

Those to Serve

(B) Keith Stifflemire
(FV) Kyle Stifflemire
(O) Kevin Grant
(A) Vernon Houts
1st prayer Jack Wall
2nd prayer Doug Pruett
Announcements: Calvin Burks
Singing: Mike Mallett

Happy Anniversary

Will & Autumn Vann

June 14th

Happy Birthday

Jeret Burks June 7th

Mike Lovell July 16th

Keith Stifflemire July 22nd

Dates to Remember

June 16th

Father's Day

June 21

First Day of Summer

June 30th

Noon Fellowship

Prayer List:

Mike Lovell
Letha Sheldon
Ruby Jones
Loyd Crownover
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personnel

A Fifty-Year Old Decision

"People do not accidentally attend worship without missing one worship service for twenty years. They must have planned to always attend. Soon after I obeyed the gospel in the fall of 1909, I read of an old brother who had not missed going to worship a single Sunday in 41 years. That story caused me to resolve and to purpose in my heart that I would never miss the worship on a single Lord's Day as long as I lived, if possible to attend. I have missed four Sundays in over fifty years, and then it was because of illness. Once I made that decision, the question has not come up as to whether I would attend church services or not. In fact, I did not decide last Lord's Day to go to worship, not the Sunday before. That decision was made more than fifty years ago. It is a sin for any member of the church to miss the worship unless he is unable to attend. The very nature of our religion is such that those who feel this is a burden need to be converted." - by Gus Nichols

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Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."

Sunday Worship:

9:30 am Bible Study

10:20 am Worship

12:30 pm Afternoon

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

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Misbehaving Team Members

It is a common news story involving big-time sports stars: late at night, in a questionable location, with disreputable companions, they are engaged in unseemly activities. The matter is publicized widely throughout the media, and another “black eye” results for professional athletes.

It sure seems that these individuals ought to think more seriously and behave more respectably.

After all:

1. Their related teams have paid huge sums of money to bring them on board.
2. They have an incredible ability to influence others. In fact, they are often referred to as “role models.”
3. And, any misconduct on their part reflects badly on their team and co-players.

All things considered, it just doesn't make sense for them to act in such irresponsible ways. They need to THINK!

There is a parallel to this situation that strikes much closer to home than one might imagine. It is this: a church member gets involved in a questionable activity, with unwholesome companions, and in a compromising situation. The matter is ultimately revealed, and another “black eye” results for the local congregation.

It sure seems that these Christians ought to think more soberly and conduct themselves more carefully, because:

- A. They were redeemed with the purchase price of Jesus' own precious blood. ("For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God . . ." 1 Corinthians 6:20)
- B. They have a strong influence – for good or bad – on others. ("Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world . . . Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:13-16)
- C. What they do reflects on the Lord and His church. (" . . . by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of." 2 Peter 2:2)

With all these things in mind, it doesn't make sense for a member of the Lord's body to act in sinful ways. THINK!

- by Greg Gwin

Warning!

The average consumer should feel insulted over the silly warning labels that accompany many products.

- ◆ On a blanket from Taiwan: Not to be used as protection from a tornado. This is good to know.
- ◆ On a fireplace log: Caution — Risk of Fire. Who would have thought it?
- ◆ On a string of Chinese made Christmas lights: For indoor or outdoor use only. This narrows our options.
- ◆ Warning on a cartridge for a laser printer: Do not eat toner.

Perhaps these warnings should come with a warning: Do not take this warning seriously.

Unfortunately, frivolous warnings disarm us. They tend to make us suspicious of all warnings. This is tragic. We must take God's warnings seriously.

In the Old Testament, the Lord warned Israel, “You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you” (Deuteronomy 4:2).

Embedded within this warning is the revelation that adding to or taking from His words results in keeping something other than the word of God.

Agur adds a similar warning in Proverbs 30:6: Do not add to His words, lest He reprove you, and you be found a liar.” We could be guilty of adding to His word by writing additional chapters or books. But we can violate this passage without going to that much trouble. Any time we substitute human wisdom for divine truth, we add to His word.

If someone objects that these are Old Testament passages, the New Testament offers the same warning. “As I urged you when I went into Macedonia —remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they teach no other doctrine” (1 Timothy 1:3).

Those who fail to abide in the teaching of Christ do not have God (2 John 9). This means that if something is unauthorized by the Scriptures, we must leave it alone. Otherwise, we are no different from rebels who practice lawlessness – and that's not a frivolous warning!

- by Rick Duggin