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#### Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt	
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves	
First Prayer	John David Keele	
Reading	Bruce Pryor	
Scripture	Amos 3:1-3	
	*Kelly Thaxton	
(S)	*Tommy Crouch	
	Caleb Graves	
	Chris Neale	
(N)	David Chilton	
(S)	Herb Rowland	
(S)	Jeff Flatt	
(S)	Joe T. Cantrell	
Sermon	Tony Lawrence	
Dismiss	Bob Cantrell	

#### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Don Griffith
Reading	Willie Newby
Scripture	Psalms 13
Lord's Table	*Michael Andrews
••••••	*Ethan Duncan
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Norman Sain

# Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Joe Collins
Lead Singing	Paul Hurst
First Prayer	Randy Griffith
Reading	David McColloch
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Tim Gann

### Welcome Committee

A.M	Marc Martin Family
P.M	Mike Mullins Family
Bus Driver:	Rodney Reynolds (473-3570)

	January 19, 2014	
Ushers:	Jeff Rhea & Ricky Prince	
	Jane Flatt	
	Jeff Templeton/Don Griffith	
Prepare Communion:	Michael Andrews Family	
Assist Baptisms:	Doris Smith & Missy Biles	
Pantry Item:	Canned Corn	
Elder Closing Remarks:Don Sullivan		
<b>Record For The Week</b>	<b></b>	
A.M.Worship		
Wednesday Bible Study		

Contribution.....

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#### At Home:

Christine Cantrell - at her daughter's home Brent Cantrell (son of Linda Cantrell) Buell Warren Marion Ward has returned home from NHC Elsie Newby

#### In The Hospital:

Wilma Rogers - NHC #119 for rehab

### Sermons For Sunday

AM ......Do You Agree With God PM ......Favorite Passages: Psalms 13

### Welcome

The elders announced Sunday that Larry, Zella and Roger Cook desire to work and worship with the congregation here. Please add them to your church directory:

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## **Something To Think About**

Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout your week.

Do you know why a car's windshield is so large and the rearview mirror is so small? Your past is not as important as your future. Look ahead and move on.

Friendship is like a book. It takes a few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.

~via Bulletin Gold~

# The Spiritually Elite

Paul gave some sage advice, yes a divine commandment, when he said, "Do not think more highly of yourself than you ought to think" (see Romans 12:3).

There are two things to keep in mind here: (1) one should not think more lowly of himself than he should—this is a false humility that overlooks one's strengths and abilities; and (2) neither should one think more highly of himself than he should—this is pride that causes one to look down on others and alienates from God (see James 5:5).

The proud are the spiritually elite who exalt themselves in their own eyes. They are those who have the attitude, "If you only knew as much as I know, you would think and feel as I do."

This attitude, causes one to look down on others and to pity them for being unspiritual. This attitude is divisive because it pushes its agenda slipshod over the less spiritual. This attitude is hypocritical because while it claims to be spiritually mature it is often harsh and unloving with those who disagree with it. This attitude is selfish because it insists upon its own way. This attitude is often rude and hurtful to those it considers to be less mature. This attitude believes it knows how to grow a church whether it has grown one or not. This attitude thinks it doesn't need to be governed by scripture and places its own thought above the revealed will of God.

Here's the question: which of the above mentioned things express the attitude of Christ? The answer, of course, is none of them. We all are to be growing into the image of Christ (Romans 8:29). We are to learn to think, speak, and act like Christ. When we fail we may display attitudes that are far from the imitation of Christ.

We may only think we are spiritual people unless we are acknowledging what is written as the commandments of the Lord (see I Corinthians 14:37) and allow God's word to guide our thoughts, our attitudes, and our lives.

~ Jay Lockhart ~

## Warring the Good Warfare

Throughout the epistles of 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus there is a very prominent theme of soldiers fighting for Christ and opposing Satan and his angels.

Paul charged the young preacher, Timothy, to "war a good warfare" (I Tim. 1:18), to "fight the good fight of faith" (I Tim. 6:16), and encourages him to be a "good soldier of Christ" (2 Tim. 2:3). Paul, in his farewell address, declared, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith" (2 Tim. 4:7). Clearly, fighting for the cause of Christ should be the desire of every faithful Christian.

Interestingly, though, in 2 Timothy 2:23-24, Paul tells Timothy not to gender strife - but to be gentle. Is it possible for us to fight for Christ, and yet, not gender strife and be gentle? I believe we can and must, and briefly, I would like to suggest something for us to think about as we go about to accomplish this vitally important task.

I believe there are two types of fighting in which men find themselves involved. There are those, on the one hand, who fight with reckless abandon, who jump into a situation without thinking, having no regard for the innocent parties involved. Their job is to accomplish the task no matter what. Then there are those who keep a cool head while in the midst of fighting, those who are aware of the innocent parties involved and try to keep them from being hurt. This is the type of person who will not drop an atomic bomb when a hand grenade (or even a pea-shooter) would have easily done the job.

I believe when Paul says, "fight" and then later says "don't strive, but be gentle," he was pointing out that when one fights for the Lord he must have the proper attitude, purpose, and method. We do not want to have the attitude of some, it seems, whose attitude declares, "Let me at that false teacher so I can rip his eye balls out!" Is this person's motive or purpose what it should be?

We are to "contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3)

- we are to fight the good fight of faith" (1 Tim. 1:18), but at the same time we are to do so with the purpose of saving souls. "Seek and destroy missions" have no place in Christianity, but we are to "seek and save that which was lost" (Lk. 19:10). We must "speak the truth in love" (Eph. 4:15). "If any among you err from the truth, and one convert him; let him know, that he who converteth a sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall cover a multitude of sins" (Jam. 5:19-20).

~THE SOWER, Arthur IL Church of Christ ~

### Prayer

PRAYER turns dark clouds into light PRAYER removes shadows from our lives PRAYER reaches the throne of God's love PRAYER brings blessings from above.

PRAYER gives solace to hearts that weep PRAYER changes troubled souls to peace PRAYER brings friendship to those alone PRAYER is like a melody to God's throne.

~ Benny B. Bristow ~

### Notice to men on program

To those men who are scheduled to serve on the program:

- I. Please check the bulletin each week and see if you are scheduled to serve.
- 2. If you are unable to serve, please contact Jamie Brock, Ken Martin or Jeff Flatt to allow them plenty of time to arrange a replacement.
- 3. Please try to be present at least 10 minutes prior to services so they will know who is able to serve.
- 4. If you would like to begin serving in other areas, please let Jamie Brock know as he prepares the schedule.

"Let all things be done decently and in order." I Corinthians 14:40