

Weekly Newsletter

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PLAY WITHOUT PAY

As another college football season approaches its conclusion, we once again hear the likes of Ohio State, Oklahoma, and LSU mentioned as potential champions. One team never included in this debate is Williams College.

Before last Saturday, I had never heard of the small school from Massachusetts. Upon watching a story on ESPN, however, I learned much about its 75 football players. For starters, as a Division III school, Williams College offers no athletic scholarships. Most athletes would never consider playing a sport without a scholarship, especially when going to a school like Williams costs \$45,000 a year. In addition to receiving no financial assistance for college, these players hold no hope of seeing the big bucks of professional football. They're good athletes, but their abilities pale in comparison to those in the NFL. Above all else, these athletes will never win a national championship. While other Division III programs compete in the postseason, schools from the New England Small College Athletic Conference do not.

How does Williams College field a team every football season? The answer is obvious. They find young men who simply love playing football.

In a time when most people expect or even demand something in exchange for their services, the sacrifice of such athletes is admirable. Their example is something more of us would do well to emulate as Christians. Do we obey God because we anticipate a reward or because we love Him? Do we serve our fellow man expecting recognition or assuming anonymity? Do we go about our daily tasks with a chip on our shoulder or with joy in our heart? You see, our "game" is played much better when our motives are pure and our fulfillment comes from within. If such an outlook on life sounds unfamiliar or even undesirable, maybe its time to change game plans.—Blaine

This Week

Thanksgiving is a wonderful holiday that helps us to reflect upon all with which God has blessed us. Many of us spend the holiday with friends and family. Some, however, do not have this privilege.

In order to help provide a Thanksgiving for everyone, the Youth Group (7th through 12th graders) will be delivering and sharing Thanksgiving dinners this coming Saturday, November 17. If you or someone you know would like a Thanksgiving with "all the trimmings," you can let Blaine know as late as this Thursday.



Attention Teens & Parents: The teens will meet at the building at 10 am to do our cooking. We plan on leaving the building around 3:30 to deliver the meals. Parents, if you signed up to cook an item, please have it at the building by 2:30. Also, we need as many parents as possible to help in delivering meals. Thanks.

Future Website

A newly-designed website for the South Green Youth Group is currently under construction and should be ready by the beginning of December. If you have any ideas or suggestions for the site, please send them to Blaine's church email address at blaine@glasgow-coc.org. The more input we receive from our teenagers, the better our website will be. Thanks!



It Doesn't Mean What It Says And It Doesn't Say What It Means

By Steve Higginbotham

Have you ever been sitting in a Bible class when a question about a particular text was asked? After several people offer their understanding of the passage, some well meaning brother or sister may offer the following as an explanation... "It means what it says and it says what it means." No doubt, most of us have heard this offered as an explanation of a passage at some point in our lives.

While this may indeed be true, that a passage "means what it says and says what it means," it is more than likely far from helpful in coming to an understanding of that passage. In fact, Ezra the Scribe, approached the study of the Bible differently. He didn't offer "it means what it says and says what it means" as a sufficient exegesis of a passage. Rather, he "read distinctly from the book, in the law of God; and they gave the sense, and helped them to understand the reading" (Nehemiah 8:8). A teacher/preacher has the job of not only reading what it says, but helping people to understand what it means.

Now, while "it says what it means and means what it says" may not be the best way to deal with a passage, however, I must say that this response is much better than another response I hear some making today.

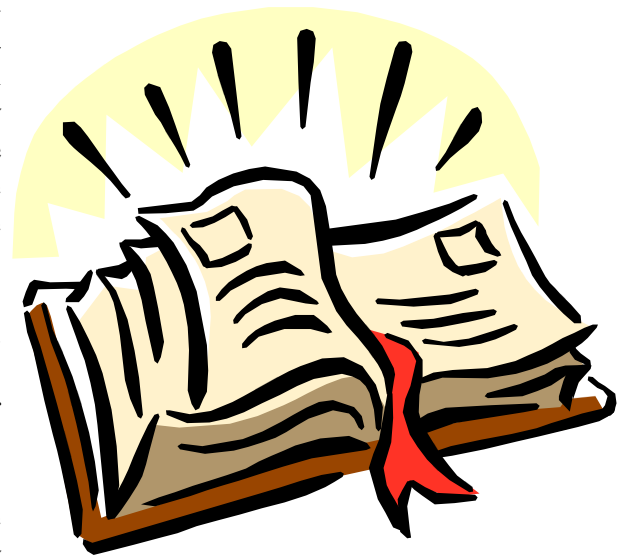
This new response that I am hearing goes something like this ... "It doesn't mean what it says and it doesn't say what it means."

Let me give you an example. In a book entitled, "What Paul Really Said About Women," the author tries to show that "passages used to limit women's work may actually mean the opposite of what they are purported to say." In other words, "it doesn't mean what it says and it doesn't say what it means."

