

Weekly Newsletter

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Which Way to Go?

With last Wednesday being the Fourth of July, Caroline and I decided to be adventurous and go hiking at Mammoth Cave. We wanted a trail that we could complete in about an hour and a half. Upon doing a little (uh um, very little) research on what trail to take, I found a path that suited our desires and off we went.

Now before I proceed, I should mention that we had a map and that we charted our course before we began. However, either due to our (uh um, my)misreading of the map or a less-than-accurate key, we found that our holiday stroll in the woods had become a grand venture.

About an hour into the woods, we realized that our journey was just beginning, and we were without any water. We were left with one of the following two options: (1) Give up and turn around or (2) Complete the task before us. We chose the latter.



Three hours after we started, our hike was complete. Although exhausted and sore, we were thrilled to see both our journey's end and something cold to drink. We (uh um, I) will plan better for the next hike.

Do our lives not sometimes feel like this? We make a decision or set a direction and, without intention, we find ourselves somewhere we never wanted to be. Do we give up or keep going? Sadly, many choose to give up on both themselves and God. Those who keep going, however, know the joy of overcoming life's obstacles and the reward of endurance. Whether your path is a trudge or a stroll, remember that the end is always the best part of our journey . . . if only we keep going. — Blaine

CHRIST IN Youth

Upcoming Events

Here are some activities and other events coming up over the next few weeks.

- This Friday, July 13, we will travel to Chattanooga for a youth rally at which Blaine will be speaking. Teens should be at the building by **3 pm Friday**. We will be back in Glasgow on the evening of Saturday, July 14. Teens, please bring sleeping bags, toiletries, and enough money for a couple of meals while travelling.
- Next Monday, July 16, Bobby Steenbergen will be taking us on a special after-hours lantern tour at Mammoth Cave. We will leave the church building at **4:30 pm**. Blaine needs to know who will be going and how many have gone on the tour in past years. Thanks, Bobby, for inviting us for this special event!
- The Elizabethtown church of Christ will be hosting a youth rally on the weekend of July 27-28 with Jerry Elder as the featured speaker.
- Upon return from Etown, the Youth Group will host its annual Seniors Appreciation Banquet on Saturday evening, July 28. We will begin planning for this event this week.

DON'T FORGET—The Youth Center is open on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons throughout the rest of summer. Calendars for July's activities are now available at the building. If you have yet to take advantage of this opportunity to have some fun while building stronger friendships with others, give it a try this week. We hope to see you there!

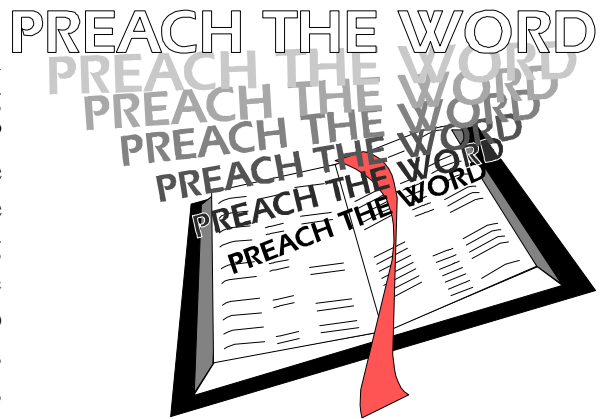
What Is The Mission Of The Church?

By Steve Higginbotham

There is a trend among many churches these days to attempt to formulate a “mission statement” for a church. Elders, Deacons, Preachers, and church members spend hours together attempting to carefully construct a document that accurately reflects the mission of their congregation. Now understand, I’m not opposed to such concepts. A mission statement is fine if a church wants one. My problem is that I’m not really interested in “re-inventing the wheel.”

After all, did not the Lord leave his church with a mission? Cannot that mission be discovered in his word? I was always under the impression that the church already had a “mission statement,” namely, “To him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever, Amen.” (Eph. 3:21). I don’t know that the collective wisdom of men can come up with a more poignant, concise statement regarding the mission of the church.

But now, what about the mission of the church? Could you easily discover the mission of the Lord’s church by looking around you at the “churches” you see in your community? What’s it all about? Some might get the idea that the mission of the church is to cater to the desires of the people. Facilities are built to conveniently offer everything under one roof like the local mall or YMCA. The message from many pulpits has been repackaged in an effort to remove any offense and to be as accommodating as possible to as many people as possible. J.I. Packer calls this new trend “hot tub religion.”



If that's an appropriate designation, I for one, am all for pulling the plug in the hot tub. Friends, the real mission of the church is not to make people happy, but to make them holy. Not to offer recreation, but reconciliation. Not to encourage people to seek therapy, but to seek authority. People should not be more acquainted with the 12 steps to recovery than they are with the steps to salvation.

