

# Weekly Newsletter

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## Thanks!

In II Corinthians 2:11, Paul speaks of the favor he received by God through the prayers of countless brothers and sisters in Christ. While Paul and those praying on his behalf were bound together by Christ's blood, I figure that many of those prayers were offered by people who were complete strangers to Paul. Over the past few weeks, Caroline and I have come to a greater appreciation for having strangers pray for us.

Through the prayers, emails, cards, and well-wishes of so many of you, our transition from Huntington to Glasgow was made much easier. Some things fell into place so smoothly that we could not help but give God thanks for watching over us. Your prayers via His hand have obviously been at work in our lives.

Not only have we witnessed the good of your prayers, but we have also seen the goodness of your hearts. When we arrived at the building last Thursday, Steve mentioned that the congregation had "a few" housewarming items for us. "A few" was more like two carloads of food, cleaning supplies, various other household goods, and money. Once again, our hearts were overflowing with thanksgiving.

All that you have done for us has displayed what it means to be a Christian family. We now know some of your faces and a few of your names, but in large part, we are still strangers to one another. Because of Christ, though, we are already family and you have already treated us like family. Thank you.

Caroline and I are excited about being a part of the family at South Green Street. We look forward to the coming weeks, months, and years of strengthening the bonds that already exist. May God bless us all as we grow together and grow in His purpose for us.

## CHRIST IN *Youth*

As Caroline and I were packing to move, I was presented with a dilemma that I had yet to consider: What should I do with all of my childhood trophies? I once took great pride in accumulating trophies through various athletic and scholastic competitions. Since those days, however, I have found that those trophies do nothing but collect dust.

As I considered the prospect of moving, it became obvious that I needed to throw away most of my trophies. Such an act would have been anathema in my teenage years. Since then, though, I have learned that life is about so much more than the number of "trophies" one has.



Our culture highly values achievement, victory, and the spotlight. Unfortunately, we often fall for the temptation of exchanging the world's definition of success with God's definition. While the world takes note of who comes in first, God wants to know who puts Him first.

Can you imagine how many victories, world records, and championships will come to nothing when this life ends? Even Pulitzer Prizes and Nobel Awards will be meaningless. It is quite tragic to consider how many will be lost because they could not let go of their "trophies." As God's people, we should give and do our best in all we pursue. But when that pursuit comes at the cost of our relationship with Him, it is anything but our best. After all, only one trophy will ever matter (II Tim. 4:8), so let's never throw it away. - Blaine

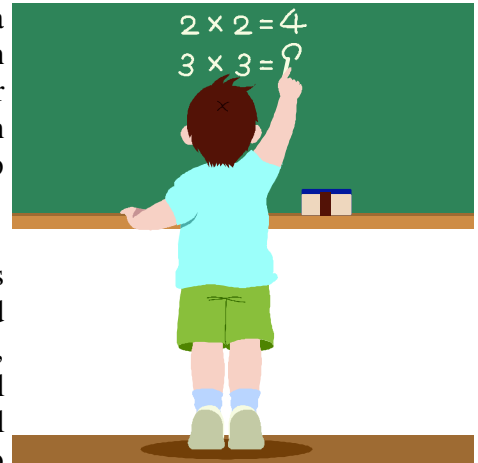
# The Three “R’s” Of Education: Reading, Writing, and Recklessness?

By Steve Higginbotham

I’m sure that many of you have heard of the events that recently transpired at Boulder High School in Colorado. An associate clinical professor of psychology at the University of California was asked to speak to the High School students in a school assembly. At this assembly this professor said...

“I am going to encourage you to have sex and encourage you to use drugs appropriately...Why I am going to talk that position is because you are going to do it anyway...I think as psychologist and health educator, it is more important to educate you in a direction that you might actually stick to.”

Can you imagine such advice? Even more, can you imagine a school system that would not rise up to challenge and denounce such reckless advice? Friends, this is an indication of the direction our society is taking. Moral absolutes are simply dismissed as puritan religious hang-ups. In our pluralistic society, everything thing is up for grabs.



I must wonder if they will add another six weeks to their driver’s education course to cover the following material... “How to Speed Without Getting a Ticket.” After all, using the same rationale, “since young people are going to speed anyway, they might as well be taught how to speed responsibly.” Maybe this additional course could contain such matters as “Radar Detectors,” “How to Talk Your Way Out of A Ticket,” “How to Pay a Ticket Without Your Parents Knowing,” and “How to Lose the Police on a Side Street.”

