

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements(235-3248) Brandon Fuston
 Lead SingingCaleb Graves
 First PrayerRodney Reynolds
 Reading.....Robert Elam
 Scripture.....Galatians 1:13-17
 Lord's Table (N)*Joe Collins
 (S)*Tommy Crouch
 (N)Jacob Griffin
 (N)Justin Griffin
 (N)Ronnie Hoover
 (S)John David Keele
 (S)Clent Kesey
 (S)Paul Hurst
 Sermon...*Good News Changes A Mean Man* Tony Lawrence
 DismissKurt Maynard

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements(235-3248) Brandon Fuston
 Lead SingingCaleb Graves
 First PrayerMatthew Woodside
 Reading.....Jeff Flatt
 Scripture.....Matthew 13:1-3
 Lord's Table*Cory Prince
*Ronnie Prince
 Sermon.....*Parable of the Sower* Tony Lawrence
 DismissRoger Cook

Wednesday Bible Study

AnnouncementsDavid Keele
 Lead SingingEthan Duncan
 First PrayerW.C. Chilton
 Reading.....Stanley Graves
 InvitationLarry Flatt
 DismissGarett Woodside

Welcome Committee

A.M.Nancy Rogers & Doris Smith
 P.M.Jimmy & Iva Cunningham

Bus Driver:Paul Hurst (668-7088)

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 Prepare Communion:Sarah King
 Assist Baptisms: . Stephanie Maynard & Linda Hamilton

Pantry Item:Green Beans

Elder Closing Remarks:Don Sullivan

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship.....335
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Services

<i>Sunday</i>		<i>Wednesday</i>	
A.M. Worship	9:00 AM	Bible Study	7:00 PM
Bible Study	10:15 AM	<i>Monday (2nd & 4th of each month)</i>	
P.M. Worship	6:00 PM	Monday Morning Bible Class	9:00 AM

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Nell Kiefer (Jean Ware's sister)
Rita Prince
Wanda Carter

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Paul Davis - Parthenon Pavilion

The Power of Family Influence

"But Ruth said: "Entreat me not to leave you, Or to turn back from following after you; For wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your people shall be my people, And your God, my God." Ruth 1:16.

Ruth was the daughter-in-law of Naomi. Naomi's family had temporarily migrated to Moab due to a famine. While spending ten years there Naomi and Elimelech's two sons took wives of the Moabites. They were distant family being the descendants of Lot. We are not told how or why but the father and two sons died. This left a widowed mother-in-law and two widowed daughter-in-laws.

Things improved in Judah and Naomi planned on returning. She realized that her two daughter-in-laws were Moabites, she would be unable to have more sons, and that the best prospects for them to have a family would be to return to the houses of their own family. Both offered to return with Naomi and their love was obvious. Orpah reluctantly chose to return but Ruth did not.

Ruth begged Naomi not to urge her to leave. She wanted to return to Judah with Naomi. They had become real family with emotional bonds that were not easily broken. What is significant within this passage is the last phrase of verse 16, "And your God, my God." Too often we do not appreciate the power of family influence for good. Peter stated, "...even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives;" 1 Peter 3:1.

Live godly lives so your family will want to be faithful to the one true God!

~Tony Lawrence ~

Upcoming Youth Events:

August 16 - HEY

August 27 - Home Devotional at Paul & Kara Hurst's.

September 3 - Labor Day Youth Madness.

September 16 - Youth Gospel Meeting Door Knocking.

September 17-21 - Youth Gospel meeting at Mt.Leo. Justin Griffin is our speaker this year and I am sure some of our young men will be leading singing and offering prayers during the Gospel meeting.

September 22-24 - Erupt Youth Rally is almost here. It is \$35.00 and There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Please sign up if you plan on attending. <http://eruptyouthrally.com>

Gospel Meeting

The **East End Drive church of Christ** will have a Gospel Meeting, August 13-18, (2:30 on Sunday afternoon) with John Shannon preaching.

