

# Weekly Newsletter

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## Building Debt Cancellation

It is hard to believe, but it was 11 years ago that we broke ground for the necessary expansion to our church building. The new construction has been a wonderful addition to our facilities, and has served us well.

With your generosity, we can completely eliminate our indebtedness on the building by the end of this month. Presently, we still owe approximately \$20,000.00. The elders are asking us to consider making a sacrificial contribution this coming Sunday that will cover the amount we owe, and retire the debt.

Having this debt retired will free up over \$5,000.00 a month to be used in a variety of ways that will help to spread the gospel in 2007.

Please consider your contribution for this coming Sunday, December 31, and if at all possible, increase your giving so that we can begin 2007 without this indebtedness.

## Interesting Quotation

“Why may not the Bible, and especially the New Testament be read and taught as divine revelation in the school? Where can the purest principles of morality be learned so clearly or so perfectly as from the New Testament?”

- *The United States Supreme Court, 1844*



## CHRIST IN Youth

The story is told of a man who died and his daughter asked the singers to sing “Jingle Bells” because that was his favorite song. The singers thought that was an odd request, but obliged her and at the funeral, they sang, “Jingle Bells.”

However, as the funeral came to a close, the daughter, now very angry, wasted no time heading straight for the singers and angrily said, “I can’t believe you sang ‘Jingle Bells!’ What I wanted you to sing was ‘When They Ring Those Golden Bells!’”

While the singers had done exactly what they were asked to do, they didn’t please the daughter. She basically was asking them, expected them not to do as she *said*, but as she *meant*.

While the example might be extreme, things like that happen. Someone will say one thing, but mean another, and expect you to know the difference. There’s no way to satisfy a person like that.

The good news is that God says what he means and means what he says. He is faithful (1 Thess. 5:24), and his precepts are sure (Psalm 111:7). In other words, you’ll never hear God say, “Well, that’s what I said, but that’s not what I meant.” You’ll never go wrong by doing exactly what God said.

## Wednesday Night High School Class

Just a reminder that beginning January 3, I [S.H.] will be teaching the Wednesday High School Class in the Youth Center. We are going to be doing a study called, “Notes From the Margin of My Bible.” ***Be sure your bring your Bible to class!*** Hopefully, we’ll learn a lot and this study will make your Bibles more functional and helpful to you.

## Do As I Say, Not As I Do

By Steve Higginbotham

Almost fourteen years ago, I watched David Frost conduct an interview Billy Graham. During the interview, Frost asked Billy Graham about a number of issues, social as well as religious. Some of the religious questions Frost asked Graham were questions to which the Bible gave no answer. To these questions, Graham correctly stated that he was not willing to go beyond what the Bible has written and venture a guess without the authority of God's word.

However, it was just moments later that Frost asked Graham if he believed there was life on other planets. Graham stated that he strongly believed that there was life on other planets in the universe. He stated that Satan just happened to land on ours, thus requiring Jesus to come to our planet. He further stated that he believed people in heaven are sent by God to other worlds to help them in redemption of life. He also expressed his belief and hope that when he died he would probably work for God on some of these other inhabited planets.

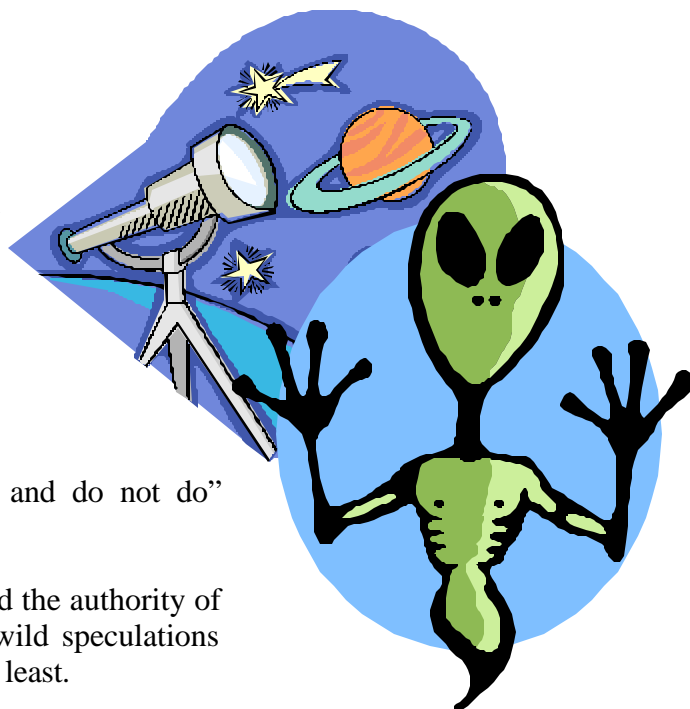
Now, the question that begs to be answered is, "What Scripture can one turn to in order to confirm his beliefs?" Of course, he had none and there are none. I can't help but be reminded of Jesus' warning concerning some of the religious people of his day when he said, "For they say and do not do" (Matthew 23:3).

For Graham to in one breath say, "Don't go beyond the authority of Scripture," only to in the next breath engage in wild speculations that have no biblical basis is inconsistent to say the least.

Brethren, when it comes to our faith, we need to remain within the limits of Scripture. Paul instructed us not to go "beyond what is written" (1 Corinthians 4:6). While it is often tempting to share our opinions and our educated guesses about matters God has not revealed, it is unwise and frequently results in strife and division (1 Timothy 6:4).

Sometimes the only correct answer to a Bible question is, "I don't know." Don't be afraid to say, "I don't know." There are many matters, about which, God has simply not seen fit to reveal unto us. So whenever a question arises concerning something God has not revealed, rather than pawning off your opinion that has no Scriptural basis, simply respond by saying, "I don't know. The Bible doesn't say."

