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EDIFY ONE ANOTHER

(By David Padfield)

“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” Matthew 6:33

At the close of Paul's first letter to the church at Thessalonica, he exhorted them to “edify one another” (1 Thess. 5:11). The word “edify” comes from the Greek word oikodomeo. This word occurs thirty-nine times in the original text, and all except eight times it is translated as “build” or “built.” Our Lord chose to use this word in Matthew 7:24 when He spoke of the man who “built his house on the rock.”

The idea Paul had in mind was that Christians should “build” one another up in the faith. After defining the word, Thayer comments that it is “the act of one who promotes another's growth in Christian wisdom, piety, holiness, happiness” (*Greek-English Lexicon Of The New Testament*, page 440). W. E. Vine said the word is “used metaphorically, in the sense of ‘edifying,’ promoting the spiritual growth and development of character of believers, by teaching or by example, suggesting such spiritual progress as the result of patient labor.” (*Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words*, page 194).

One of the highest duties that a Christian has is to encourage others. In a world filled with pessimism, violence and despair, our need for encouragement is great. It is all too easy to let the “ways of the wicked” become our ways. The happy man is the one who refuses to “stand in the path of sinners” or “sit in the seat of the scornful” (Psa. 1:1).

After a week of listening to the gripes and complaints of this sick world, Christians should look forward to an isle of retreat on the Lord's Day. A place where the name of God is blessed, not cursed. A place where we can enjoy the “seasons

of refreshing” which only God can provide (Acts 3:19).

It is truly a shame the Christians do not spend more time in each other's company. The Hebrew writer bids us to “consider one another in order to stir up love and good works” (Heb. 10:24). After the command, he tells us how it is to be accomplished... “not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together” (Heb. 10:25).

In the days of Haggai, the people of God grew discouraged while they were working to rebuild the temple. God commanded them to get back to work, and then gave them comfort by saying, “I am with you, says the Lord of hosts” (Hag. 2:4). Consider what it meant for those Jews to whom Haggai spoke to know the Lord was with them. Surely they could remember the stories of how Jehovah had been with their fathers as they passed through the Red Sea. They knew that God had “led them by the hand” through the wilderness on their way to Canaan. In view of God's goodness, how could they doubt Him now?

In a similar vein, Jesus has promised to be “in the midst” of His disciples when they assemble (Matt. 18:20). What a thought! The Son of God in our midst every Lord's Day. He has also promised to be with us as we carry out the great commission (Matt. 28:20). Do you desire to be in the presence of the Lord and His people?

As we run our race toward eternal glory, let us continually encourage each other and “run with endurance the race that is set before us” (Heb. 12:1-2).

Via/ The Tiplersville Watchman

CHILDREN'S BIBLE QUIZ

1. What was the first thing that God created?
2. Which day did God create plants?
3. What was the boat Noah built called?
4. How many of each type of animal did Noah have on the ark
5. What is the symbol of God's promise to Noah?
6. Who received the 10 commandments from God?
7. What are we told to do in the fifth commandment?
8. What was the name of Moses' brother?
9. What food do we ask God to give us in the Lord's prayer?
10. People look on the outward appearance, but what does God look on?
11. His father gave him a coat of many colors?
12. How many disciples or apostles did Jesus have?
13. Which of the apostles betrayed Jesus?
14. What is another name for the sermon on the mount?
15. What was the name of the Sea where Jesus calmed a storm?

YOUTH NEWS

- The Senior Bible Bowl will be here at New Albany on February 21st, at 2PM. Study! Study! Study! We're proud of you!
- This month's Youth Devo will be held Sunday night, February 21st, following services. The Clayton's and Jennings' will be in charge.
- The next Area Wide Youth Meeting will be March 14th, at the Zion Rest congregation.

WHERE ELSE?

A mother was purchasing two new suits for her sons, Charles and Arthur. As she was completing her purchase, Charles looked at Arthur and said, "I'll sure look nice in Sunday school, won't I?" A lady standing nearby overheard the conversation of the two brothers and asked, "Do you go to Bible school?" Arthur, only five, gave her a withering glance and replied, "Where else would I go on Sunday morning?" The lady remarked, "That's the best sermon I've ever heard."

"and that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which, are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Tim. 3:15)

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Helen DePriest, is in room 219 of the Oxford hospital recovering from surgery.

J. D. Stroud, was released from the hospital on Friday. He will be having rehab at home.

Sue Stroud, is doing better.

Mary & Bobby Montgomery, will both be going back to the doctor this week. They are having a difficult time.

