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Sunday Morning Worship		Ushers: Calvin Rogers & David Roberts	
Announcements	(686-2117) Kurt Maynard	Attend Nursery: Denice Reynolds	
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons	<i>Lock Building:</i> David McColloch	
First Prayer	Don Griffith	Prepare Communion:	
Reading	Caleb Graves	David & Iona King	
Scripture	Leviticus 10:1-3	0	
Lord's Table (N)	*Kelly Thaxton	Assist with Baptisms:	
(S)	*Jim Slatton	Sharon Driver & Sharon Reynolds	
(N)	Bran Merritt	<i>Pantry Item:</i> Beanie Weenies	
(N)	Ben Biles		
(N)	Joe T. Cantrell	Record For The Week	
(S)	Marty Boles David McColloch	A.M. Worship35	
(S)	Ryan McColloch	Bible Study	
(S) Sermon	Tony Lawrence	P.M. Worship21	
Dismiss	Johnny Anderson	Wednesday Bible Study	
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Sunday Evening Worship			
Announcements	(686-2117) Kurt Maynard	RETURN SEF	
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons		
First Prayer	Brett Merritt	NX NY	
Reading	Harold McGinness	SE]	
Scripture	Galatians 5:22-23	AVI Ter	
Lord's Table	*Ricky Prince	hville Road • Tennessee 37 XVICE REQUI	
	*Mark Lawrence	Rose Rose Received Re	
Sermon	Tony Lawrence		
Dismiss	Tommy Crouch	JES	
Wednesday Bil	ble Study	1165 Old Smithville Road • P.O. Box 147 McMinnville, Tennessee 37111-0147 [RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED]	
Announcements	(668-7078) Danny Duncan		
Lead Singing	Paul Hurst		
First Prayer	Jeff Flatt		

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Lee Gann

Tony Lawrence

Noel Pepper

Welcome Committee

Rickey Hurst Family

Ronnie Rogers Family

Bus Driver: Rodney Reynolds (473-3570)

Reading

Dismiss

A.M.

P.M.

Invitation



474-4600

Sick

- At Home:
 - Gerry Waddell Louise Driver (Mike's mother) Greg Grizzell Thelma Glenn Linda Glenn Betty Upton

In The Hospital:

Ken Lee-Riverpark ICU with blood sugar problems.
Freda Womack-St. Thomas, following a car accident
Minnie Carter (mother of Kathy Hamm), has a brain tumor and expected to live 4-6 weeks. Family has requested prayers
Dorothy Hennessee will enter Riverpark on Tuesday, March 22, for hip replacement surgery.

Help us keep the sick list updated by calling the church office when someone in your family is sick.

Opportunities For Edification

East End church of Christ, Gospel Meeting, March 13-17, 7:00 pm with Stan Stevenson

Arlington church of Christ, Gospel Meeting, March 13-16, 7:00 pm with Paul Meacham, Jr.

Summitville church of Christ, Lectureship, Saturday, March 19, 9:00 am to 2:15 pm with the theme: Fruit of the Spirit. Speakers: Ralph Hart, Tony Lawrence, Bob Edlin & Kip Green

Our own Gospel Meeting is not that far off. On April 10-14, brother David Sain will be conducting our meeting.

Invitation

Come celebrate 100 years of life, love, and laughter with Hallie Cantrell on Saturday, March 19, from 1-4 pm at her home at 544 Steakley Road, Viola, TN. Please RSVP 635-2811 by March 14. Your presence is your gift. In case of rain the party will be held at the Viola church of Christ.

Sunday's Sermons

A.M.....Sins Of Nadab & Abihu P.M....Peace & Longsuffering

Bible Bowl Results

This has been a wonderful year for the Bible Bowl with so many congregations doing so well. The March results were: 1st: Arlington, Rome, Mt Leo & Woodbury; 2nd Bybee Branch; 3rd Central; 4th Dibrell, Hebron, Leoni & New Union. For the year the results were: 1st Rome & Woodbury; 2nd Bybee Branch; 3rd Arlington; 4th Mt. Leo. Thanks to all who have helped our young people.

Hispanic Baptisms

There were three precious souls baptized this past weekend at the Hispanic congregation. On Saturday Pedro and Linda León were baptized and on Sunday, Lorenza Romero was baptized. Sister Romero is the wife of brother Hosea Luis Romero, the first Hispanic convert in McMinnville about 5 years ago.

How Do I Talk to My Friends about the Church?

Allow me to suggest four ways to communicate effectively this vital Bible truth. This plan can used to teach any "controversial" Bible truth.

Speak INTELLIGENTLY - This requires STUDY! "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim 2:15). May we never be guilty of misusing or misrepresenting God's Word. Speaking intelligently requires a knowledge of what to say, but it also includes knowing how to say it. Too many people have driven from the truth by well- meaning Christians either through poor attitudes or poor selection of words. Colossians 4:6 says, "Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, so that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man." Jesus spoke in words the common man could understand (Mark 12:37). Use words that are easily understood and create an interest in learning more.

Speak INCREMENTALLY - Don't try to teach everything you know (or think you know) in one sitting. Sometimes in our zeal to teach, we overload our audience with too much information. Remember! Most of our friends have never considered the idea that denominationalism is anti-biblical and unacceptable to God! The "one church is as good as another" idea has been taught to them all their lives. Even Jesus practiced this principle. In John 16:12, He told the twelve, "I have many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now." These men had been with Jesus, heard His teaching, and witnessed His miracles for three years, yet Jesus knew the limitations of their understanding. Paul writes similarly to the Corinthians in 1 Corinthians 11:34.

Speak ILLUSTRATIVELY - "A picture is worth a thousand words." The same is true in teaching. We all love to hear folks who can "spin yarns" and place you in the middle of their stories as if you were an invisible spectator. Great teachers and preachers do the same. Consider Jesus' first record sermon in Matthew 5-7. Jesus pictured His audience as the light of the world and a city on a hill (5:13-16). Not coincidentally, He was on a mountain at the time. He illustrated the hypocrisy of the religious leaders (6:1-8) and the worthlessness of worry (6:25-34). He illustrated using hyperbole (an intended exaggeration - 7:1-5). He spoke of narrow and broad roads (7:13-14), of sheep and wolves figs and thistles (7:15-20), of firm and foundering foundations (7:21-27). In like fashion, the church is pictured in many ways. It is called a kingdom in Matthew 13, meaning it has a king, subjects, a law, and a boundary. In 1 Corinthians 3, Paul describes the church as a family (v 1), a field or vineyard (v 9), a building (vv 9-14), and as a temple (vv 16-17). All of these characteristics of the church can be explored individually.

Finally, speak INSISTENTLY - "Buy the truth and sell it not" (Prov 23:23). Do not compromise the truth. Where the Bible speaks definitively on a subject, we must be firm in our resolve concerning that truth. The Bible speaks clearly as to the number of churches having a scriptural right to exist . . . ONE! Jesus promised to build His church, not churches (Matt 16:18). On the day of Pentecost, the saved were added to the church (Acts 2:47). Ephesians 4:4 says there is one body. Earlier in that same epistle, Paul equated that body with the church (Eph 1:23). Later, in Ephesians 5:23-32, Paul uses 12 nouns and pronouns to describe the church . . . all of them singular. This settles the matter of how many churches Jesus built and how many existed in the New Testament.

We must not be ashamed to say what the Bible says on this or any other subject (Mark 8:38). Let us all prepare ourselves to speak as oracles of God (1 Peter 4:11). Anything less is to do God and His word a terrible injustice.

~Todd Clippard~

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