Again, not long ago I read an article by another man who was commenting on Mark 16:15-16. He said that many have incorrectly assumed that this passage teaches one must be baptized to be saved. However, he said, this passage actually teaches that one does not have to be baptized to be saved. In other words, "it doesn't mean what it says and it doesn't say what it means."

Grant it brethren, there are some difficult passages of Scripture in the Bible, ranging on a wide variety of subjects. And while I may not fully understand all these passages, I wouldn't think that the best plausible explanation of those difficult passages is the exact opposite of what the writer actually said.

Declaring that a passage "means what it says and says what it means" may not be the best method for Bible study, but I'd take it any day over an approach that says, "it doesn't mean what it says, and it doesn't say what it means." What about you?



Family Matters

Sick List

- Jonathan Belcher, grandson of Levy Belcher, underwent surgery Monday at the Vanderbilt Hospital. Please keep this family in your prayers.
- Alberta Lafferty, mother of Denny Riddle remains in the Skilled Care Unit of the Community Hospital.

Prayer List

- Lucy Byrd Every
- Larry Adwell, brother-in-law of Peggy Adwell, will undergo surgery on December 7, for cancer of the eye
- Blaine Bardin, friend of Norma Dial
- Debra Briedwell, friend of Sonya Hogue
- Marie Denton, sister-in-law of Peggy Adwell
- J.C. Groce, friend of Jeffrey & Sonya Hogue
- Diane Jones, mother-in-law of Genelle Belcher Jones, underwent cancer surgery Monday
- Jean Jones, friend of Patty Brown, has been diagnosed with brain cancer
- Jean Pardue, sister of Annette Simmons, has been diagnosed with cancer
- Francis Proffitt, grandmother of Pam Smith
- Vickie Resinski, friend of Ann Surber, will be undergoing eye surgery
- Angie Smith, daughter-in-law of Ann Surber
- Donald Smith, son of Ann Surber
- Vickie Smith, family of Ann Surber
- Family of Keith Wallace, friend of Sonya Hogue

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the friends and family of Aaron Smith. He passed away on Friday, November 9. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at the Crow Funeral Home.

Our sympathy is expressed to the friends and family of Gaylord Bunch. He passed away Sunday, November 11. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at the Crow Funeral Home.

Mid-Week Service

The Elders have decided to move our mid-week service from Wednesday, November 21 to Tuesday, November 20. This change is being done to accommodate families that will be traveling for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Thank You

Thank you so much for the prayers, food, phone calls, cards and visits during my surgery and recovery.

In Christian Love,
Covella Hare

Pocket Directory

We are in the process of updating the Pocket Directory for 2008. Please check your listing in the current directory to see if changes need to be made in your address, phone number or email address. Also, check to make sure we have your birthday (month and day only). Changes may be made by contacting the office at 651-5409 or email Nancy at nancy@glasgow-coc.org

College Students

We will once again include the addresses of our college students, who are living away from home, in the 2008 Pocket Directory. Please contact the office as soon as possible if you want your child's address included in this publication.

For The Record

Sunday Morning Attendance	415
Sunday Contribution	\$7,339.52
2007 Weekly Budget	\$6,700.00
2007 Weekly Average	\$6,900.55

Sunday Morning, November 18, 2007

Deacons in Charge.....Robbie Fudge
Ronnie Turner
 Announcements.....Glenn Pitcock
 Song Leader.....Robbie Fudge
 Opening Prayer.....Tony Shirley
 Lesson.....Steve Higginbotham
 Presiding at the TableSam Bulle
Darrell Pitcock
 Serving the Assembly.....Darrell Miller
Jim Kessler
Rondyl Leftwich
Seth Groce
 Serving the Balcony.....Trent Ferguson
Gary Groce
Jeff Harp
 Closing Remarks.....Scott Bradford
 Dismissal Prayer.....Fred Proffitt
 Greeters (Front Door)Scott Wright
David Gray
 Greeters (Back Door)Rollin Simmons
Mary Ann Simmons
 Greeter (Side Door).....Betty Driver
 Assistance (Back Door).....John Alan Estes
 Umbrella (Back Door).....Kameron Bellamy

UshersWalter Smith
Mason Matthews
 Usher & Serve BasementJames Williams
Jessie Thompson
 Count Contribution.....Bobby Steenbergen
Jay Turner
Guy Simmons
Ernie Weir
 Nursery Attendant.....Norma Dial
 Bake Bread.....Prytha Wilson
 Bus Driver.....Ronnie Turner
 Pick Up Attendance Cards.....Matthew Higginbotham
Trevor Smith

Sunday Evening Service

Announcements.....Glenn Pitcock
 Song Leader.....Robbie Fudge
 Opening Prayer.....Tom Edwards
 Lesson.....Steve Higginbotham
 Presiding at the TableMark Bowman
Kevin Redford
 Dismissal Prayer.....Leslie Wilson

Wednesday Evening Service

Song LeaderWalter Smith
 PrayerChris Page

Sunday Bible Study9:30 a.m.
 Sunday A.M. Worship10:30 a.m.
 Sunday P.M. Worship6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study7:00 p.m.
 Thursday Ladies' Class10:00 a.m.

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