

Weekly Newsletter

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The Religion of Islam

Christ or Muhammad? The Bible or The Koran?

Beginning last Wednesday night, we began a study of the religion of Islam. Please make your plans to attend the adult Wednesday night Bible class as we, for the next several weeks discuss the background, doctrines, and challenge of Islam. The proposed schedule of topics is as follows:

The Birth of Islam	February 14
Understanding Islam	February 21
The Five Pillars of Islam	February 28
Beliefs of Islam (Part 1)	March 7
The Koran	March 14

Commercials

One of the many good ideas that came from last Fall's congregational planning session was that we should create some commercials. This has been an idea that we have had for several years, but we are now in the process of making this idea a reality.

Last Saturday, we shot two commercials involving several children from the 4&5 year old class and the 1st& 2nd grade class. The children did an excellent job!

Also, this coming Sunday afternoon, several adults will be shooting a third commercial. These commercials should be ready to air sometime in mid-April. At that point, we need to make arrangements with SCRTC and the EPB to air the commercials. We also plan to have these commercials on our website as well.

CHRIST IN Youth

Upcoming Events

- **Bowling Outing** - This event is scheduled for the young people 6th grade and below. The date & time is Saturday, March 17 at 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Please meet at the Bowling Alley. Cost is \$2.75 per game plus \$1.75 for shoe rental.
- **Makin Music** - Fourteen of us will be going to Freed-Hardeman University on Friday, April 13th.
- **Youth Rally** - We are planning on attending a youth rally in Paducah, KY on Saturday, April 28th. This youth rally will be hosted by the Central Church of Christ in Paducah. The topics of the day will center on young people and their relationships. I hope that you will make plans to attend and sign your name on the sign-up sheet on the youth bulletin board.

Congratulations!

Congratulations are due to Desiree England, Tiffany Pritchard, Cecily Smith, Emma Steen, Ty Wright, Riley Fudge, Christopher Staples, and Matthew Higginbotham for memorizing the acts of worship and corresponding verses.

Congratulations are in order for Charli Fant, and the Glasgow Lady Scotties. They won the 2006-2007 District Championship. Charli was named to the All-District Team as well as the All-Region Team.

Also, congratulations are in order for Catherine Beals and Brittany Groce. They are both members of the Barren County Trojanettes who won the 2006-2007 Regional Championship.

Discouragement

By Steve Higginbotham

The Holy Spirit saw the potential danger of discouragement, so He instructed Paul to write, "And let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Galatians 6:9). But one prominent avenue through which people become discouraged is confusing success with faithfulness.

Often, Christians become discouraged simply because they do not feel successful in their Christian walk. All too often, our self-appointed goals go unmet, thus we become discouraged. A wife may have set as a goal the conversion of her husband. Parents may have set as a goal the spiritual development of their children. A Christian may have set as a goal the conversion of his neighbor. And on and on we could go with our self-appointed goals for success.

While there is nothing wrong with self-appointed goals, and I would encourage all people to have some, it needs to be realized that they will often go unmet. When this occurs, too often we tend to view ourselves as unsuccessful and we become discouraged.

"And let us not grow weary while doing
good, for in due season we shall reap if we
do not lose heart" (Galatians 6:9)

However, allow me to encourage you to rethink this matter. Is being unsuccessful a reason to lose courage? Does being unsuccessful equate to being unfaithful to God? Some of the greatest men of God were unsuccessful but still pleasing to God. Noah was given a mission to preach to the wicked world in which he lived (II Peter 2:5). The goal of that mission was to save lost souls. Now then, was Noah successful in achieving his goal? No, but he was faithful to the mission that God had given him.

What about the prophets? Were they not given the mission to preach to the people? Was not their goal to bring about repentance? Although they were not successful in reaching their goal, they were nonetheless faithful to the mission that God had given them.

If one's standing with God were to be determined by the kind of success he had, then men like Noah, Elijah, Jeremiah, the apostles, and even Jesus were displeasing to God. Certainly, we know better than that. Thus, we must conclude that our lives are not measured by the amount of success we achieve.

Actually, our lives are measured by the kind of faithfulness we have shown. One can be faithful to God's mission, yet unsuccessful at the goal of God's mission. God never commanded His servants to be successful, but He did command them to be faithful.

The following show God's desire is for faithfulness in his children: "It is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful" (I Cor. 4:2). "His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy lord" (Matt. 25:21). "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).

We all would be helped if we would but learn that our relationship with God is not determined by the actions and responses of others, but by our own actions. We all should realize that our relationship with God is not determined by our successes, but by our faithfulness. By learning this one lesson, many should be able to rid themselves of needless discouragement and guilt.

Family Matters

Sick List

- Lula Adwell, mother-in-law of Paula Adwell and Peggy Adwell, is in the Community Hospital.
- Wendell Britt is in the Community Hospital.
- Edith Page is in the Community Hospital. No visitors, please.

Prayer Request

Prayers are requested for:

- John Bull, Gladys Cornelius and Larry Glass.
- Marie Denton, sister-in-law of Peggy Adwell.
- Linda Cable, niece of Helen Horton.
- Delois Page, mother of John Page.
- Shevin Smith, grandson of Ann Surber.
- Mary Stephens, sister-in-law of Ruth Stephens.

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the friends and family of Mary Bray. She passed away Friday, March 9. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at the Hardy & Son Funeral Home in Bowling Green. Mary was the sister-in-law of Randell & Linda Bray.

We express sympathy to the friends and family of Paul Goad. He passed away on Saturday, March 10. Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday at the Crow Funeral Home. Paul was the uncle of Mike Goad.

Ladies Day

On Sunday, March 18, at 4:30 p.m. there will be an organizational meeting for our upcoming Ladies Day. Sheets have been placed in the foyers for you to sign-up in the areas that wish to help with. All ladies that plan to help with this event are encouraged to be present at this meeting. Ladies Day at South Green is scheduled for April 28. Should you have any questions please contact Ronnie or Debbie Turner.

Visitation Team #3

Visitation Team #3 will meet Sunday, March 18, following the morning worship service for a potluck meal and meeting. Team members are reminded to bring their visitation records to turn in. Team Leaders are Doug Frasier and Jim Searcy.

Seminar At Lehman Ave.

The Fundamental Truths Seminar at the Lehman Avenue Church of Christ will be held Saturday, March 24, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The theme is "Uniting On Who We Are." Speakers for the 2007 seminar are: Charles Baugh, Gary Hampton, Mike Greene and Marlin Connelly, Jr. A catered lunch will be served. If you plan to attend, please RSVP at 270-843-8435.

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for the cards, calls and food after the death of my brother. Everything was deeply appreciated.

In Christian Love,
Seth & Eugenia Groce

Area Events

- Gospel Meeting-Center Church of Christ-March 18-21-David Lipe, Guest Evangelist-7:00 p.m.
- Preaching/Singing-Morgantown Church of Christ-March 23-Brad Young, Speaker-7:00-9:00 p.m.

Vacation Bible School

The dates for Vacation Bible School at South Green have been set for Wednesday, May 31-Saturday, June 2. Please mark these dates on your calendar and make plans to attend this years VBS!

