

Weekly Newsletter

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Name Your Price

By Steve Higginbotham

When I was a boy, I had a bike that I had grown tired of. There wasn't anything wrong with it, I just wanted something better...a 10-speed. So I took my fire-engine red, Huffy bicycle, with a white banana seat, and slick back tire to my friend's house and asked him if he wanted to buy it. He said, "Sure, I'll give you \$5.00 for it." The bike was worth 10 times that, but I took it. Needless to say, after my parents discovered what I had done, I realized the "error of my way" and regretted my decision, but it was too late. My bike was gone and all I had to show for it was a meager \$5.00.

Long ago, Esau sold his birthright to his brother Jacob for just a bowl of soup. After Esau's hunger subsided, he regretted his bargain, but it was too late to change what had been done. Esau's birthright was gone and all he had to show for it was an empty bowl of soup.

Then possibly, there's our story. The God of heaven has called us his children through our obedience to the gospel, and yet, we fail to cherish such a standing and relationship and choose to sell it for what? The contents of a liquor bottle? A moment of illicit passion? A grade on a test? A grudge that we won't let go of? Hurtful gossip? And if we engage in this sort of bargain, what will we have to show for it? Such choices lead only to regret.

Jesus once asked, "What shall it profit a man if he should gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matthew 16:26).

My bike was worth more than \$5.00, and your soul is worth more than anything this world might offer you. Give it some thought.

CHRIST IN *Youth*

David Burleson, Youth Minister

Running up and down the hill was not very fun. In fact, it was probably the one thing that I dreaded most about football practice. It was not necessarily the fact that I would get so tired and hot that bothered me. However, the dry mouth and extreme thirst was probably what I liked the least. I vividly remember drinking very big containers of water and sometimes a sports drink whenever I had one.

"Will you give me a drink?" asked Jesus when the lady approached the well. The lady was shocked that this Jewish man would even speak to her, for she was a Samaritan woman. However, Jesus' response tells this woman of a living water that was available.

While the water and the blood poured out of the pierced side of our Lord as He hung on the cross, the soldiers that day knew our Savior had died. "It is finished" and then Jesus breathed His last. Darkness filled the sky, rocks were split, the curtain of the temple was torn. A living water is now prepared from the blood that flowed down our Savior's lifeless body.

"I am dying of thirst" came out of my mouth often when we were running those hills in the hot heat. I was so aware of my state that I wanted water more than anything at that time. How I wish that more were aware of their spiritual state and wanted that living water more than anything. "There's a fountain free flowing for you and me." Blessed be our Lord and Father who laid down His Son for all!

July 21-22 — Elizabethtown Youth Rally

July 25 — Cave Trip (7th through 12th)

July 30 — Young Men lead Worship Service

There Doesn't Need To Be A Vote (Again)

By Steve Higginbotham

People often find it difficult to agree with each other. One person likes one thing, and another person likes something else. This is true in nearly every area of life. We are a diverse people. I can't think of a single issue that is universally agreed upon by this world. Thus, when it comes to the question of whether we should or should not drink alcoholic beverages, we should not be surprised to find people giving different answers to this question.

I am, however a bit surprised that those who claim to follow the instruction of God and who wish to walk in His wisdom would have diverse opinions concerning this question. You see, God has already answered this one for us. We don't have to debate this issue. We know the answer to this question. God returned the verdict when he said...

“Wine is a mocker, Strong drink is a brawler, And whoever is led astray by it is not wise... Do not look on the wine when it is red, When it sparkles in the cup, When it swirls around smoothly; At the last it bites like a serpent, And stings like a viper...(Proverbs 20:1; 23:31).

If the Lord instructs us to avoid beverages that possess intoxicating qualities, why would we want to see these same beverages served to people in our community and at our restaurants? Is not the wisdom of God sufficient in this matter? Would we dare question who knows best concerning this matter?

Even if God had remained silent on this issue, can we not look around and see the devastating effects alcohol has had on our society and make a responsible decision based upon that information? Can we not see the abuse, poverty, broken homes, crime, and highway fatalities that are directly related to the consumption of alcohol?

Do we want people in our community drinking alcoholic beverages at our local restaurants, then getting in their cars and driving on our roads? Do we want to go to a restaurant with our impressionable children and sit down next to people who are drinking alcoholic beverages?

It seems apparent that our community will once again be faced with a vote concerning whether we will or will not serve alcoholic beverages in our community. We've already been reading articles in the newspaper that are “paving the way” for the re-introduction of this vote to make Glasgow a “wet community.” Friends, we have enough societal and social issues, about which we have many disagreements that need debating, without calling into question one that has already been settled by God. When it comes time to stand up for what is right, I'm counting on all of you to do your part. May we always walk in the wisdom of God's counsel.



Family Matters

Sick List

- Prayers are requested for Orry Wood. He underwent surgery Tuesday at the Community Hospital.
- Prayers are requested for Amanda Lockhart, she had surgery on Tuesday at the Medical Center in Bowling Green. Amanda is the granddaughter of Virginia Galloway and the niece of Beverly Elliott.
- Alison Bradford is recovering at home following surgery last week.
- Continue to remember: Brooklyn Alexander, Mary Anderson, Ruby 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, Preston Jolly, Stacey King, Jeanette Krume, Mary Lynn, Dr. George McKinley, Charles McDonald, Samantha McPherson, Shannon Noal, Marney Nunnally, Linda Pedigo, J.C. Polson, Frances Searcy, Shelley South, Donald Smith, Ed Staley, Donnie Stephens, Dixie Strode, Al Tennyson, Helen Pedigo Tucker, Ronnie Walker and James Williams.

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.

Visitation Team

Visitation Team #3 will meet Sunday, July 23, following the morning worship service for a potluck meal and a meeting. Team Leaders are Doug Frasier and Glenn Pitcock. Team members are requested to bring their visitation records to turn in.

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, calls and visits during J.C.'s recent hospital stay and recuperation. Every act of kindness was very much appreciated.

J.C. & Barbara Polson

Bridal Shower

All ladies are invited to a Bridal Shower in honor of Whitney Turner on Sunday, July 30, at 2:00 in the church basement. Whitney is the bride elect of Adam Williams and the daughter of Jay Turner and Elaine Turner.

Senior Members Banquet

The Seniors Members Banquet scheduled for July 29 has been postponed until a later date due to a scheduling conflict. The new date for the banquet will be Saturday, August 26th at 5:30 p.m.

Back To School

Donations for the annual Back to School Ministry will be accepted until August 6, 2006. With your donations basic school supplies as well as other essentials will be purchased for children in need that attend Red Cross Elementary. Please place donation in an envelope marked Back to School and give to Rollin Simmons or Gary Edmunds.

Special Contribution

The Elders have challenged the congregation to give above and beyond our normal weekly contribution on Sunday, July 30th in an effort to retire the debt on our church building. Presently, we owe approximately \$75,000.00 Retiring that debt will not only save in interest payments but will allow us to use our current \$5,243.00 a month payment for other good works. Please pray about your response to this challenge. Allow this to be a time when you exercise your faith and strengthen your commitment.

New Address

We have been notified that Marian Smith has a new address. As you are aware Marian moved to Florida last year to be near her family. Her new address is: Marian Smith, Prince of Peace Villas, Apt. 306, 664 South Nova Rd., Ormond Beach, FL 32174. Her phone number is 386-676-9925.

