

Weekly Newsletter

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Seek First . . .

If one were to make a “Hall of Fame” of Bible verses, Matthew 6:33 would doubtlessly be one of the first passages enshrined. In the midst of reassuring His listeners that God knows the needs of every person, Jesus sets the contrast between temporal and eternal priorities by saying, *“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”*

This passage is most often used to highlight the significance that the church (i.e., God’s current kingdom) should receive in our lives today. The church should never take second place in our lives, and this verse definitely addresses such a priority. However, God’s kingdom is not the only priority given attention in Matthew 6:33. There is a “rest of the story” in this verse that we often overlook—seeking God’s righteousness first for our lives.

We occasionally lament those who say, “Give me Jesus but not the church.” What about those who say, “Give me the church but not God’s righteousness?” That might sound silly, but consider how His righteousness is often forgotten in our daily lives.

- Do we seek God’s righteousness when it comes to how we present and conduct ourselves around others?
- Is God’s righteousness sought in our selection of TV shows, movies, music, websites, magazines, and other entertainment?
- Is God’s righteousness a part of how we treat and talk about others?

God’s righteousness should be our first consideration for all we do in life. When it and His kingdom reign over our lives, “all of these things” will be added to us. Let’s keep seeking both God’s kingdom and righteousness, find them, and never let them go.

- Blaine

CHRIST IN Youth

Coming Up . . .

Here are some upcoming items to keep in mind:

- The High School class will begin an overview of the Old Testament this Sunday. Please read Genesis before this first class. A reading schedule for each week will be given at the first class.
- Starting on Wednesday, Sept. 5, the High School and 7th & 8th Grade classes will meet together on Wednesday nights in the annex. Our theme will be “What Would Jesus Do . . . In My World?”
- Friday, Sept. 7—Following the Glasgow-Barren County football game, there will be a lock-in at the church building for ages 7th grade and up. Invite your friends and bring whatever games you want to play. Food will be provided.
- Sunday, Sept. 9—Following evening services, we will have our first “Family Night” of the Fall in the Youth Center.

Congratulations!!!



Congratulations go out to Catherine Beals of Barren County High School and Charli Fant of Glasgow High School for representing their schools as outstanding student-athletes at the T.J. Samson Bowl. We commend them on their accomplishments, but we especially commend them for their faith and example.

Religion And Politics

by Steve Higginbotham

Few topics are able to stir the ire of people as the topic of religion and politics. In fact, I'm sure some are reading this article that might normally skip by this page because the title caught their attention. However, before I address the relationship between religion and politics, I would like to express a desire and make an observation about politics. I wish more disciples of Christ would practice their religion like they do their politics.

- I wish more Christians would be as vocal about their Christianity as they are their politics.
- I wish more Christians would be as willing to promote Jesus Christ to the lost as they are their presidential candidate to their neighbors.
- I wish more Christians would be as willing to defend the doctrine of Christ as they are the platform of their political party.

Do you not find it strange that God's children can be moved to be so vocal and involved when it comes to politics, but so timid and uninvolved when it comes to Christianity? Brethren, our actions betray us! Passion is driven by love, and a lack of passion for the cause of Christ betrays our waning love for him.

Now to the topic at hand. Should religion and politics mix? Should the church be involved in politics? The answer to that question is a qualified "no." If you're talking about strictly political issues, "no." Such issues as education reform, welfare reform, income tax, the economy, foreign policy, etc. are issues that can have differing perspectives. For the church to take a position on such issues misses the mission of the church and drives a wedge between itself and honest people who hold a different viewpoint. Concerning such political issues, Paul sums up our responsibility in Romans 13 by saying that we should pray, pay, and obey.

However, if you're talking about moral issues that have been politicized, "yes," not only should the church be involved, but it must. Abortion issues, euthanasia issues, homosexual marriage issues, alcohol issues, gambling issues, etc., these are issues that are moral issues and the voice of the church must be heard! Friends remember, the church is the pillar and ground of the truth (1 Timothy 3:15). Not only does the church have the right to speak out on such moral issues, it has a God given responsibility to speak out on such issues.

If we're talking about taxes, economy, education, foreign policy, well now, all I have to offer is my opinion which may very well be inferior to yours - pay no mind. However, on moral issues, God has already spoken and we know exactly where we should stand on those issues. On political issues...vote your opinion and freely oppose those who differ with you. However, on moral issues, we dare not find ourselves in opposition to God.



Family Matters

Sick List

- Jesse Abney is in the Community Hospital.
- Debbie Gray is hospitalized, no visitors please.
- Sally Henry is ill at home.