It's time we quit trying to make the church "relevant" to a worldly, secular society. Let the church be the church. The true measure of a church is not in slick marketing techniques, cleverly formulated mission statements, but in biblical faithfulness. Please don't forget the real mission of the church, which is to bring honor and glory to God through Jesus in the church.

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to all generations, forever and ever, Amen.” (Eph. 3:21).

Family Matters

Sick List

- C.G. Coomer of Cave City suffered a stroke. Prayers are requested for this family.
- Frank & Nella Stewart, grandparents of Frankie England, are both recovering from recent heart surgery. Please continue to remember this family in your prayers. Cards may be sent to: Frank & Nella Stewart, 3614 Gamaliel Rd., Tompkinsville, KY 42167.

Prayer List

- Frenchie Belcher, John Bull, Dorothy Coffey and Eunice Shipley
- Susan Carter, friend of Janet Dilley

Visitation Team

Visitation Team #3 will meet Sunday following the morning worship service for a potluck meal and a meeting. Team members should bring their visitation records to turn in. Team Leaders are Walter Smith and Steve Higginbotham.

Golf Scramble

The Annual Golf Scramble is scheduled for Saturday, July 21, at the Fox Hollow Golf Course. Start time is 8:00 a.m. The cost is \$24.00. Sign-up and pay in advance deadline is July 15, no exceptions. Payment should be given to Darrell Pitcock. Sign-up sheets are posted in the foyer and near the rear entrance of the building.

Senior Members Banquet

The Youth of the South Green Street Church of Christ will host a Senior Members Banquet on Saturday, July 28, 2007, at 5:30 p.m. If you and/or your spouse are sixty years and above you are cordially invited to attend. Sign-up forms are located in the foyer and also near the rear entrance of the building. We hope that each Senior Member of South Green will make plans to attend this special event!

Back To School

Donations are now being accepted for the Back To School Ministry. Each year donations to this ministry are used to purchase school supplies and other essentials for a selected school in our area. Please give donations to Gary Edmunds or Rollin Simmons.

VBS

The South Edmonton Church of Christ in Edmonton, KY, will have Vacation Bible School, July 22-25 at 6:30 p.m. Classes for everyone! You are cordially invited to attend.

Teacher Training Seminar

An area wide Teacher Training Seminar will be conducted September 24 and 25, from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at the South Green Street Church of Christ. There will be sessions for teachers from Cradle Roll through adults, a non-teacher class, as well as, a special song leading class. Speakers for these sessions include: Preschool Teachers-Lea Dye, Primary Teachers-Kim Higginbotham, Intermediate Teachers-Mark Sexton and Blaine Kelly, Adult Teachers-Sellers Crain and David Hamilton. Speakers for the non-teachers will be Dale Graham, Mike Greene, Tom Hall and Steve Higginbotham. The song leading class will be conducted by Todd Walker from Murray, KY. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend.

For The Record

Sunday Morning Attendance	411
Sunday Contribution	\$6,801.77
2007 Weekly Budget	\$6,700.00
2007 Weekly Average	\$6,848.08

Sunday Morning, July 15, 2007

Deacons in Charge.....Glenn Pitcock
Ronnie Turner
 Announcements.....Jim Searcy
 Song Leader.....Scott Bradford
 Opening Prayer.....Trent Ferguson
 Lesson.....Steve Higginbotham
 Presiding at the TableJohn Weaver
David Gray
 Serving the Assembly.....Kerry Dilley
Nick Pace
Frankie McCoy
Mason Matthews
 Serving the Balcony.....Dan Button
Seth Groce
Lloyd Isenberg
 Closing Remarks.....Billy Pritchard
 Dismissal Prayer.....Chris Page
 Greeters (Front Door).....Beverly Bonner
Janet Dilley
 Greeters (Back Door).....Billy Brown
Patty Brown
 Greeter (Side Door).....Lois Houchens
 Assistance (Back Door).....Glen Birge
 Umbrella (Back Door).....Walter Smith

Ushers.....Shane Walton
Tony Shirley
 Usher & Serve Basement.....James Williams
Larry Estes
 Count Contribution.....Bobby Steenbergen
Jay Turner
Jewett Steenbergen
Larry Baldock
 Nursery Attendant.....Dottie Ritter
 Bake Bread.....Debbie Turner
 Bus Driver.....Mason Matthews
 Pick Up Attendance Cards.....Spencer Toms
Clay Ferguson

Sunday Evening Service

Announcements.....Jim Searcy
 Song Leader.....Scott Bradford
 Opening Prayer.....Rollin Simmons
 Lesson.....Steve Higginbotham
 Presiding at the Table.....David Alls
Jimmy Smith
 Dismissal Prayer.....Tommy Gumm

Wednesday Evening Service

Song Leader.....Jackie Perkins
 Prayer.....Sam Bulle

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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