

# Weekly Newsletter

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## Coming Clean

By Steve Higginbotham

**H**ave you ever noticed how quick we are to blame others for our inappropriate and sinful actions? Adam blamed Eve, then he blamed God. Eve blamed the Serpent. King Saul blamed the people. The Israelites frequently blamed God. And the blame continues. And then there are our own excuses. Have we ever attempted to excuse our actions by saying the following words?

- It was his fault...
- He had it coming...
- I couldn't help myself...
- I had to do something...
- He made me..
- I never would have done it, but...
- If they didn't like what I did, they shouldn't have...
- I'm not to blame for...
- At least I didn't....
- What else could I do...
- I had no choice...

All of these statements are frequently heard and all of them are attempts at shirking responsibility, and avoiding a humble confession of wrong-doing.

Next time you make a mistake, may the first and last words that come from your mouth simply be, "I have sinned," as was spoken by the "man after God's own heart" (1Samuel 12:13).

## Reminder

Our weekly bulletin is online, and can be read at (<http://www.glasgow-coc.org/weeklynewsletter.htm>). Usually, the bulletin will be posted by Monday afternoon. Also, the archives of past bulletins are accessible on line at this same address.

## CHRIST IN *Youth*

David Burleson, Youth Minister

**A**round the mid-1910's, the silent film industry was booming. Because of the technical challenges of putting sound with the video, these pictures remained silent until the late 1920's. Arguably, one of the most recognizable faces from this "Age of the Silver Screen" is that of Charlie Chaplin.

Sir Charles Spencer Chaplin, Jr., who is better known to his fans as Charlie Chaplin, acted in and directed several noteworthy films. In 1999, the American Film Institute even named him the 10th greatest male star ever. However, while this actor is considered to be one of the greats, on one certain day he failed to convince a certain crowd that he was the best man for the part.

In 1915 when the story takes place, it was popular to have a look-a-like contest to see who could look and act the most like Chaplin's most famous persona. The story is that Chaplin actually entered one of these contests and lost. The legend is that he not only lost but he did not even make it to the finals.

In Matthew 10:25, Jesus makes the statement, "It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master." In this day and age, many are afraid to let it be known that they are members of the Lord's church. I would like to set up the hypothetical situation of a Christian that is on trial. In this case I would like for you to put yourself in the place of the one on trial. And here is the question, "Would there be enough evidence to convict you of being a Christian?"

Marshall Keeble once made the statement, "If you take Christ out of Christian you are left with 'ian' which stands for, 'I ain't nothing without Christ.'" May we strive everyday to be more like our Lord.

# Do I Have To Go To Church?

By Steve Higginbotham

**H**ave you ever had questions like that asked of you? Through the years, I have often had people ask the question, "Do I have to go to all the services of the church? I mean, what if I don't go on Sunday night or Wednesday night? Do I have to go at those times if I faithfully go Sunday morning?" Well, allow me to answer that question with a few questions of my own.

- Do you have to hug and kiss your little children?
- Do you have to remember your wife's birthday?
- Do you have to call home when you're late coming home from work?
- Do you have to buy Christmas presents for your family?
- Do you have to attend ballgames and band functions in which your children are involved?
- Do you have to attend the funeral of a close friend or loved one?
- Do you have to say, "I love you" when you love someone?

I think you see the point. Sometimes we are guilty of asking the wrong questions. There are some things in life that we don't "have" to do, but we "get" to do. In fact, even asking the question, "Do I have to..." is terribly inappropriate.

I can think of few things that are more frustrating to a teacher than to being teaching your heart out, then have a student raise their hand and ask, "Is this going to be on the test?" The motive for that question is clear. If the teacher says, "yes," then the student will take notes and pay attention. However, if the teacher says, "no," then the student is going to put his pencil down and quit taking notes.



Is that not the very same thing we do to God when we ask, "Do I have to go to church on Sunday night and Wednesday night?" "Do these times count?" "Will I have to answer for them on the final exam?"

Friends, the fellowship to be gained through assembling together with fellow Christians, the increase in knowledge of God's word and his will for our lives, and the praise, prayers, and adoration we offer up through worship shouldn't be something that we are "forced" to do, but should be something we "desire to do."

When our relationship with our God is based on what we "have" to do and what we don't "have" to do, then we had better take a long hard look at that relationship. Someone who seriously asks the questions I listed above has some serious problems with his relationship to his family. Likewise, someone who asks, "Do I have to attend all the services of the church?" has some relationship problems of his own.

