

Weekly Newsletter

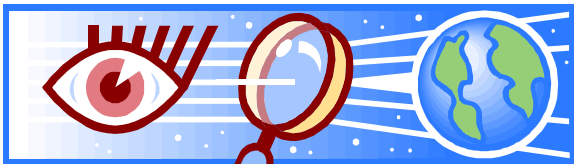
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Being Spiritual = Seeing Spiritual

For this summer's teen Bible classes, we will investigate what it really means to live the spiritual life. Some Christians almost shudder when they hear the words "spiritual" or "spirituality" because of their misuse in today's vocabulary. The Bible, however, provides us with God's definition of what it means to be spiritual and what a spiritual life looks like.

Galatians 5:16ff reveals that those who are Spirit-led have put off the sinful desires of the flesh and have embraced the fruits of the Spirit. On the intellectual level, I find these "fruits" quite easy to understand. On a spiritual plain, however, I often find them difficult to practice. So how do we, as God's people, grow in our spiritual thinking and living?



Allow me to make the following suggestion: We must change our focus. Passages like II Cor. 4:18, 5:7 & Col. 3:2 reveal that the spiritual life results from a spiritual focus. Jesus teaches in Luke 11:34-36 that the content of our focus will determine the character of our lives. Simply put, if we want to live spiritually, we have to see spiritually.

Those who have turned their eyes from the vain things of this world and opened them to God's eternal landscape have remarkably different lives. They are calmer, kinder, and more content. In a word, they are more Christ-like. Such a life is promised to us . . . but only if we are willing to change our focus. Let's us this week and every week hereafter to develop our spiritual sight. As we do, others will more easily see Christ living in us, and so will we.

CHRIST IN *Youth*

Now that Caroline and I are here, we want to do all within our ability to keep the youth group going in a positive direction and, with God's help, see it grow in size, faith, and influence throughout our community. In order to accomplish these goals, we will need the input, energy, and resources of the entire congregation. We will especially need the help of our parents and the youth themselves.

Within the next few weeks, I will be meeting with the elders and the deacons over our youth to discuss different ideas and suggestions for the group. If any parents (or any other member for that matter) would like to meet with me, please feel free to call or email to set up a time. I have already encouraged the teenagers to submit whatever ideas they have. As with all things, we all have ideas but only so many of them can be implemented at a time, so please do not take it personally if your suggestions are not immediately put into action.

While Caroline and I will give you our best, please remember that we are still prone to making mistakes and we still have much to learn. As long as we are all patient with one another and display love for one another, though, nothing but good will result from our working together.

We look forward to getting to know everyone here and growing in Christ together. If we can ever be of service to anyone, please let us know. May God bless us as we serve Him.

- Blaine

Never Satisfied

by Steve Higginbotham

We probably all know of people who are in the grips of negativism. Nothing seems to cross their path that would bring a smile to their face. In every good event, these people are able to find something that is wrong or lacking.

I'll always remember the complaints of a television commentator after the Boston Red Sox celebrated their first World Series victory in 86 years. The last time they had won the World Series was in 1918. Such a long drought of failing to win the World Series had people believing they were cursed for trading away Babe Ruth. But now, the curse is over. They finally won, and in convincing fashion! Few World Series victories could have meant more to fans after such a long wait. So you could imagine my surprise when I heard a commentator on television bemoaning the loss of tradition (a losing tradition) for the Red Sox fans. He lamented that a "bond" had been broken that all Red Sox fans, for several generations, have had it common. Now, a whole generation of kids will grow up knowing nothing of the frustration of their parents and grandparents. They will know nothing of the "curse of the Bambino." How sad!

Are you kidding? Are people really that negative? Can one find something to complain about in one of the greatest World Series victories for a Red Sox fan? Apparently so, but before we criticize this commentator for his negative remarks, maybe we would do well to examine our own lives.



Have you ever been guilty of complaining and being negative in the midst of incalculable good being done? Just take a look at the local church. It is not a rare thing in our brotherhood to hear of discontented brethren complaining about one thing or another. But think about it. Each day in the life of a congregation sees people living out the Lordship of Jesus in their daily life. Every day people are ministering to those who have needs. Every day someone has learned another nugget of truth from the study of God's word. Sacrifices of teaching, service, and money are made continually so that the work of the church can continue to prosper in a community. Souls are saved from sin and those once saved are restored to their first love. The "weightiness" of these matters cannot be measured, but they are routine in a local church.

