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## **THE CHURCH IN ACTION**

**THE CHURCH IN ACTION WILL BE...**

**A BIBLE BELIEVING CHURCH**

**A BIBLE PREACHING CHURCH**

**A BIBLE TEACHING CHURCH**

**A BIBLE PRACTICING CHURCH**

**A PRAYING CHURCH**

**A SCRIPTURALLY ORGANIZED CHURCH**

**A CHURCH FAITHFUL IN ITS WORSHIP**

**A CHURCH FAITHFUL IN ITS WORK**

**A CHURCH FAITHFUL IN ITS EVANGELISM**

**A CHURCH FAITHFUL IN ITS EDIFICATION**

**A CHURCH FAITHFUL IN ITS BENEVOLENCE**

**A CHURCH CHARACTERIZED BY LOVE AND UNITY**

**A CHURCH WELL PLEASING UNTO OUR LORD**

**“...Be ready unto every good work” (Titus 3:1)**

## **Do I Still Preach the Word? - I'd Be Ashamed Not To!**

**Gary Colley**

We live in perilous times when spiritual values and discernment are low in the church. All Christians need to stop long enough to re-evaluate their position in the light of God's Word - and not man's theological thinking. Letting the inspired Truth decide for us what our position and disposition should be, we need then to take a stand upon that truth and stand there!

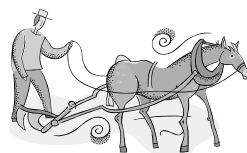
However, today some of our “modern minded” brethren chide us by asking: “**Do you still preach that there is just one church and one faith? Don't you believe that 'tolerance' should be shown?**” I would be ashamed not to preach that “there is just one body and one faith to which all must come to be saved.” Besides the direct statement of Ephesians 4:5, “*There is one faith,*” verse 4 states, “*There is one body.*” Since Paul and

Jude understood it this way (Ephesians 5:23; Jude 3), I would be ashamed not to preach it just this way (Galatians 1:8-9).

Others chide us by asking: **“Do you still read or quote a number of scriptures in your preaching?”** Again, I respond “I’d be ashamed not to!” It really doesn’t worry me that I may not be considered in a self-pronounced “elite group” that enjoys making fun and ridiculing “old fashioned” Bible preaching! When the apostle Paul said *“preach the word”* (2 Timothy 4:1-4), and when Christ said, *“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature”* (Mark 16:15), I think they meant what they said! It seems that all of our brethren would desire the approval of Christ and Paul!

There are many other things that are covered by the intimidation scheme that could well entrap some among us. Such pointed questions as: **“You don’t certainly still preach and believe that it is wrong to use instrumental music in worship** (Ephesians 5:19); **that the Lord’s Supper must be observed by the church weekly and upon the first day of the week** (Acts 20:42; 20:7); **that the Lord is the only one who has the right to say ‘My church’** (Matthew 16:18); **that God’s word is the rule in spiritual matters and not each to his own desire or conscience** (Romans 12:1-2; 13:11-13).” Frankly, I would be ashamed not to!

Has it become “out of season” for you to preach the word? Can you still sing the wonderful hymn, **“Am I a soldier of the cross, A follower of the Lamb? And shall I fear to own His cause, or blush to speak His Name!”**



## Holding A Grudge

One day a visitor leaned on the old fence around a farm while he watched an old farmer plowing with a mule. After a while, the visitor said, “I don’t like to tell you how to run your business, but you could save a lot of work by saying, ‘Gee’ and ‘Haw’ to the mule instead of just tugging on those lines.”

The old farmer pulled a big handkerchief from his pocket and wiped his face. Then he said, “Reckon you’re right, but this animal kicked me five years ago, and I ain’t spoke to him since.”

The moral of the story seems obvious. A grudge is harder on the one who holds it than the one it is held against.

The apostle Paul said that we are to forgive any man if we have a quarrel against him. Just like Christ forgave us, we are to forgive each other (Colossians 3:13).

Friend, if God and Christ can extend mercy to you for your sins, surely you can be merciful to those who offend you.

...David Sain

## Preach A Sermon, Preacher

Preach a sermon, Preacher,  
But don't preach very long;  
Just tell the love of Jesus Christ  
But don't condemn the wrong.  
Say not a thing of doctrines false,  
Lest other be offended;  
And turn away from us today,  
And call us narrow minded.

Preach a sermon, preacher,  
But don't preach very plain;  
Let others guess at what is meant,  
Don't ever call a name.  
We'll sing your praises long and loud,  
We'll keep you many a day,  
But make it clear, and you'll hear,  
"Brother, be on your way!"

Preach a sermon, preacher,  
But say nothing of our sins;  
Let us keep on as though we have none,  
Perhaps we'll make amends.  
Please, let us dance, gamble,  
Wear shorts and take in every show,  
Make us secure and very pure,  
We're humans, don't you know.

Preach a sermon, preacher,  
But speak not to us of duty,  
Just preach about the grace of God,  
And picture heaven's beauty.  
Leave out the things that we must do,  
We're busy making money;  
We haven't time, can't spare a dime,  
Won't even be there Sunday.

