

# Weekly Newsletter

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## Discontented Children

When a parent is asked, “What do you want most for your children,” they probably provide one of the following answers: health, success, or happiness. While parents can only control so many factors concerning their children’s health and success, many today want to *make* their children happy. I emphasize the word “make” because the reality is that we can not make anyone happy or unhappy. Happiness is a choice, an attitude, a disposition of mind.

As parents desire to make their children happy, they lavish them with things—toys, video games, unsupervised freedom, etc. They hesitate to tell their children “no” to anything, fearing the loss of their children’s love. The funny thing about this is that the more parents say “yes” to their children, the less true love and respect children show their parents. Eventually the day comes when that child becomes an adult and learns that life frequently says “no.” If children rarely hear “no” in their youth, they often do not appropriately react to hearing it as adults.

God’s parenting of us, His children, often involves Him saying “no.” Please read what He says to Paul in II Corinthians 12:7-10. What an amazing concept! By telling Paul “no,” God was helping the Apostle develop a greater sense of contentment. By being told “no,” Paul was able to more clearly divide his wants from his needs and focus on God rather than himself. By being told “no,” Paul did not place his hope in the fleeting stuff of this life. By being told “no,” Paul actually loved and served His Father with greater appreciation and faithfulness.

God instructs us that true contentment actually comes when we lack some of life’s stuff. In the absence of stuff, we find the fullness of contentment that comes through a saving relationship with God. If you want to follow God’s parenting style, say “yes” to your children at times, but please be sure to mix those “yesses” with a healthy dose of “nos.”—Blaine

## CHRIST IN *Youth*

### Upcoming Events

- A Valentine’s Progressive Dinner will be hosted for the Youth Group (middle & high school ages) this Saturday, February 16. We will meet at the building at 4:30 pm and finish back at the building around 10 pm.
- The Youth Group will be attending Freed-Hardeman’s annual production of *Makin’ Music* on Saturday, April 5. Tickets are \$16.25 each. We will leave Glasgow on Friday afternoon, stay in a Jackson-area hotel on Friday night, and return home Saturday evening. If you plan to go, please let Blaine know no later than Wednesday, February 20.
- Although we are still a few months away, please start thinking about ways in which you can help make our Youth Focus Day a great success. Invite your friends, plan on housing guests, and be willing to provide whatever help is needed. Postcards are now available at both building entrances, and a schedule for the weekend can be found on the Youth website. Youth Focus Day will be April 25 & 26.

### Bible Boot Camp

#### This Week’s Training

Topic: Forgiveness

Reading: Matt. 18; Luke 15; II Cor. 2

Memory: Matt. 18:21-22

*We are now on Round 2 of Boot*



*Camp. If you fell behind in Round 1, you still have time to recover!*

# Must Jesus Bear The Cross Alone?

by Steve Higginbotham

In 1693, Thomas Shepherd wrote the song entitled, "Must Jesus Bear The Cross Alone." Two of the verses of that song read as follows:

Must Jesus bear the cross alone,  
And all the world go free?  
No, there's a cross for everyone,  
And there's a cross for me.

The consecrated cross I'll bear,  
Till he shall set me free,  
And then go home to wear,  
For there's a crown for me.

I like that song for several reasons, but one is the biblical truth that so concisely expresses that one's cross comes before his crown." That fundamental truth seems to have been lost to many people, for how often to you hear of people giving up, quitting when difficulty arises?

How often have you heard of preachers who quit preaching, elders who quit shepherding, deacons who quit serving, Bible teachers who quit teaching, and Christians who quit following Jesus because of some difficult circumstance? It happens far too frequently than it should. Let someone hurt one's feelings and he quits. Let someone criticize one's work, and he quits. Let someone forget to thank one for his work, and he quits. Let someone overtly mistreat one because of his faith, and he quits.

The common thread that runs through all of these situations is that someone has forgotten that one must bear a cross before he is privileged to wear a crown! Don't lose sight of this truth. Work comes before rest. Sacrifice comes before reward. Struggle comes before victory. And humility comes before exaltation.

Friends, we need thicker skin. We cannot allow hurtful words or actions to keep us from doing the work of God. Too much is at stake for ourselves and others. Remember the apostle Paul and let him be a source of encouragement and strength to you. After all that he endured for Jesus; the beatings, stoning, weariness, and countless life-threatening situations, he said, "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" (2 Corinthians 4:17). Again, even in this passage, you have the same truth expressed: A cross before a crown.

So what about you? Are you bearing your cross in this life, or are you spending your time kicked back, daydreaming about how your crown is going to fit? Let's get to work. There's much to do. We have a cross to bear. Or, must Jesus bear the cross alone, and all the world go free? No, there's a cross for everyone, and there's a cross for me.