If we expect others to live within the bounds of Scripture and only teach and practice that which is authorized by the Word of God, then we should practice the same thing. Let's be sure that we don't ask people to do what we, ourselves, are unwilling to do.



## Family Matters

### Sick List.

- Hannah Simmons, granddaughter of Guy & Annette Simmons, will undergo back surgery on Thursday, December 28, at the Norton's Hospital in Louisville. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Sandy Wilkinson, daughter of Helen Horton, underwent surgery Thursday in Bowling Green.
- Prayers are requested for Donald, Vickie & Kyra Smith, Philip Smith & Family and Kenny Smith.
- Continue to remember: Evelyn Alls, Mary Anderson, Junior Bowman, Wendell & Lena Britt, John Bull, Shawn Bryant, Linda Cable, Ruby Cloyd, Dorothy Coffey, Pauline Cole, Marie Denton, Jamison Dugard, Jim Dunaway, Ruth Elliott, Eddie Gerald, Eugene Harlow, Sally Henry, Fred Hensley, Amanda Hinton, Caden Hodges, Ruel Houchens, Carl Hutchinson, Preston Jolly, Stacey King, Jeanette Krume, Art Lattanzi, Linda Pedigo, J.C. Polson, Cindy Proffitt, Nina Richardson, Judy Riley, Shelley South, Mary Stephens, Ruth Stephens, Dixie Strode, Sherry Tabor, Edna Vibbert, Ronnie Walker, James Williams and James Wooten.

### Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the friends and family of Dr. George McKinley. Dr. George passed away on Wednesday, December 20. Funeral services were conducted Saturday at the Hatcher & Sadler Funeral Home. Continue to keep Dr. Carolyn and the McKinley family in your prayers.

### Pew Packers

The Pew Packers class will not meet on Sunday, December 31. Class will resume on January 7, 2007, at 5:30. This class is for children, 4th grade and younger, and is taught by Steve.

### Fifth Sunday

The Elders have challenged the congregation to give above and beyond our normal weekly contribution on Sunday, December 31, in an effort to retire the debt on our church building. Please pray about your response to this challenge. Allow this to be a time when you exercise your faith and strengthen your commitment.

### Visitation Teams

The Visitation Teams have been reorganized for the first six months of 2007. Meetings will resume the first week of January. If you are not currently involved in this ministry and would like to participate please contact Doug Frasier or Jim Searcy.

### Ladies Bible Class

The Thursday morning Ladies Bible Class will not meet this week. Class will resume on Thursday, January 4, 2007. This class meets at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth Center.

### Prayer Breakfast

The Men's Prayer Breakfast has been scheduled for Saturday, January 13, 2007, at 7:30 a.m. All men of the congregation are invited to attend. Sign-up sheets have been posted. Please add your name to one of these sheets if you plan to attend. Sign-up sheets are located in the foyer and near the back entrance of the building.

**Sunday Morning, December 31, 2006**

Deacon in Charge .....Ronnie Turner/Walter Smith  
 Announcements .....Chris Page  
 Song Leader .....David Fant  
 Opening Prayer.....Jim Searcy  
 Lesson.....Steve Higginbotham  
 Presiding at the Table .....David Gray  
 .....Mike Martin  
 Serving the Assembly .....Elliot Bowman  
 .....Campbell Beals  
 .....Michael Higginbotham  
 .....Travis Redford  
 Serving the Balcony .....Gary Brownfield  
 .....Glenn Pritchard  
 .....Hugh England  
 Closing Remarks.....Darrell Pitcock  
 Dismissal Prayer.....Ralph Dunbar  
 Greeters (Front Door) .....Brenda Frazier  
 .....Nancy Botts  
 Greeters (Back Door) .....Darrell Miller  
 .....Allene Miller  
 Greeter (Side Door) .....Lula Belle Riddle  
 Assistance (Back Door) .....Jerry Staples  
 Umbrella (Back Door) .....Kevin Redford  
 Ushers .....Fred Proffitt  
 .....Sam Bulle  
 Usher & Serve Basement .....Jim Williams  
 .....Larry Baldock  
 Count Contribution .....Howard Bulle  
 .....Rollin Simmons  
 .....Jim Kessler  
 .....Glen Birge  
 Nursery Attendant.....Whitney Gossett  
 Bake Bread .....Bettye Edmunds  
 Bus Driver .....Doug Frasier 678-2330  
 Pick Up Attendance Cards.....Tucker England  
 .....Connor Birge

**Sunday Evening Service**

Announcements .....Chris Page  
 Song Leader .....David Fant  
 Opening Prayer.....Tommy Gumm  
 Lesson.....Steve Higginbotham  
 Presiding at the Table .....Mark Bowman  
 .....Leslie Wilson  
 Dismissal Prayer.....Tony Shirley

**Wednesday Evening Service**

Song Leader .....Jackie Perkins  
 Prayer.....Scott Bradford

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

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 Darrell Pitcock 678-4333

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Steve Higginbotham 590-8785

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 Ralph Dunbar 678-2075 Kevin Redford 646-3260  
 Gary Edmunds 678-4576 Tony Shirley 651-5605  
 Doug Frasier 678-2330 Walter Smith 427-3178  
 Robbie Fudge 651-1062 Robert Spear 678-2319  
 David Gray 678-5602 Ronnie Turner 678-6798  
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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 .....438  
 Sunday Contribution .....\$6,883.44  
 2006 Weekly Budget .....\$6,700.00  
 2006 Weekly Average .....\$6,967.07

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