Silly isn’t it? Of course it is but so is instructing teenage children to engage in sexual behavior and take drugs. Friends, I wouldn’t be surprised at anything anymore.

So what do we do? How can we stop such nonsense? Well, I have a few suggestions. First, realize that the world will always be the world. You can’t expect the world to live by the moral standards of Jesus. They are not disciples of Jesus and therefore will not embrace the same ethics as Jesus and his followers. That being said, we live in a society that permits public dissent and freedom of speech. So second, speak up! Be heard! Express your views to those in position of authority. If enough Christian would be vocal about their faith, maybe our society would take us more seriously.

Brethren, don’t allow our society to slip further and further from the absolute moral standards of God. When you see something that is “unacceptable,” speak up. Be heard. Express yourself. Don’t just be a bystander to a tragedy when you can do something. Can I, by myself make a difference? Can I, by myself set the world on fire? Maybe not. But may we all be found striking matches when the Lord returns.

# Family Matters

## Sick List

- Dorothy Coffey is in room #251 at the Community Hospital.
- Arnold Mansfield will undergo outpatient surgery on Friday.
- Tommy White is in the Centennial Hospital in Nashville.
- Howard Gray, nephew of Dr. Carolyn McKinley, will be undergoing treatments.

## Prayer Request

- John Bull, Terry Frazier and Harold Pace
- Carroll Benedict, friend of Doug & Linda Frasier
- Shawn Bryant is undergoing experimental cancer treatment
- Ruby Claywell, mother of Beverly Smith, has been diagnosed with stage one cancer
- Patricia Cleary, cousin of Gladys Thomas, is now recovering at home
- Marie Denton, sister-in-law of Peggy Adwell, is undergoing cancer treatments
- Mary Gwen Goodman, friend of Freda Dugger
- Philip Smith, son of Ann Surber
- Shevin Smith, grandson of Ann Surber

## Thank You Notes

Thanks for the many acts of kindness shown to me and my mother, Carrie Whitlow, during her illness and death. Thanks for your prayers, visits, cards and flowers. Thanks to the ladies who prepared the meal for the family after the funeral. It was delicious and much appreciated by everyone who attended.

Betty & Randall Turner

Thanks for every acts of kindness shown to me and my family in the sickness and death of my brother, John Robert Bradley.

Margaret Bunch

I would like to thank everyone for the beautiful cards that I have received since I have been in the hospital. Also, thanks for the beautiful flowers sent to me on my birthday. I love each of you. Please continue to keep me in your prayers.

Dorothy Coffey

## VBS

A special thanks to all the teachers, assistants, kitchen workers, and craft volunteers who help last week with Vacation Bible School. Thanks to Sam Bulle for providing the snacks, drinks and the food for the picnic. A special thanks to Billy & Peggy Pritchard for the use of their yard for the picnic.

## Camp

Camp will begin Sunday afternoon, June 10. We will leave the church building at 1:15. Should you want to send mail to anyone at camp the address is: Taylor Christian Camp, 487 Booker Rd., Holland, KY 42153.

## Visitation Team #2

Visitation Team #2 will meet Sunday morning, June 10, following worship services for a potluck meal and their final meeting. Team members are reminded to bring their visitation records to turn in. Team Leaders are Billy Pritchard and Alan Beals.

## Area Events

- Gospel Meeting-Elizabethtown Church of Christ-June 3-6-John Kachelman, Jr., Speaker-7:00 p.m. *Eastern Time*
- Vacation Bible School-Coral Hill Church of Christ-June 11-15-6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.-Theme Neighbors For Jesus-Classes Primary-Adult
- Gospel Meeting-Beckton Church of Christ-June 18-22-Steve Higginbotham, Speaker-7:00 p.m.
- Vacation Bible School-Cave City Church of Christ-10:00a.m.-12:00 p.m.-Theme-Neighbors For Jesus
- Gospel Meeting-Pleasant Hill Church of Christ-June 28-July 1-7:00 p.m.

### For The Record

Sunday Morning Attendance .....	409
Sunday Contribution .....	\$7,724.60
2007 Weekly Budget .....	\$6,700.00
2007 Weekly Average .....	\$6,854.47

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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.

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