# Family Matters

## Prayer List

- Lucy Byrd Every, Sally Henry, Rollin Simmons and Joyce Weir
- Lena Britt, sister of Gladys Thomas, underwent surgery on Monday at the St. Mary & Elizabeth Hospital in Louisville
- Doug Burgess, member of the Beckton Church of Christ
- Delphia Coffey suffered a fall last week and was taken to the University of Louisville Hospital. She is now recovering at home
- Marie Denton, sister-in-law of Peggy Adwell
- Preston Jolly has pneumonia. Prayers are requested on his behalf
- Dr. Carolyn McKinley suffered a fall last week
- Mary Ann Pierce, mother of Kim Higginbotham, has been hospitalized in Missouri.

## Thank You Notes

Thanks for the beautiful cards, prayers, food, visits and phone calls during my illness.

In Christian Love,  
Wilma Williams

I want to say thank you to all those that came by the hospital, sent cards, brought food, called and most importantly the prayers. Everyone has been so thoughtful and caring.

In Christian Love,  
Edna Vibbert

I want to thank everyone for the cards, calls and prayers during my recent illness. I appreciate all the kindness shown to me.

In Christian Love,  
Maxine McMurtrey

## Visitation Team #3

Visitation Team #3 will meet Sunday night, February 17, following services for a brief meeting, no meal. Team members are reminded to bring their visitation records to turn in. Team Leaders are Billy Pritchard and Alan Beals.

## Workshop at Mt. Juliet

The Mt. Juliet Church of Christ will host an area wide event for all Bible class teachers and for parents of teens on March 1. The speaker for the children’s teachers will be Sue Crabtree, author of Let’s Be Great Teachers. Joe Wells with Focus Press will speak on “Confronting Culture” to Parents and Teen Teachers. Bill Watkins from the Crieve Hall Church of Christ will be leading the Adult Teacher Sessions. Registration is from 8:30-9:00. A catered lunch will be served at noon.

## Seminar at Lehman Avenue

The Fundamental Truths Seminar at the Lehman Avenue Church of Christ will be held on Saturday, March 29, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The speakers will be Mike Greene and Tom Holland. This year the theme is “The Emerging New Church.” Child care will be provided. Lunch served following the program.

## Church Scrapbook

Due to a scheduling conflict the date to work on the church Scrapbook has been postponed until Tuesday, March 4. If you have photos of church activities from 2007 that you want included in the scrapbook please give them to Leslie Wilson or turn them in to the office as soon as possible.

### For The Record

Sunday Morning Attendance .....	399
Sunday Contribution .....	\$6,806.60
2008 Weekly Budget .....	\$7,000.00
2008 Weekly Average .....	\$7,086.82

**Sunday Morning, February 17, 2008**

Deacons in Charge..... Chris Page  
 ..... Mark Bowman  
 Announcements..... Robbie Fudge  
 Song Leader..... Scott Bradford  
 Opening Prayer..... Doyle Coffey  
 Lesson..... Steve Higginbotham  
 Presiding at the Table ..... Howard Alls  
 ..... Sam Bulle  
 Serving the Assembly..... Larry Baldock  
 ..... Jay Turner  
 ..... Wendy Frazier  
 ..... Jimmy Smith  
 Serving the Balcony..... Darrell Miller  
 ..... Jerry Staples  
 ..... Doug Belcher  
 Closing Remarks..... Darrell Pitcock  
 Dismissal Prayer..... Jim Searcy  
 Greeters (Front Door) ..... Dickie Barrick  
 ..... Marilyn Barrick  
 Greeters (Back Door) ..... Trent Ferguson  
 ..... Stacey Ferguson  
 Greeter (Side Door)..... Nancy Botts  
 Assistance (Back Door)..... Tom Edwards  
 Umbrella (Back Door)..... Georgia Edwards

Ushers ..... Jessie Thompson  
 ..... Walter Smith  
 Usher & Serve Basement ..... James Williams  
 ..... Nick Pace  
 Count Contribution..... Joe Prichard  
 ..... John Alan Estes  
 ..... Guy Simmons  
 ..... Jewett Steenbergen  
 Nursery Attendant..... Sheryl England  
 Bake Bread..... Covella Hare  
 Bus Driver..... Jerry Staples  
 Pick Up Attendance Cards..... Tanner Siebold  
 ..... Tanner Wright

**Sunday Evening Service**

Announcements..... Robbie Fudge  
 Song Leader..... Scott Bradford  
 Opening Prayer..... Glenn Pitcock  
 Lesson..... Steve Higginbotham  
 Presiding at the Table ..... Tony Shirley  
 ..... Mark Bowman  
 Dismissal Prayer..... Branson Redford

**Wednesday Evening Service**

Song Leader..... Robbie Fudge  
 Prayer..... David Gray

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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