

Weekly Newsletter

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Baptism

We are happy to announce that Matthew Higginbotham was baptized into Christ on Saturday evening, September 16. We're proud of Matthew for his decision to give his life to the Lord, and we pray that he will be of great service to Him throughout the remainder of his life.



Restoration

We also rejoice that on Sunday morning, September 17, Sandra Bragg, the mother of Michael Bragg responded to the invitation and requested prayers on her behalf, and re-committed her life to Jesus. We rejoice with Sandra and pray the very best for her as she rededicates herself to Jesus. Sandra's address is: 101 Combs Blvd., Glasgow, KY 42141



Friends & Family Day

This year's Friends & Family Day was another great success! We had at least **721** people present at our Sunday a.m. worship assembly!



I want to thank all of you for all your hard work. I know that many of you put forth a lot of effort in inviting your friends, co-workers, neighbors, and family to join you Sunday.

It was a great day for a number of reasons, and you are who made it great! Thanks for your cooperation and support.

CHRIST IN Youth

David Burleson, Youth Minister

Nearly seventeen years ago I was introduced to a substance unlike any I had seen before. It had all the consistency of Play-Doh but yet it was very different. In fact, I liked Silly Putty better than the other because after playing with it my hands did not smell really funny.

One of the best parts about this toy was that you could put it on a comic strip and when you lifted it up the comic would be on the clay-like polymer. When the comic was one the Silly Putty one could stretch and twist the comic unto a deformed image.

Furthermore, I remember several times as a child trying on my father's shoes and walking around the house in them. I was trying to all that I could to conform to my Dad's image. I even would try to wear some of my brother's cloths that he no longer wore just so that I could be a little bit more like him.

As a child of God we are called to be conformed in the likeness of our Lord. In fact, that should not be such a stretch seeing as we have been made in His likeness. Such as Silly Putty reflects the comic and a child imitates his or her parents, so should we a children of God imitate our heavenly Father.

The next few weeks will have several opportunities to join in some activities that center on being more like Christ. Here are just a few of those activities.

Join us Sunday evening as we travel to the area-wide devotional at the Scottsville Church of Christ. We will be leaving the building right at 5:30. So make plans to attend this great event.

Join us Wednesday evening as we continue in our study of Revelation chapter two.

Waldo Christianity

By David Burleson

Hidden in a crowd of hundreds of people, there is a man who is asking to be found. From his red and white striped shirt to his toboggan hat, which he wears on the beach, it seems like this guy would be easy to locate. However, sometimes it takes me hours to find him. It is no wonder so many children enjoy searching through the mass of people looking for this odd person.

Where's Waldo, or Wally as some of our friends overseas know him, is an illustrated book that challenges anyone that opens the pages to find its protagonist who has been hidden. This feat, which might seem easy at first, can be very difficult because Waldo can blend easily into the swarm of people. To complicate the matter the scene painted is packed full of visual gags and a lot of color.

Similarly, Paul writes in Colossians 3:3 that since Christians have died to sin, their lives are hidden with Christ in God. This is not the first time that a Biblical author has made such a comment. In fact, several times in the Old Testament one would write, "Thou art my hiding place and my shield..." (Ps. 119:114, Ps. 32:7)

On first reading these passages seem to indicate that life as a Christian is quite and stored away from the public. However, this would be a misrepresentation of these passages. While we find comfort and protection from God through Christ, the Christian life should be comparative to a "city set on a hill."

Jesus made the famous statement in Matthew 5:13-16 that we as Christians are as the salt of the earth and the light of the world. He concluded this thought by saying "Let your light so shine before men, that they may glorify your Father in heaven." The passage indicates that Christianity is not self-serving but rather God-serving. God's people should be noted as a "chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people" not for our sake but so that we "may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." (1 Peter 2:9)

In the Old Testament we read of a man who had the "Waldo" complex. In Judges 6 we read that the Midianites strongly oppressed the nation of Israel for seven years. During this time whenever Israel would sow their crops, the Midianites would come with several Amalekites and destroy everything that the Israelites worked so hard to produce. The Bible says that sometimes the Midianites would storm into where the Israelites were staying and be as numerous as locusts.

