

Upcoming Events...

Business meeting: next Sunday, February 12 at 4:00 p.m.

Workday: Saturday, February 18 at 9:00 a.m.

Last-Saturday-in-February-Meeting: February 25

1 Corinthians Class: Every Tuesday at 12:00 p.m.

Barnabas Group Meeting: February 28

Diligence...think about it

“Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.” Galatians 6:9

“Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.” James 1:12

“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might...” Ecclesiastes 9:10

February Birthdays

8 Zoie Perales 25 Mike McKnight

February Anniversaries

2 Mike & Morgie McKnight

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

Preacher:
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Turn It Around

By David Pharr

“Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country!” This challenge, made famous during the Kennedy presidency, suggests a like principle which should guide every Christian’s attitude toward the church. We should be less concerned about what is being done for US and more attentive to what we are doing for others.

Ask not, therefore...

- whether this is a good congregation to be a member of, but ask whether I am a good member of the congregation.
- how much I am loved, but how much love have I shown.
- how many get well cards I received, but how many I have sent to others.
- who visited me, but who have I visited.
- how much I get out of classes, but how much I contribute to make the classes interesting and edifying.
- whether I was remembered in prayer, but whether I faithfully prayed for others.
- who did or did not speak to me, but how many others I greeted.
- whether my good work is recognized, but whether I have given honor to whom honor is due.
- how many of my prayer requests God has granted, but how grateful have I been for His innumerable blessings.
- to what extent my deeds have profited me now, but how my life will be remembered when I am gone.

“Do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus” who “did not come to be served, but to serve”. (Phil. 2:4-5; Matt. 20:28).

Selling Out

By Lance Cordle

There was a song several years ago that had this line in it: “When you come close to selling out, consider.” The Christian life is not always one of happiness. We face many difficulties in our effort to be faithful to God.

One can look at the life of Joseph to see that a godly life will at times put us in trying circumstances. But through all of Joseph’s trials (family members against him, slavery, false charges by Potiphar’s wife, being imprisoned) he always seemed to stay focused on what was the most important thing in life—obedience to God.

As Christians facing the evil and temptations of this world, we can be presumed to look for an easy way out. It is during these times we need to reconsider and remember God’s help is always present; we are not alone (Revelation 2:10), and a reward awaits the faithful that nothing on this earth can match (Psalm 16:11).

Blessing Others Beyond Our Years

By Steve Higginbotham

Those of you who are history buffs may know the significance of the date, April 14, 1865. This was the day President Abraham Lincoln was shot by John Wilkes Booth. However, something else of significance happened on that day of which you may not be aware. Earlier on this very day, President Lincoln signed into law a piece of legislation that created the Secret Service.

I found this historical tidbit to be rather ironic. Although Lincoln, himself wasn't able to benefit from this piece of legislation, he was able to bless the lives of other Presidents who would follow him.

This caused me to ask a question I believe is worthy of consideration. Are we willing to invest ourselves in the future? Are we willing to work to secure blessings for others that we will never realize? Are we willing to sacrifice so that others we don't even know will reap the benefits?

It's not easy. We want to enjoy the fruits of our own labor. But selflessness is a quality that makes us more like Jesus. Friends, invest in your children so their lives are blessed long after you're gone. Sacrifice and invest in the church in such a way that Christians you don't even know will be blessed by the fruits of your labor; fruits you, yourself may never see. Let's sacrifice, invest, and lose ourselves in others so that after we are dead and gone, we are a blessing to others.

Antique Chairs and Old Bibles

By Ron Adams

Someone once said the reason many antique chairs are uncomfortable is because all the comfortable chairs wore out long ago. Well, that may or may not be true, but old Bibles that have survived the years in good condition certainly didn't get much use.

Bibles that are used wear out. Even Bibles of excellent craftsmanship deteriorate when used frequently. What better sight than to see someone with a Bible showing signs of heavy use. Better to have a Bible with the pages falling out than to have one with the pages still stuck together. An unused Bible may last a lifetime, but what good is a book that is seldom read?

“Many other signs therefore Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name”. John 20:30-31

“For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope”. Romans 15:4

“Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily, to see whether these things were so.” Acts 17:11