Middle TN School of Preaching

The Fall Quarter of the Middle Tennessee School of Preaching begins on August 24, and meets at the Bethany church of Christ. This quarter's classes:

6-7 p.m.—The Home As God Would Have It—Jim Boyd

7-8 p.m.—Preaching Series: Church At Ephesus—Bill Boyd

8-9 p.m.—The Book Of Job—Tom Harrison

*The class on the Home by brother Jim Boyd would be great for young couples!

Address Update

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Something to Think About

There's a new and improved computer available. It combines a word processor and a food processor. It is really helpful for those times when you have to eat your words.

Model or Mission

The assembly of people that began on the Pentecost following Christ's resurrection serves as a model for us, even in the 21st Century. We follow the patterns that were set up by the early church in that we respect the way they understood the authority that governed them. We observe how the early church worshipped, and follow the pattern of a cappella singing and remembering our Lord's death and resurrection each first day of the week. We seek to follow the words given to Timothy and Titus in that we want the fullness of the gospel proclaimed in ways that befit sound doctrine. And of course there are other things that define us as imitators of what was practiced by the early church — the appointment of elders, the funding of the work by the first day collections, the work of deacons, etc. It is therefore good that we follow the model of that church. I believe this is what God wants.

Now consider an illustration. Suppose some years ago a couple of men put together a plan for a sales organization. These entrepreneurs had the idea of gathering together groups of people, having regular meetings, introducing them to the products they had for sale, and then sending them out into the marketplace — neighborhoods. After each meeting, they would go home and go about their normal routines, and then meet again the next week, on and on. Guess what. They had the *model* down, and profited from their times together, as they learned more and more about their company and their products, and enjoyed their friendships, but they rarely sold any of the products. Their *mission* was to get new customers and sell products. The company had *both* a method and a mission, but was only carrying out the method. Do you see a connection? Can we apply that to the church today? It is possible that we have the *model* pretty well down pat, but what are we doing about the *mission* of the church? Just like the company, we have a product to sell — *the good news of the gospel!*

I have known people who had a driving passion to sell some health product that would produce amazing results. If you have a goal of helping people improve their health, or if you work to produce an income to provide for yourself or your family, then a driving passion is the road to achievement.

Let's now make the application to God's "company," his church. In multiplied congregations that I have

visited through the years, I see multitudes that have the *model* down pat. They meet regularly to worship, to study together, to remember our Savior's death and resurrection, etc. They want sound teaching, and enjoy the company of other Christians. After assembling, they go home, and out into the world. They live godly lives, and treat others with kindness. Yes, they have the *model* down, but do we see the *mission* carried out? And just what is the mission of the church? **To spread the good news of the gospel of Christ!** Some may counter, "Yes, our church is active in this. We support several preachers in the U.S. and overseas. We have gospel meetings, and a VBS every summer." All very good, but why then do we see so many churches that are barely growing, if at all, or are even declining in membership, or just "holding their own?" Could it be that we are satisfied that we have the *model* well in place, but that we are not carrying out the mission? I'm not talking about the mission of the church, as a body, but the mission of individual Christians. Please understand, the carrying out of the Great Commission is primarily given to *individuals*. Note the Great Commission instructs the apostles to "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you..." Notice — the apostles were to go "*make disciples of all nations, baptizing them... (then) teaching them to observe all that I commanded you...*" (Mathew 28:19-20). What had he commanded the apostles? *To teach the disciples to go make disciples!* That then makes it the *mission* of every Christian to do what they can to spread the news. That contributed to the fantastic growth of the early church, and will do much for the growth of the kingdom today. It takes the *mission* as well as the *model*. One without the other is not very productive. How many people have you talked to about the gospel lately?

~ Jefferson David Tant ~

I did not write this article but it goes along with what we have been discussing in class the last few weeks. "*But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.*" (James 1:22 KJV) This sums it up perfectly. Keep striving to improve your Bible knowledge and trying to memorize the scriptures that we have used each week. — Aaron Ownbey