Prayer List

- Patricia Cleary, cousin of Gladys Thomas
- The sister of Cortni Crews, BCMS principal
- Marie Denton, sister-in-law of Peggy Adwell
- Jean Pardue, sister of Annette Simmons
- Wayne & Jane Pruitt, friends of Beverly Smith
- Adam Williams, husband of Whitney Turner

Restoration

Tommy White responded to the invitation on August 19 and requested prayers on his behalf. Please honor Tommy's request and keep him in your daily prayers.

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the friends and family of Maybelle Steen. She passed away on August 24. Funeral services were conducted Monday at the Crow Funeral Home. She was the mother of John Steen. The grandmother of Les Steen and Susan Pace and the great grandmother of Hannah & Emma Steen and Preston Pace.

Birth

Justin, Amanda & Luke Lohden announce the birth of their son, Griffin Parker on August 23. Griffin weighed 8 lbs. 11 3/4 oz. The proud grandparents are Jeffrey & Sonya Hogue. Griffin is the nephew of Stacey & Scott Wright.

Visitation

Visitation Team #1 will meet Sunday, September 2, for a brief meeting following the morning worship service, no meal. Team members should bring their visitation records to turn in. Team Leaders are Tommy Gumm and Glenn Pitcock.

Chronology

A reminder to the children that have been studying the Chronology that we will meet Sunday afternoon at 5:00 in the church basement. Bible class teachers, 1st grade-high school, are encouraged to attend.

Reception

The children of Ruth Stephens invite you to a Reception in honor of her 90th Birthday. This Reception will be held Sunday, September 2, 2007, from 2:00p.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Columbia Avenue Church of Christ Family Life Center. No gifts please.

Wedding

You are invited to the wedding of Richie Thompson and Ashley Bowman on September 8 at 5:30 p.m. at the Glasgow Baptist Church. Richie is the son of Margie Thompson and Richard Thompson. Ashley is the daughter of Gerry & Becky Bowman.

Thank You Notes

Many thanks from the staff and patients on the Pediatric floor at the Community Hospital. Your donation and thoughtfulness was very much appreciated.

Thank you to all for your prayers, phone calls, cards and food. You all are very special to me and have made me feel special.

In Christian Love,
Brenda Kirk

I want to thank my church family for all the prayers, phone calls, cards and food prepared during my recent surgery. The love and care shown to Doug and me was wonderful. We love you all.

Frenchie Belcher

For The Record

Sunday Morning Attendance	408
Sunday Contribution	\$6,625.87
2007 Weekly Budget	\$6,700.00
2007 Weekly Average	\$6,826.29

Sunday Morning, September 2, 2007

Deacons in Charge..... Walter Smith
 Ronnie Turner
 Announcements..... Tommy Gumm
 Song Leader..... Jackie Perkins
 Opening Prayer..... Chris Page
 Lesson..... Steve Higginbotham
 Presiding at the Table Rollin Simmons
 Tom Edwards
 Serving the Assembly..... Mike Martin
 Jonathan Dugger
 Mason Matthews
 Jimmy Smith
 Serving the Balcony..... Larry Baldock
 Gordon Kelsay, Jr.
 Robert Spear
 Closing Remarks..... Darrell Pitcock
 Dismissal Prayer..... David Gray
 Greeters (Front Door) Stanley Walton
 Betty Walton
 Greeters (Back Door) Nancy Botts
 Wilma Williams
 Greeter (Side Door)..... Covella Hare
 Assistance (Back Door)..... Shane Walton
 Umbrella (Back Door)..... Jerry Staples

Ushers Guy Simmons
 Doug Frasier
 Usher & Serve Basement James Williams
 Jewett Steenbergen
 Count Contribution..... Trent Fergerson
 Nick Pace
 Ernie Weir
 Dickie Barrick
 Nursery Attendant..... Amanda Dugger
 Bake Bread..... Shirley Coffey
 Bus Driver..... Glenn Pritchard
 Pick Up Attendance Cards..... Christopher Staples
 Kameron Bellamy

Sunday Evening Service

Announcements..... Tommy Gumm
 Song Leader..... Jackie Perkins
 Opening Prayer..... Fred Proffitt
 Lesson..... Steve Higginbotham
 Presiding at the Table Scott Bradford
 Tony Shirley
 Dismissal Prayer..... Howard Alls

Wednesday Evening Service

Song Leader..... Robbie Fudge
 Prayer..... Billy Pritchard

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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