remember: Scotty Adwell, Brooklyn Alexander, Mary Anderson, Wendell Britt, Shawn Bryant, Andrew Carson, Ruby Cloyd, Dorothy Coffey, Margaret Cox, Jim Dunaway, Eddie Gerald, Kathy Hamilton, Eugene Harlow, Sally Henry, Fred Hensley, Reba Herriford, Amanda Hinton Stacey King, Jeanette Krume, Mary Lynn, Dr. George McKinley, Charles McDonald, Samantha McPherson, Marney Nunnally, Linda Pedigo, J.C. Polson, Frances Searcy, Shelley South, Donald Smith, Ed Staley, Donnie Stephens, Al Tennyson, Helen Pedigo Tucker, Ronnie Walker, and James Williams.

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the friends and family of Rosie Baker. She passed away on Saturday, June 24. Funeral services will be conducted on Thursday at the Ballou Funeral Home in Burkesville, at 1:00. *Please note the time of this funeral, a change has been made since announcements were made at the services on Sunday.*

Prayer Request

Prayers are requested for Dixie Strode of Tompkinsville. She is undergoing radiation treatments at Vanderbilt and is staying in Nashville, Monday-Friday. Cards and well wishes may be sent to Dixie Strode, Room 411, 2008 Charlotte Ave., Nashville, TN 37203.

Thursday Ladies Bible Class

The Thursday Ladies Bible Class will not meet this week. Class will resume on Thursday, July 6, at 10:00 a.m. This class meets in the Youth Center and all ladies are invited to attend this hour of Bible Study. This class is taught by Steve Higginbotham.

Thank You

I want to thank each one for the phone calls, cards and your prayers.

Ann B. Leftwich

Visitation Teams

The Visitation Teams have been reorganized. Meetings in July will be July 11, 18 and 25, one team per week. August-November meetings will be held the first three weeks of each month. Should you have any questions or if you want to become a part of this ministry contact Doug Frasier or Jim Searcy.

Golf Scramble

The annual South Green Golf Scramble is scheduled for Saturday, July 22 with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m., at the Fox Hollow Golf Course. The cost is \$22.00 paid in advance no later than Sunday, July 16, to Darrell Pitcock. Mark your calendars and add your name to one of the posted sign-up sheets if you plan to participate in this event. Should you need additional information contact Darrell Pitcock.

Senior Members Banquet

In honor of the Senior Members of the South Green Street Church of Christ a banquet in your honor will be held on Saturday, July 29, at 5:30 p.m. This banquet will be hosted by the Youth Group. If you and/or your spouse are sixty years of age and above your presence is requested. Sign up forms will be available Sunday, July 2. Please fill out one of the forms so that adequate preparations can be made.

Updates

Due to numerous changes of addresses, etc. a sheet containing updates for the 2006 Pocket Directory will be available for your convenience Sunday, July 2. Updates will be placed in the foyer and also near the rear entrance of the building. We ask that you make these changes in your copy of the Pocket Directory.

