

# Weekly Newsletter

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## I Want To Ride With My Dad

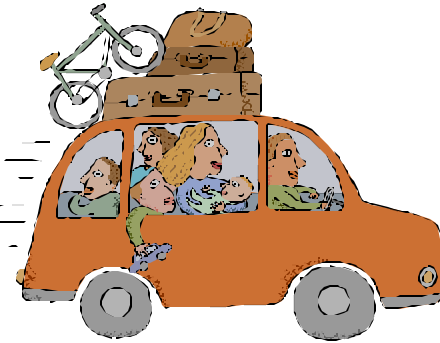
By Steve Higginbotham

Have you heard the story about the family who was moving from the East coast to the West coast? It seems that they were going to have to drive in two vehicles. The father was driving one vehicle, and his brother was driving the other. When it came time for the children to choose who to ride with, they chose their fun-loving uncle, to the uncle's great delight. He was flattered that they had chosen him over their own parents.

However, before they left town, the little boy asked his uncle, "What happens if we get separated from mom and dad?" To which the uncle said, "Don't worry, we won't." But the boy persisted, "Well, what if we do?" The uncle jokingly remarked, "Well, I guess we'll never see them again." After a moment of silence, the little boy said, "I think I'm going to ride with my mom and dad."

You know, this world contains many things that are flashy, fun, and exciting which capture our attention, but when it comes right down to it, I wouldn't want any of those things if it meant that I would be separated from my heavenly Father forever.

Maybe we ought to take a moment and think about the one with whom we are riding.



## CHRIST IN Youth

David Burleson, Youth Minister

Sunday evening, the youth group was able to join with over 320 other people at the Scottsville church of Christ. It was so great being a part of this youth rally; the singing was amazing and Chris Robison, the speaker of the hour, did a great job. Next month Coral Hill church of Christ will be hosting the area wide devotional.

It takes much time and determination to memorize a passage of scripture and be able to quote it word-for-word. Because this task is difficult we salute some of our younger ones of the congregation who have memorized the entire 23rd Psalm. Tucker England, Garrison Page, Chase Watkins, Jordan Pritchard, and Anne Marie Higginbotham are to be commended on their hard work and dedication to the word of God.

The October calendar is here and ready to be sent to your home. This next month will be our first installment of the monthly newsletter. The newsletter will include all sorts of information regarding upcoming events and spotlight members of the youth group. So check your mailbox and the bulletin board to make plans to attend these events.

It is so encouraging to be in a group that cares for one another. Right after the church was established in Acts 2 we see that type of relationship. In verse forty-four of this chapter we read, "Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common." Because of that common love they sacrificed of their goods and helped "as anyone had need."

These are the types of attitudes that are needed today in our congregations, schools, and homes. With work and homework one might find it difficult to always show this loving kindness. However, I thank our Lord for giving us this example of cohesiveness.

# Tied Together

By Steve Higginbotham

Maybe you've heard about two men who were walking through a field one day and they came across a deep dark crevice in the ground. One of the men kicked a few pebbles into the hole and listened, but heard nothing. The other man picked up a football sized stone and threw it in the hole, listened, and still heard nothing. By now, both men are amazed at what must be the depth of the hole. Next, they spied a rather large railroad tie lying on the ground, so together they lifted this heavy tie over their shoulders and heaved it into the hole. Still no sound, but as they were leaning over the hole listening, suddenly a goat came out of the woods, running like the wind. The goat ran toward the men, then past the men, and jumped into the hole. The two men stood speechless at what they had witnessed. Then out of the woods came a farmer and he asked the two men, "Hey, have you seen my goat?" The two men said, "You better believe we saw your goat. It was the craziest thing we've ever seen. He just ran by us and jumped into that hole." The farmer replied, "Nah, that couldn't have been my goat, my goat was tied to a railroad post."

Whew! Now that was quite a story to get across the simple truth that like the goat and the railroad tie, there are some things in Scripture that are tied together and cannot be separated. There are some things in Scripture that you cannot get rid of without affecting something else. Want some examples?