Do you have to attend all the worship services of the church? No, of course not. You don't have to attend any. God made you a free moral agent to choose for yourself who and what you will love and to whom you show your allegiance. But here's some of the best news you'll hear this week! We are privileged to **get to** express to our God just how much we love him, how much we want to learn about his will, and how much we love the brotherhood through the assembling of the local church

## Family Matters

### Sick List

- Prayers are requested for Judy Riley. She will undergo treatment on Friday, December 1, for a blocked artery to the brain.
- Stanley Walton is recovering from pneumonia. He is at home after being hospitalized last week.
- Ethel Fant, mother of David Fant, is in the Community Hospital in room #211.
- Prayers are requested for Evelyn Alls. She is gravely ill at this time. Please keep the Alls family in your prayers.
- Continue to remember: Jesse Abney, Mary Anderson, Ellen Bale, Wendell & Lena Britt, Shawn Bryant, Linda Cable, Ruby Cloyd, Dorothy Coffey, Pauline Cole, Marie Denton, Jamison Dotard, Jim Dunaway, Ruth Elliott, Lucy Byrd Every, Eddie Gerald, Eugene Harlow, Sally Henry, Fred Hensley, Amanda Hinton, Cadent Hodges, Carl Hutchinson, Preston Jolly, Stacey King, Jeanette Krume, George McKinley, Frankie Pace, Linda Pedigo, J.C. Polson, Cindy Proffitt, Robert & Nina Richardson, Todd Rodgers, Shelley South, Dixie Strode, Sherry Tabor, Ronnie Walker, James Williams and James Wooten.

### Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the friends and family of Robert Lowe. He passed away Friday, November 17. Funeral services were conducted Sunday at the Winn Funeral Home. Robert was the father of Daryl Lowe.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the friends and family of Dorothy Hare. Funeral arrangements incomplete at the time of printing. Dorothy was the sister-in-law of Mitchell Hare.

We express our sympathy to the friends and family of Grace Virginia Deckard. She passed away Sunday, November 19. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 22. Grace was the mother-in-law of Bobby Vernon.

### Thank You

Thanks so much to everyone who called sent cards, brought food and many other kind things. The lunch was a great thing to do. We want to thank the women for the food and the work they did in preparing the food. Our church family is great.

Maude Nunnally

### Teacher Training

The November Teacher Training for South Green will be held Sunday afternoon, November 26, at 4:30. We encourage all women teachers, aids, substitutes and all interested women in the Education Program to attend. We will have demonstrations of the equipment and materials in the Resource Room. Should you have any questions you are asked to contact Kim Higginbotham or Nancy Denham.

### Area Singing

The Columbia Church of Christ, 501 Jamestown Street, Columbia, KY, will host a Singing on December 1, at 7:00. Everyone is invited to attend.

### Annual Parade Dinner

The annual Christmas Parade potluck dinner will be held on Saturday, December 2, at 5:00. Following the meal we will be able to watch the Christmas Parade as it make its way down South Green Street. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Sunday Morning, November 26, 2006**

Deacon in Charge .....Robbie Fudge/Chris Page  
 Announcements .....Jim Searcy  
 Song Leader .....Scott Bradford  
 Opening Prayer.....Glenn Pitcock  
 Lesson.....Steve Higginbotham  
 Presiding at the Table .....Trent Ferguson  
 .....Walter Smith  
 Serving the Assembly .....Travis Redford  
 .....Matthew Higginbotham  
 .....Kameron Bellamy  
 .....Andrew Page  
 Serving the Balcony .....Doug Frasier  
 .....Fred Proffitt  
 .....Gordon Kelsay, Jr.  
 Closing Remarks.....Darrell Pitcock  
 Dismissal Prayer.....Kevin Redford  
 Greeters (Front Door) .....Guy Dubree  
 .....Margaret Dubree  
 Greeters (Back Door) .....Guy Simmons  
 .....Annette Simmons  
 Greeter (Side Door) .....Norma Vance  
 Assistance (Back Door) .....Jimmy Smith  
 Umbrella (Back Door) .....Scott Fife  
 Ushers .....Bobby Steenberg  
 .....Jay Turner  
 Usher & Serve Basement .....Ronnie Turner  
 .....Jewett Steenberg  
 Count Contribution .....Dan Button  
 .....David Alls  
 .....Coty Elliott  
 .....Nick Pace  
 Nursery Attendant.....Teresa Hapney  
 Bake Bread .....Marilyn Barrick  
 Bus Driver .....Leslie Wilson  
 Pick Up Attendance Cards.....Michael Higginbotham  
 .....Zack Smith

**Sunday Evening Service**

Announcements .....Jim Searcy  
 Song Leader .....Scott Bradford  
 Opening Prayer.....Tom Edwards  
 Lesson.....Steve Higginbotham  
 Presiding at the Table .....Mark Bowman  
 .....Ralph Dunbar  
 Dismissal Prayer.....Billy Pritchard

**Wednesday Evening Service**

Song Leader .....Jackie Perkins  
 Prayer.....Glen Birge

**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 .....403  
 Sunday Contribution .....\$6,750.57  
 2006 Weekly Budget .....\$6,700.00  
 2006 Weekly Average .....\$7,040.21

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