During the tyranny, the Lord heard the cry of His people and he sent for Gideon. At the time of his calling Gideon was "threshing wheat in the winepress, in order to hide it." Here is the response the Gideon made to his calling, "O my Lord, how can I save Israel? Indeed my clan is the weakest in Manasseh and I am the least in my father's house." Gideon later arose to the challenge and with God was able free the Israelites.

God has called us to be a people "set apart" from a world of sin. In this calling of sanctification it is easy for us to conclude like Gideon that we are incapable of doing great things for the Lord. However, let us conclude to not live "Waldo" Christianity, but live in such a way that our lights shine to glorify God.



Family Matters

Sick List

- Kari Kunkel, daughter of Gary & Diana Brownfield, was hospitalized last week at Vanderbilt. Please continue to keep Kari and her family in your prayers.
- Mamie Birge, mother of Ann Fife, is recovering at home following heart surgery.
- Marie Denton, sister-in-law of Peggy Adwell, recently underwent surgery and will begin cancer treatments in the near future. Please keep this family in your prayers.
- Prayers are requested for John Simmons, uncle of Walter Smith. He is hospitalized and undergoing tests.
- Continue to remember: Evelyn Alls, Mary Anderson, Wendell Britt, Shawn Bryant, Ruby Cloyd, Dorothy Coffey, Pauline Cole, Norma Dial, Jim Dunaway, Ruth Elliott, Eddie Gerald, Kathy Hamilton, Arah Hardin, Eugene Harlow, Sally Henry, Fred Hensley, Amanda Hinton, Preston Jolly, Stacey King, Jeanette Krume, Billie Lohden, Dr. George McKinley, Charles McDonald, Rose Ann Mesker, Shannon Noal, Marney Nunnally, Frankie Pace, Mary Peden, Linda Pedigo, J.C. Polson, Ken Russell, Walter Smith, Shelley South, Sherry Tabor, Helen Pedigo Tucker, Ronnie Walker, Mary Florence Whiteside and James Williams.

Thank You

I want to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, phone calls, and visits. I truly appreciate every act of kindness that has been shown to me and my family.

Jim Dunaway

Teacher Training

The September Teacher Training Session is scheduled for Saturday, September 23, at 1:00. We will be discussing classroom appearance and will be working on bulletin boards. All women teachers, aids, substitutes and any lady interested in the Children's Education Ministry should attend.

Also, there will be a demonstration on how to use the Palma Smiley Cradle Roll Curriculum at this session. Anyone interested in teaching or being an assistant in this class should attend. Mothers of Cradle Roll age children are invited to participate in this training session. Should you have any questions please see Kim Higginbotham or Nancy Denham.

Area Events

- Horse Cave Church of Christ-September 17-20-David Sain, speaker-7:00 p.m.
- Lehman Avenue Church of Christ-September 17-20-Andy Baker, speaker-7:00 p.m.
- Bellview Church of Christ-September 24-27-Donald Nims, speaker-7:00 p.m.
- Singing at the Bellview Church of Christ-September 24-1:30 p.m.

Ladies Day

The Green County Church of Christ will host a Ladies Day on Saturday, September 23, from 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The speaker will be Connie Campbell. RSVP to Mary Young 270-432-2846 or Ann Cobb 270-789-1244 by September 16. Lunch will be served. Childcare will be available.

Gospel Meeting

Our Gospel Meeting is scheduled for October 22-25. Garvis Semore will speak at each service. Garvis is the President of Magnolia Bible College and the former minister of the Lehman Avenue Church of Christ. Make plans to attend each service.

Lehman Avenue Teacher Training Series

The Lehman Avenue Church of Christ will host a Teacher Training Series, November 13-14, from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 pm. Sessions for Ladies only will be Lea Dye—preschool, Kim Higginbotham—kindergarten-3rd grade and Marie Arney—4th-6th grades. Speakers for teachers teens will be David Hamilton and Mark Sexton. Speakers for teachers of adult classes will be Jerry Carmichael, Tom Hall, Dale Graham and Steve Higginbotham. Speakers for non-teachers will be Dale Graham, Steve Higginbotham, Jerry Carmichael and Tom Hall. A nursery will be provided. Should you have any questions regarding this series please contact the Lehman Avenue Church of Christ at 270-843-8435.

