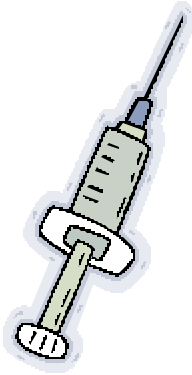


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Drug Awareness Program

I am pleased to announce that on Saturday, November 11, 2006, we will be hosting a “drug awareness” program at the church building for our kids, parents, grandparents, or any other interested people.

Hugh England, who serves as the Assistant Chief of Police, has been gracious enough to conduct this program for us. As you can imagine, Hugh is well qualified to conduct this seminar and he has a wealth of information on this topic.

Hugh will show us what several of the drugs look like, as well as some of the drug paraphernalia. He will also do a PowerPoint presentation, and engage us in a period of questions and answers.

Every young person, parent, and grandparent ought to attend. I don’t need to tell you what a problem this has become in our society. Our children are not immune and they need to be protected.

Again, the date is Saturday, November 11. Please keep that date open. Further details will be provided in later announcements.

Phone Change

Steve Higginbotham has a new phone number. The number in the pocket directory, pictorial directory, and phone book is no longer a working number. If you have need of reaching me somewhere other than the church building, you will need to use this new phone number. Here it is: (270) 590-8785.



CHRIST IN Youth

David Burleson, Youth Minister

After seeing the success of the wildly popular superhero films in the past few years, it is clear that some of us, if not all, at some point have wanted to have some amazing ability. Surveys indicate that the ability to fly would be the number one choice among aspiring super-people. Similarly, the success of the new show, *Hero’s*, is partially due to how the show depicts normal people possessing above average powers.

If the book of Judges is any indication, the Bible is full of people who because of the power of God were able to do amazing things. Think of how Samson, in Judges 15, killed 1,000 Philistines with a jawbone of a donkey. How about Jesus’ ability to read people’s hearts and thoughts. Think about how amazing it was for John to have the vision, or revelation from Jesus, as to what would take place.

We are coming up on a time of year when many children dress up and pretend to be someone or something else. For some this year, Superman or Spiderman will be very popular. We as Christians should strive for our children to want to be like the heroes of the faith. We must therefore live in a way that is honorable and worthy of being emulated. May we live our lives as mighty men and women of God.

Coming Soon...

October 27th -- 5th Quarter after games

28th -- Fall Festival (4th grade and under)

November 11th -- Drug Awareness Program

Religion And Politics

By Steve Higginbotham

Few topics are able to stir the ire of people as the topic of religion and politics. In fact, I'm sure some are reading this article that might normally skip by this page because the title caught their attention. However, before I address the relationship between religion and politics, I would like to express a desire and make an observation about politics. I wish more disciples of Christ would practice their religion like they do their politics.

- I wish more Christians would be as vocal about their Christianity as they are their politics.
- I wish more Christians would be as willing to promote Jesus Christ to the lost as they are their candidate to their neighbors.
- I wish more Christians would be as willing to defend the doctrine of Christ as they are the platform of their political party.

Do you not find it strange that God's children can be moved to be so vocal and involved when it comes to politics, but so timid and uninvolved when it comes to Christianity? Brethren, our actions betray us! Passion is driven by love, and a lack of passion for the cause of Christ betrays our waning love for him.



Now to the topic at hand. Should religion and politics mix? Should the church be involved in politics? The answer to that question is a qualified "no." If you're talking about strictly political issues, "no." Such issues as education reform, welfare reform, income tax, the economy, foreign policy, etc. are issues that can have differing perspectives. For the church to take a position on such issues misses the mission of the church and drives a wedge between itself and honest people who hold a different viewpoint. Concerning such political issues, Paul sums up our responsibility in Romans 13 by saying that we should *pray, pay, and obey*.

However, if you're talking about moral issues that have been politicized, "yes," not only should the church be involved, but it must. Abortion issues, euthanasia issues, homosexual marriage issues, alcohol issues, gambling issues, etc., these are issues that are moral issues and the voice of the church *must* be heard! Friends remember, the church is the pillar and ground of the truth (1 Timothy 3:15). Not only does the church have the right to speak out on such moral issues, it has a God given responsibility to speak out on such issues.

If we're talking about taxes, economy, education, foreign policy, well now, all I have to offer is my opinion which may very well be inferior to yours - pay no mind. However, on moral issues, God has already spoken and we know exactly where we should stand on those issues. On political issues...vote your opinion and freely oppose those who differ with you. However, on moral issues, we dare not find ourselves in opposition to God.

Family Matters

Sick List

- Chelsea Shaw, daughter of Joe & Kimberly Shaw, underwent surgery on Monday in Louisville. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.
- Linda Cable, niece of Helen Horton, has been recently diagnosed with cancer. Prayers for her and her family are requested.
- James Wooten, cousin of Ruth Stephens and Jessie Thompson, had a stroke and is currently in a rehab center in Indiana. Cards may be sent to his home address: 2326 East 400th N., Whiteland, IN 46184. Please continue to keep him and his family in your prayers.
- Continue to remember: Evelyn Alls, Mary Anderson, Ellen Bale, Wendell Britt, Shawn Bryant, Ruby Cloyd, Dorothy Coffey, Pauline Cole, Marie Denton, Jim Dunaway, Ruth Elliott, Lucy Byrd Every, Eddie Gerald, Kathy Hamilton, Arah Hardin, Eugene Harlow, Sally Henry, Fred Hensley, Amanda Hinton, Caden Hodges, Preston Jolly, Stacey King, Jeanette Krume, Kari Kunkel, Dr. George McKinley, Charles McDonald, Rose Ann Mesker, Marney Nunnally, Frankie Pace, Linda Pedigo, J.C. Polson, Cindy Proffitt, Robert & Nina Richardson, Todd Rodgers, Shelley South, Sherry Tabor, Ronnie Walker and James Williams.

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the friends and family of Ed Staley. Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 20, in Clay City, Indiana. He was the father of Rita Staley May.

Church Scrapbook

Plans have been made to work on the 2006 Church Scrapbook on Saturday, November 4. The group will meet at the church building at 9:00. Anyone who is interested in helping with this project should make plans to attend. Should you have any questions contact Leslie Wilson at 678-3692.

Gospel Meeting

The Coral Hill Church of Christ will conduct a Gospel Meeting, November 3-5, 7:00 each night. Billy Bybee will be the speaker. Everyone Welcome!

Thank You Note

Thanks to all of you for the visits, calls and cards to the hospital, nursing home and funeral home. Also, thanks for the beautiful plant and to Steve for the comforting words. She sure loved her church and her church family. May God bless each one of you.

The Family of Elma Hood

Teacher Training Series

The Lehman Avenue Church of Christ will host a Teacher Training Series, November 13 and 14, from 6:30-8:30 each night. Sessions for Ladies only will include: Teachers of Preschool by Lea Dye, Teachers of K-3rd Grades by Kim Higginbotham and Teachers of 4th-6th grades-Marie Arney. Sessions for Teachers of Teens, Adults, and Non-Teachers will be conducted by Dale Graham, Jerry Carmichael, David Hamilton, Steve Higginbotham, Tom Hall and Mark Sexton. We encourage you to attend this series.

Pocket Directory

We are in the process of updating the Pocket Directory for 2007. Please check you listing in the current directory to see if changes need to be made in your address, phone number, etc. We will once include the college students who live away from home, please make sure that we have their current address. You may call the church office or email Nancy at nancy@glasogow-coc.org

