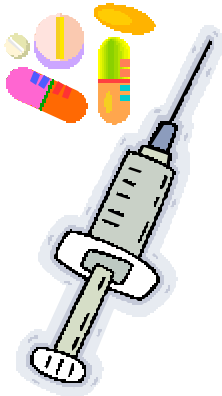


Weekly Newsletter

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Drug Awareness Program

I am pleased to announce that on Saturday, November 11, 2006, at 6:00 p.m., 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, grandparent, and any interested adult 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 and we need to be informed.

Again, the date will be Saturday, November 11, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. The program should take approximately an hour and a half. Please make your plans to attend!

Did You Know?

- Kentucky is experiencing an explosive growth in the number of methamphetamine laboratories.
- Kentucky is also one of the leading source states for domestically grown marijuana, and that marijuana is Kentucky’s number one cash crop.

Source: DrugRehab.org

CHRIST IN Youth

David Burleson, Youth Minister

Old photos that have faded in time sit scattered in a box that has now collected dust for years. Inside are memories of a birthday or a Christmas day that long have gone. To a stranger these images would be worthless but to the owner they are priceless. Memories are sometimes very precious.

While flipping through the song books before worship one Sunday evening, a young boy asked his mother about the dedication found at the front of the book. “Who is that, Mom? Why is this in our song books?” The mother went on to tell the story of a loving couple who had given their lives in service to God and went on to meet their reward. “This was a great opportunity to share the example of godly individuals” she thought as the service began.

“Do this in remembrance of Me.” Every Sunday we have the opportunity to “proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes” by partaking in the memorial of the Lord’s Supper. This serves not only as a great reminder and examination for ourselves but also as a teaching tool. Next time your child asks you about the bread and fruit of the vine, use it as an opportunity to teach them.



The Fall festival is a good memory to have. Thanks to Jennifer Fudge and Pam Smith, several of our young ones had a lot of fun this past Saturday. Also, this past Sunday night we saw great leadership out of our young men. They did a wonderful job leading the evening service.

“The Scarlet A”

by Steve Higginbotham

I'm sure most of you have at one point in your life had the opportunity to read Nathaniel Hawthorne's classic work entitled, "The Scarlet Letter." As you will recall, the novel is about a man and a woman who commit adultery, and the woman is discovered. As a penalty for her sin, she was made to wear a scarlet letter "A" on her clothing, identifying her as an adulteress to all whom she would meet. Branding this woman with this "Scarlet A" was an attempt to humiliate and degrade this woman for the sins she committed.

Today, the "Scarlet Letter A" is still employed to punish a certain brand of "sinner." No, this sinner is not an adulterer or an adulteress. This tag is employed to punish another brand of sinner...an "absolutist." An absolutist is one who believes in and follows a rule by absolute standards or principles. In the eyes of our pluralistic society, the one sin that cannot be tolerated is "absolutism."

One rather well known author stated that "Absolute truth belongs to one class of people...absolute fools." In other words, if you believe that some things are right and they are always right and some things are wrong and they are always wrong, then you are, in this man's judgment a "fool." Sadly, there are many people in our society who think just like him and to be sure, it's rubbing off on our children. Several college and university professors have gone on record to state that most of their students deny that there are absolute standards of right and wrong. To most of their college age students, everything is relative and subjective.

Well, what affect does this have? Place yourself in any forum where you must stand for the truth. If a discussion of abortion is taking place and you state that the Bible teaches that human life is sacred and thus abortion is sinful, you'll very quickly have a "Scarlet Letter A" slapped on you and you'll be dismissed as an intolerant crank, unconcerned about woman's rights. If a discussion on homosexuality ensues and you point out that the Bible teaches that the practice of homosexuality is sinful, be ready to have a "Scarlet Letter A" slapped on your chest and quickly be dismissed as an intolerant, homophobic, bigot. Or imagine yourself even among some of our own brethren. Take a stand on baptism, instrumental music in Christian worship, the role of women in the church, marriage, divorce and remarriage. Affirm what the Bible teaches on these matters without compromise, and be prepared to wear your "Scarlet Letter A."

You pick the moral or doctrinal issue, and the result will be the same. We're living in a society in which everything is tolerated except intolerance. Just try to stand up for the absolute standard of God's word and see if you're not the one who is viewed as the "sinner."