But now, here's where we might be guilty. In the face of so much good, we may find ourselves being critical, dissatisfied, and complaining. We may be guilty of being blinded to the good by our focus on the negative.

My suggestion...back up from the tree so you can see the forest! I'm not suggesting that we gloss over our faults, but I am suggesting that we broaden our vision to see the good that is being accomplished. And finally remember what the Book says, "Do all things without murmuring and disputing" (Philippians 2:14).

Family Matters

Sick List

- Dorothy Coffey is now at home.
- Arnold Mansfield is recovering at home following outpatient surgery.
- Nella Stewart, grandmother of Frankie England, underwent heart surgery at the Jewish Hospital on Thursday, June 6. Please continue to keep her and her family in your prayers.

Prayer Request

- Terry Frazier and Harold Pace
- 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
- Howard Gray, nephew of Dr. Carolyn McKinley
- Mary Gwen Goodman, friend of Freda Dugger
- Philip Smith, son of Ann Surber
- Shevin Smith, grandson of Ann Surber

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the friends and family of Hollis England. He passed away on Sunday, June 10. Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday at the Woodfin Funeral Chapel in Murfreesboro, TN. Hollis was the brother-in-law of Marilyn Grider.

A Memorial Service will be conducted on June 16 at 11:00 a.m. at the Hatcher & Sadler Funeral Home for Roena Dearing. Roena passed away in Texas on April 19. Roena was the sister-in-law of Ethel Fant and the aunt of David Fant.

Visitation Team

Visitation Team #3 will not meet this coming Sunday because of Father's Day. Team #3 will meet on June 24 following the morning service for a potluck meal and meeting. Please bring your records to turn in. Leaders are Doug Frasier & Jim Searcy.

Area Events

- 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.

Birthday

Banna Smith Proffitt will be 98 years old on June 26, 2007. She is the mother of Dixie Strode and the grandmother of Charlotte Birge. Cards may be sent to: Banna Smith Proffitt, The Palace, P.O. Box 150, Red Boiling Springs, TN 37150.

Mark Your Calendar!

This year South Green will host the area wide Teacher Training Seminar. This Seminar is scheduled for September 24 and 25, from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. The speakers will include: Sellers Crain, Dale Graham, Mike Greene, Tom Hall, David Hamilton, Steve Higginbotham, Blaine Kelly and Mark Sexton. Speaking to the ladies who teach children's Bible classes will be Lea Dye and Kim Higginbotham. A special song leading class will be conducted by Todd Walker from Murray, KY. Make plans to attend this Seminar!

For The Record

Sunday Morning Attendance	419
Sunday Contribution	\$7,214.81
2007 Weekly Budget	\$6,700.00
2007 Weekly Average	\$6,870.13

Sunday Morning, June 17, 2007

Deacons in Charge..... Chris Page
 Kevin Redford
 Announcements..... Scott Bradford
 Song Leader..... David Fant
 Opening Prayer..... Glenn Pitcock
 Lesson..... Steve Higginbotham
 Presiding at the Table Darrell Pitcock
 Fred Proffitt
 Serving the Assembly..... Mitchell Hare
 Doyle Coffey
 Rondyl Leftwich
 Seth Groce
 Serving the Balcony..... Kerry Dilley
 Nick Pace
 Trent Fergerson
 Closing Remarks..... Tommy Gumm
 Dismissal Prayer..... Billy Pritchard
 Greeters (Front Door) Ronnie Turner
 Debbie Turner
 Greeters (Back Door) Tom Edwards
 Georgia Edwards
 Greeter (Side Door)..... Ann Fife
 Assistance (Back Door)..... Jonathan Bellamy
 Umbrella (Back Door)..... Kameron Bellamy

Ushers Jewett Steenberg
 Basil Surber
 Usher & Serve Basement James Williams
 Ralph Dunbar
 Count Contribution..... Walter Smith
 Tony Shirley
 Darrell Miller
 Allen Peden
 Nursery Attendant..... Janet Harp
 Bake Bread..... Beverly Bonner
 Bus Driver..... Jerry Staples
 Pick Up Attendance Cards..... Chase Watkins
 Seth Groce

Sunday Evening Service

Announcements..... Scott Bradford
 Song Leader..... David Fant
 Opening Prayer..... Mark Bowman
 Lesson..... Steve Higginbotham
 Presiding at the Table David Gray
 Jim Searcy
 Dismissal Prayer..... John Weaver

Wednesday Evening Service

Song Leader..... Jackie Perkins
 Prayer..... Tommy Gumm

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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