Preach a sermon, Preacher,  
When it comes mine to die,  
Tell all my kith and kin  
About my home beyond the sky.  
Preach a sermon, make it strong,  
Preach me straight to heaven;  
That's my only way to get to stay,  
Where Christ's reward is given!  
...Selected



**Prayer List:** James "Ed" Edwards (Betty Enoch's brother-in-law), Warren Jackson, Darlene Hale (Mary Vincent's sister), Dub Henry, Joan Turnbow (Betty Enoch's mother), Gail Wright, Frances Wyatt (Roy & Marie Wyatt's sister-in-law) and any who may be in need of our prayers.

**Shut-ins:** Anne Brinkley, Tom Meredith & Mary Miller.

## News at Green Plain



**Visitation Group #1 meets Sunday, the 4th.**



**Green Plain School of Biblical Studies** continues each Monday night through **December 7th**, for the fall, 2009 session. The subjects are **Premillennialism, Hermeneutics, The Work of the Church, & the book of James**. Please be bringing canned drinks and snacks.

**Dear Christian Friends,**

**Thank you so much for the beautiful membership pillow. Please continue to remember me in your thoughts and prayers. We appreciate the kindness and thoughtfulness.**

Love,  
**Larry & Gail Wright**

### SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth: to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." Romans 1:16

### ATTENDANCE September 27, 2009

Bible Study	66	Worship P.M.	65
Worship A.M.	79	Mid-week (9-23)	61

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE  
October 2009**

USHERS: Bobby Hall & Preston Barrett  
ANNOUNCEMENTS: Larry Enoch

PRESIDE AT THE LORD'S TABLE:  
A.M.: Bobby Ward & Roy Wyatt  
Substitute: Frank Pool

ASSIST AT THE LORD'S TABLE :  
A.M.: Dave Thompson & Jesse Vincent  
Substitute: Frank Towery

Sunday P.M.  
10-4.....James Pigg  
10-11.....Eddie Ward  
10-18.....Paul Brandon  
10-25.....Rex Enoch

SCRIPTURE READING:  
10-4.....Max Henry (Numbers 15:30-36)  
10-11.....Charles Enoch  
10-18.....Chad Canter  
10-25.....Rob Enoch

OPENING PRAYER:  
10-4.....Bobby Ward  
10-11.....Dave Thompson  
10-18.....Larry Enoch  
10-25.....Robert Meredith

CLOSING PRAYER:  
10-4.....James Pigg  
10-11.....Brent Morris Jr.  
10-18.....Hayes Grady  
10-25.....Jesse Vincent

COUNT CONTRIBUTION:  
Bobby Hall & Preston Barrett

SONG LEADERS:  
Sunday Morning...Charles Enoch  
Sunday Evening....Chad Canter  
Wednesday.....Larry Enoch  
Substitute.....Bill Stubblefield

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS:  
Isaac Ward & Katelyn Canter

GREETERS: Robert & Wanda Barrett  
LAWN CARE: Rex Enoch & Rob Enoch

If you are unable to serve, please contact  
Jesse Vincent at 293-1537.

? **Matthew 24**

1. Which Old Testament prophet did Jesus refer to who had prophesied of the destruction of Jerusalem?
2. Would false Christs and false prophets arise during the time of the Jerusalem destruction in AD 70?
3. Concerning Jesus' second coming, do any humans know the time?
4. What will happen to the unfaithful Christian when Jesus returns?

1. Daniel (v. 15)
2. Yes (v. 24)
3. No (v. 36)
4. Cuthasunder (v. 51)

**Remember to  
bring snacks for  
the hospital.**



**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

Sunday:

Bible Classes.....10:00 A.M.  
Worship.....10:45 A.M.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Classes.....7:00 P.M.  
For transportation call 492-8206  
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**RADIO PROGRAMS**

**WORDS OF LIFE RADIO BROADCAST**  
Weekdays, 11:30 AM.WNBS RADIO (1340 AM) Murray, KY

**SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES RADIO BROADCAST**  
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**SERMON TOPICS FOR  
October 4, 2009**

A.M. - The Man That Picked Up Sticks

P.M. - Jesus Is Equal With The Father

**WHAT ONE MUST DO TO BE SAVED**

**Hear the gospel**  
*Jn. 20:30-31; Rom. 10:17*

**Believe**  
*Rom. 1:16; Acts 18:8; Heb. 11:6*

**Repent**  
*Lk. 13:3; 24:47; Acts 3:19; 17:30*

**Confess faith in Christ**  
*Mt. 10:32, Acts 8:37, Rom. 10:10*

**Be baptized (immersed)**  
*Mt. 28:19; Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; 10:47-48; 22:16;  
Rom. 6:1-6; Gal. 3:27; Col. 2:12; 1 Pet. 3:21*

**Continue faithful unto death**  
*Mt. 25:21,34; 2 Pt. 1:1-11; Rev. 2:10; 1 Jn. 1:6-9*