No, it's not popular to be an "absolutist," but I'm not sure there's ever really been a time when standing for the truth of God's word was popular with the world. There is a truth. It is absolute. It is knowable. And some day, this absolute truth will be the standard by which our lives are judged. Don't allow the fear of a label to keep you from standing for what is right.

Family Matters

Sick List

- Dr. George McKinley remains in the Community Hospital.
- Lena Britt underwent knee surgery on Monday at the Community Hospital.
- Jim Dunaway underwent tests at the hospital on Monday.
- Prayers are requested for Carl Hutchison of Columbia. He was injured in a fall.
- Raymond Melton, father of Sherian Gray, recently underwent surgery at the Community Hospital.
- Continue to remember: Evelyn Alls, Mary Anderson, Ellen Bale, Wendell Britt, Shawn Bryant, Linda Cable, Ruby Cloyd, Dorothy Coffey, Pauline Cole, Marie Denton, Ruth Elliott, Lucy Byrd Every, Eddie Gerald, Kathy Hamilton, Eugene Harlow, Sally Henry, Fred Hensley, Amanda Hinton, Caden Hodges, Preston Jolly, Stacey King, Jeanette Krume, Rose Ann Mesker, Marney Nunnally, Frankie Pace, Linda Pedigo, J.C. Polson, Cindy Proffitt, Robert & Nina Richardson, Todd Rodgers, Chelsea Shaw, Shelley South, Dixie Strode, Sherry Tabor, Ronnie Walker, James Williams and James Wooten.

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the friends and family of Arah Hardin. She passed away on Friday, October 27. Funeral services were conducted Sunday at the Crow Funeral Home.

Our sympathy is extended to the friends and family of Steve Frazier. He passed away Friday, October 27. Funeral services were conducted Monday at the Hatcher and Sadler Funeral Home.

We express sympathy to the friends and family of Pauline Sims. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at the Crow Funeral Home. She was the aunt of Maxine McMurtrey and Runell Proffitt.

Thank You

I would like to thank you for your kindness shown to me during my illness. Thanks for the cards, calls and for your prayers. Everything was deeply appreciated.

In Christian Love,
Dottie Ritter

Thank you to the young men who participated in leading the worship service for young men's night. Each of you did a great job and I enjoyed it.

Ruth Stephens

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!

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.

Sunday Morning, November 5, 2006

Deacon in Charge.....Mark Bowman/Glenn Pitcock
 Announcements.....Trent Ferguson
 Song Leader.....Jackie Perkins
 Opening Prayer.....Lynn Beals
 Lesson.....Steve Higginbotham
 Presiding at the Table.....Jim Searcy
Ronnie Turner
 Serving the Assembly.....Robert Spear
Seth Groce
Gordon Kelsay, Jr.
David Gray
 Serving the Balcony.....Hugh England
Wendy Frazier
David McCracken
 Closing Remarks.....Rollin Simmons
 Dismissal Prayer.....Rob Cofer
 Greeters (Front Door).....Sheryl England
Michele Getic
 Greeters (Back Door).....Mike Martin
Glen Birge
 Greeter (Side Door).....Susan Simmons
 Assistance (Back Door).....Glenn Pritchard
 Umbrella (Back Door).....Larry Estes
 Ushers.....Mike Bull
Larry Baldock
 Usher & Serve Basement.....Guy Dubree
Rondyl Leftwich
 Count Contribution.....Jim Kessler
Howard Bulle
J.C. Grider
Jessie Thompson
 Nursery Attendant.....Diana Brownfield
 Bake Bread.....Stacey Wright
 Bus Driver.....Ronnie Turner 678-6798
 Pick Up Attendance Cards.....Tucker England
Chase Watkins

Sunday Evening Service

Announcements.....Trent Ferguson
 Song Leader.....Jackie Perkins
 Opening Prayer.....Darrell Pitcock
 Lesson.....David Burleson
 Presiding at the Table.....Tony Shirley
Chris Page
 Dismissal Prayer.....Jabin McGuire

Wednesday Evening Service

Song Leader.....Robbie Fudge
 Prayer.....Doyle Coffey

**If Unable To Serve,
 Please Contact The Deacons In Charge**

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Worship Times:

Sunday Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
 Sunday A.M. Worship.....10:30 a.m.
 Sunday P.M. Worship.....6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.
 Thursday Ladies' Class.....10:00 a.m.

For The Record

Sunday Morning Attendance.....445
 Sunday Contribution.....\$6,948.75
 2006 Weekly Budget.....\$6,700.00
 2006 Weekly Average.....\$7,064.94

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