Continual Prayer List

Jeanne Perkins, Shane Hutton, Sue Collins, Donald Burke, Justin Forsythe, Diane Bowlin, Bell Cross, Terry Young, Lessie Bryant, Billy Joe Garner, Laura Mae Harris, Raymond & Amy Vest, Jean Drummond

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Joyce McNutt; Corrine Hall; Willie Jackson; Dessie Lee Allred; Mattie Golden, Eunice Mabry, Faye Owen & Anna Davis

Military List:

David Wilhite-Navy-Florida Barry Wilhite-Marine-Navy -Virginia, Jimmie Stutts-Air Force-California, Tiffany Erwin- Army-Fort Campbell, KY; Aaron Raines-Army, Afghanistan; Jamie Vansandt, Anchorage, AK; Michelle Montgomery, Fort Leonard, Missouri, Jim Vest-Afghanistan

BIRTHDAYS

February 19.....*Barbara Crotts*
February 22.....*Jennie Brown*
February 22.....*Justin Dewberry*
February 22.....*Heather Robertson*
February 25.....*Carlisle Smithey*

ANNIVERSARIES

February 21.....*Price & Claudia Senter*

MEETINGS

- Elders and deacons visitation Thursday night, February 25th @ 6:30.
- Deacons meeting Sunday afternoon February 28th @ 5:00 pm

SENIOR BIBLE BOWL

On Sunday, February 21st, at 2PM, we will host the Senior Bible Bowl here at New Albany . We will be needing drinks and deserts for this event. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer. We will also need some parents to help serve.

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for your calls, visits, cards, and food, but most of all for your prayers. J. D. and I both appreciate what you have done for us.

*In Christians Love,
Sue and J. D. Stroud*

A GREAT WEEK-END!

Thanks so much to all who helped make our "Friends and Family Week-End" a success.

We had wonderful and uplifting lessons presented by Mike King and a great time of fellowship with all that came to be with us. We appreciate all of our friends and family who came to be with us.

VISITATION 2010

Visitation team # 1 will meet at the home of Paul and Maria Orman this Saturday night at 6:00pm. If you would like to be a part of this work, please let Bill Botts know. We would like encourage all to help with this good work.

AREA EVENTS

Freed-Hardeman University Associates Annual Benefit Dinner to be held at the Beech Hill Church of Christ Fellowship building at 6:30pm on February 18, 2010. Speaker will be Dr. Joe Wiley, president of FHU. Adults \$15.00 College Age & under \$7.00.

Senior Bible Bowl to be held at the New Albany Church of Christ on February 21st, at 2PM.

Teacher Workshop @ the Batesville Church of Christ February 27, 2010 Time: 8: 00 am-noon

OUR RECORD

Sunday School	N/C
Sunday A.M	161
Sunday P.M.....	106
Wednesday	95
Contribution.....	\$2,809.25
Budget.....	\$3,305.70

TO SERVE

Scripture.....	Steve Todd
A.M. Prayer.....	Jason Jennings
Closing Prayer.....	Drew Drummond
P.M. Prayer... ..	Harold Russell
Closing	Ronnie Griggs
Wed. 2/24.....	Greg Clayton
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Usher & Lock	Bill Botts
Greeters....	B & K Botts

PANTRY ITEM: Boxed Meals

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....	9:30
Morning Worship	10:30
Evening Worship.....	6:00
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00

Elders

Richard Jennings	534-6671
Troy Robertson.....	534-3491

Deacons

Bill Botts	316-2422
Greg Clayton	538-0791
Roger Clayton.....	534-5240
Andy Clemmer	816-5887
Harold Russell	534-4648
Randy Wall.....	538-6038

Minister

Office.....	534-4649
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This I Have Learned In Life

> I have learned that you cannot make someone love you. All you do is try to be someone who is not difficult to love.

> I have learned that sometimes it takes years to build up trust, but only seconds to destroy it.

> I have learned that it's not what you have in life, but who you have in life that counts.

> I have learned that you can do something in a few minutes that will give you heartache for life.

> I have learned that you are responsible for what you do, no matter how you feel.

> I have learned that you are in control of your attitude. You choose your attitude!

> I have learned that heroes (the really great people of this world) are the people who do what has to be done, regardless how they feel, and regardless of the consequences.

> I have learned that maturity has more to do with attitude, dependability, and taking responsibility for your life than the number of birthday's you've had.

> I have learned that no matter how good a friend is, you are going to hurt each other every once in a while, and forgiveness is essential to lasting friendships.

> I have learned that forgiving others is sometimes easier than forgiving yourself. copied

"I have been young, and now am old...." (Psa. 37:25).

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