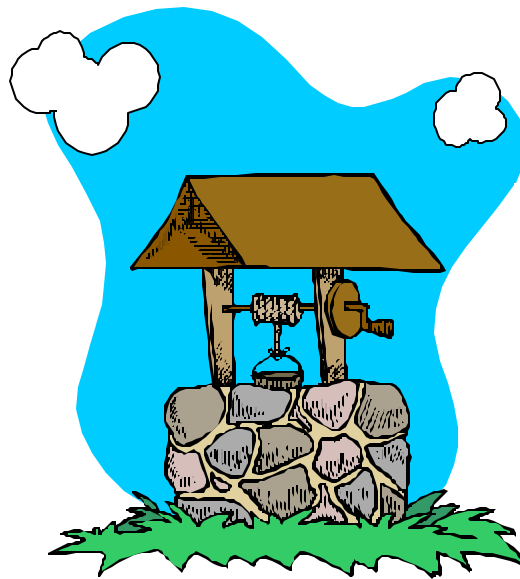
How about faith and works? Although many try, faith cannot be separated from works. James tells us that faith without works is dead (James 2:24,26). Genuine faith, or saving faith, cannot be separated from works. In fact, faith is perfected in works (James 2:22).

Another biblical example is belief and baptism. These too, are tied together. You cannot separate belief from baptism. Jesus tied them together when he said, "He who believes and is baptized shall be saved..." (Mark 16:16). Salvation is dependant upon one both believing the gospel and being baptized in response to that gospel.

The Bible also teaches us that we must speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15). Separating the message of truth from the motive of love can often result in more harm than good. Instead of saving the lost, it can inflame and embitter the lost. The truth of God's word, whether it justifies or condemns one's actions must be spoken in love.

And the list goes on...prayer and faith (James 1:6); seek and set (Colossians 3:1-2); forget the past and press toward the goal (Philippians 3:13-14); faith and love (Galatians 5:6); goodness and severity (Romans 11:22); etc.

These are but a few biblical matters that are tied together. If I may borrow a phrase, I would encourage us to be careful to observe that "what God has joined together, let not man put asunder."



# Family Matters

## Sick List

- Elma Hood is in room #221 at the Community Hospital.
- Jim Dunaway is in room #228 at the Community Hospital.
- Mary Peden is in room #354 at the Community Hospital. She fell on Sunday and is currently undergoing tests.
- Continue to remember: Evelyn Alls, Mary Anderson, Mamie Birge, Wendell Britt, Shawn Bryant, Ruby Cloyd, Dorothy Coffey, Pauline Cole, Marie Denton, Norma Dial, Ruth Elliott, Eddie Gerald, Kathy Hamilton, Arah Hardin, Eugene Harlow, Sally Henry, Fred Hensley, Amanda Hinton, Preston Jolly, Stacey King, Jeanette Krume, Kari Kunkel, Dr. George McKinley, Charles McDonald, Rose Ann Mesker, Shannon Noal, Marney Nunnally, Frankie Pace, Linda Pedigo, J.C. Polson, Ken Russell, John Simmons, Shelley South, Sherry Tabor, Helen Pedigo Tucker, Ronnie Walker, Mary Florence Whiteside and James Williams.

## Area Events

- Gospel Meeting at the Shady Grove Church of Christ—October 6-8 —Steve Higginbotham, speaker-7:00 p.m.
- Singing at the Coral Hill Church of Christ—October 8-2:00 p.m.

## Visitation Team #1

Visitation Team #1 will meet Sunday, October 1, following the morning worship service for a potluck meal and meeting. Members should bring their visitation records to turn in. Team Leaders are Tom Edwards and Ronnie Turner.

## Baby Shower

A Baby Shower for Ella Faith Pace will be held on Sunday, October 8, at 2:00. Ella is the newborn daughter of Nick & Haley Pace. All ladies are invited to attend.

## Crop Workshop

Ladies of all ages are invited to a Crop Workshop on Friday evening, October 6, from 5:00 pm.-10:00 p.m. We will be working on various items for the new Teacher Resource Room. Hours of prayer, planning and hard work have gone into preparing this room, now we need your help to make it a reality! We will have a variety of things that need to be completed. Bring your favorite finger food and stay for the entire evening or for a few hours. Should you have any questions contact Nancy Denham or Kim Higginbotham.

## 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 of teen classes 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.

