



## Sick

### At Home:

*Doug Hendrixson - pneumonia*  
*Georgia Brooks*  
*Mary Davis*  
*Buell Warren*  
*Bill Biles*  
*Estelle Gann (Dennis' mother)*  
*Bobby Prater-(Flossie Warren's brother-in-law)*  
*Freda Womack*  
*Tim Fisher*  
*Junah Bouldin (nephew of Kirstie Dixson)*  
*Dillon Young (Judy Payne's grandson)*  
*Debbie Fitro (Rickey Hurst's sister)-cancer treatments (cards may be sent to: 2405 Edgewood Ave, Knoxville, TN 37917*

### In The Hospital:

*Judy Cook - St.Thomas following heart surgery*  
*Preslie Slatton (granddaughter of Jim & June Slatton)-Ronald McDonald House*  
*Lawrence & Betty Lane-NHC*  
*Betty Upton-Bedford County Nursing Home (835 Union Street, Shelbyville, Tennessee 37160)*  
*Helen Bouldin (Kelly Hillis' mother) - River Park*  
*Bessie Atnip (Eddie Palmer's mother) - River Park ICU*  
*Clyde Paris (brother-in-law to Nelma Chilton & Nona Martin) - River Park*  
*Melba Hillis (Dora Mullican's niece)-Vanderbilt following serious accident*  
*J.C. Clemons (Leonard's brother)-River Park*

## Sympathy

We want to extend our sympathy to the family of Kenneth Lance, father of our Janie Griffin. His funeral was this past Thursday afternoon.

## Sermons Topics

Sunday AM ..... God Deserves Our Best!  
Sunday PM .....Jesus Is Our Great Example

## Fall Festival

The Fall Festival this year will be this October 27, at Dale Bennett's Hickory Creek Farm. You are welcome to come any time after noon but the bus will leave the parking lot at 3 pm for those who do not wish to drive. We will be eating at 5 pm. There will be several activities planned including horseshoes, tree swing, hiking trails, fishing (bring your own tackle) and a hay ride. Those who are willing to make chili are asked to sign the board. Everyone else is asked to bring a dessert.

## Gospel Meeting

The *Keltonburg church of Christ* will host a Gospel Meeting on October 21-24, with services at 7 pm. with different speakers preaching each night.

## Notes From Steve

### HOME DEVOTIONAL

Shannon & Janie Griffin will host the October Home Devo. We will meet at their house immediately following our evening worship service this Sunday (10/28.) Kids should be picked up by 9:00 pm. Boys are to bring a 2-liter drink and girls a dessert.

### BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY

All the youth are invited to stay after our devotional this Wednesday night (10/24) to help celebrate students with October birthdays.

## Something To Think About....

It is the duty of the preacher not only to comfort the distressed, but to distress the comfortable.

Minnie Pearl once said of a certain person, "He wasn't really a failure. He just started at the bottom, found he liked it, and was content to stay there."

## God, The Marriage Counselor

In our Sunday morning Bible class, we are studying the topic of marriage. It is a deep subject and a very needed subject to study. For many couples, it is a long overdue subject.

Years ago in Chicago, I was faced with getting involved in the lives of marriages that had problems. As we worked though some of the issues in some of those marriages, I began to realize the church needed to realize that some in the flock needed help. It didn't take me long to realize that I felt ill-equipped to counsel the people that had come to me. Believe me, I raised lots of prayers about the problem.

Then somehow, I was brought back to basics. The Bible is the basic foundation for everything that comes from God. Every thing a Christian faces can be handled with the Word of God. God gives us this promise.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Peter 1:3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

God has provided for His people! Everything that is needed for people of God to be complete; everything that is needed to live a life of godliness, God has provided. Including help in marriage.

People were and are looking for marriage counselors. God's people actually want to be counseled by people that are not Christians on how to live the kind of marriage God wants them to live. That didn't make any sense to me then, and still doesn't to this day. And yet that is exactly what happens in many cases when a marriage has problems.

It was God that instituted marriage, not man. It was the courts of the land that has made a mess of marriage, not God. It is God's Word that can straighten it all out, but first, we must get back to the Word of God and what God has to say about marriages.

~Hardie Logan~

## Read The Instructions

When I was a boy, I can vividly remember my first two-wheeler bicycle that my dad bought me. It was a red Huffy "Cheater Slick" with a banana seat. Now, when he bought the bike, he had a choice of buying a display model that was already assembled, or he could buy the "bike in a box" that you had to assemble yourself. We bought the bike in a box because it was five dollars cheaper.

So we took the bike home and spread all the parts out on the living room floor. To a little boy, it all looked so confusing. But one thing I knew... I knew where the hand grips went, so I popped them on the handle bar without reading the instructions. To my dismay, I later learned that I shouldn't have been so hasty and should have read the instructions, for the handle bars had to be threaded through a joint prior to putting on the hand grips. Ut-oh. Too late. The grips were on, and wouldn't come off, so one of the grips had to be cut off. Consequently, my red Huffy bike always had just one hand grip.

That lesson learned many years ago reminds me that Life comes so much easier when we read the instructions. In fact, God left us an instruction book, the Bible. For instance, one of the things He tells us in the Bible is that it is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35), and yet how many people do you know who are pursuing happiness apart from giving and selflessness?

Friends, do yourself a favor and read the instructions before you make a mistake. God made you, and he knows best how you are to function. For best results, consult the owner's manual.

~Steve Higginbotham~