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From Where I Sit...

Michael D. Greene

“Have you heard the latest thing Joe has done?” comes the inquiry of the one who has the

latest “news” about Joe. He just can’t wait to tell of the latest indiscretion or insult to society that Joe has committed. Is it news or is it gossip?

“He who covers a transgression seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates friends” (Proverbs 17:9).

Sins of speech can be among the most destructive. Passing on the latest “news” accomplishes little. Reputations can be destroyed and lives affected in ways we cannot imagine.

James tells us that the man who does not stumble in his words is a perfect or mature man able to bridle the whole body (James 3:2). On two occasions the book of Proverbs tells us that “The words of a talebearer are like tasty trifles, and they go down into the inmost body” (Proverbs 18:8, 26:22). “Tasty trifles.” One translation has “dainty morsels.” A paraphrase has “like eating cheap candy.” What a picture! Would it not be better to cover the transgression and thereby seek love? Lord, help us to avoid sins of the tongue that generate strife and not peace.



Don’t forget the following items are being collected for Life Care Ministries. There are some bins in the MPR where you can place your items. If you want to make a monetary contribution, make your check to Life Care Ministries and give it to Mike or Daniel.

Stove Top Stuffing	Canned gravy
Canned yams	Cranberry Sauce
Canned Corn	Canned green beans
Macaroni and cheese	Canned Pumpkin

Gaines Explains

Daniel Gaines

In Praise of Prevention

A young lieutenant was sent to Bosnia as part of a peace-keeping mission. During a briefing on land mines, the captain asked if there were any questions.

The young soldier raised his hand and asked, “If we do happen to step on a land mine, sir, what do we do?”

To which the captain replied, “Normal procedure, Lieutenant, is jump 200 feet in the air and scatter oneself over a wide area.”

As the old saying goes, “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.” That sentiment is just as true in dealing with sinful habits in our lives as it is with land mines. Most of us can look at someone that we know and love who has become a slave to some form of addiction. Those addictions, whether they be to alcohol, drugs, tobacco, gambling, pornography, or something else, are very difficult to break. Such addictions become lords of your life, and interfere with your service to God. It is so much easier to prevent these problems by never taking that first taste, than to try to break a life destroying habit later.

Luke 16:13 (NKJV) “*No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.*”

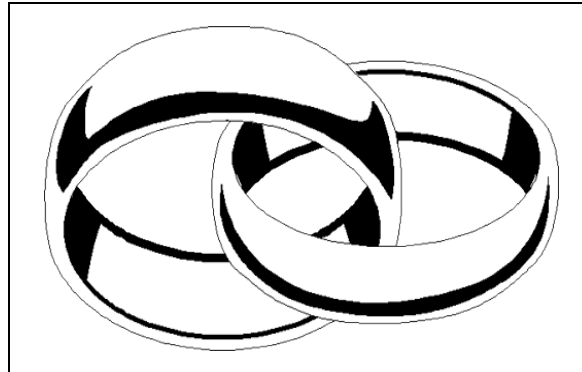
Bible School Plans

We have listened to your input, and we have investigated well reputed programs elsewhere. Many of these ideas have been assembled into some exciting plans for the future of our Bible School Program at Lehman Avenue.

On Sunday, **November 13**, we will unveil these plans to the congregation. Come and see what’s in the works!

Why Stay Married?

Caitlin Flanagan, in the July 13, 2009, edition of TIME magazine wrote an article entitled, "Why Marriage Matters." She begins by saying, "Buffeted by affairs and ennui, the intact, two-parent family is under assault. What America needs is to get over its commitment issues. (Hint: it isn't love)" (page 45).



What was so fascinating about the article was that sociologists, feminists, domestic policy-makers, and other experts all came to the groundbreaking conclusion that children are healthier, more successful, and more productive who come from intact, two-parent homes.

Flanagan kept returning to that conclusion, even as high profile cases of infidelity were offered to show how the guilty were selfishly putting their own ideals and needs above what their families truly needed. While I believe that it is possible for a marriage to grow more romantic, satisfying, and enjoyable each and every day of one's married life, such is a tangible benefit of the hard work and effort invested in marriage. It is neither automatic nor an entitlement. I should not persevere in marriage or patronize it only when I am having a good time, getting my way, or reaping rewards from it. God created marriage to provide companionship and suitable help (Genesis 2:18-25) and a legitimate sexual outlet (I Corinthians 7:1-5).

It is thrilling to look back over years of partnership and see in one's relationship a depth of intimacy built by shared time and experience. God depicts a loving, close relationship in marriage as the ideal (Song of Solomon, Ephesians 5:22-33; 1 Peter 3:1-7). However, first and last, marriage is a lifelong commitment, an ongoing fulfillment of a vow made to and before God Himself, and a relationship that can be severed with God's approval only under extreme circumstances (Matthew 19:4-9).

Flanagan said much about marital partners considering how vital their staying married means to raising well adjusted, optimally functioning children. She showed the deep seated, lasting negative effects of divorce upon families and, ultimately, society. Yet, while it may only be a matter of semantics, I disagree with her premise.

Staying married *is* about love. It is about knowing how to love, God's way, and intentionally, intensely, and indefinitely nurturing and growing that love in the marriage.

Love involves duty, but it is so much more. It is an act of the will more than a flutter of the heart. Yet, the payoff for marriage gives a man and a woman a lifelong glimmer of light that burns brighter even as the lights of our own lives gradually dim. Let us love our spouses with biblical love and watch the seismic effects for good upon the home, the church, and the culture!

-Neal Pollard, Denver, Colorado
"Art thou bound unto a wife?
seek not to be loosed"
I CORINTHIANS 7:27

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News and Notes

LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups will not meet Sunday after Bible class for assignments due to it being the fifth Sunday.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ladies Bible Class - 10:00 a.m.	Sept. - Nov.
Visitation - 11:00 a.m.	October 27
Puppet Teams Practice- 4:30 p.m.	October 30
Bible Bowl Practice - 5:20 p.m.	October 30
Take Thanksgiving meals to shut-ins	November 19

LEHMAN AVENUE MEN'S RETREAT

Our annual Men's Retreat will be held at Taylor Christian Camp on October 28 and 29. Bart Warren from South Green in Glasgow will be our speaker. It promises to be a great weekend. So, men, mark your calendars and plan to be present.

LADIES' DAY

Ladies' Day at Lehman Avenue will be November, 12. Teddy Copeland will be the guest speaker and her topic is "A Purse Driven Life". Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and the program begins at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be served. RSVP to 843-8435 or office@lehmancoc.org.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the MPR if you would like to help by preparing a dish for the Ladies' Day luncheon. Please see Vivian Grise if you have any questions.

ADOPT A COLLEGE STUDENT

If you would be interested in adopting a college student this year as we have done in the past, please sign the list on the MPR bulletin board.



For those interested in participating in Trunk or Treat after the Sunday evenings service, October 30, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the MPR. You may sign up to bring soup, sandwiches, desserts or other items. Please make plans to join us for this fun time of fellowship with Lehman Avenue's little ones. Please see Chrissy Johnson if you have any questions.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- Kate Thomason had an out-patient procedure done last week and is now at home resting.
- Martha Mason will have a procedure done at Vanderbilt to replace her aorta valve soon. She requests our prayers.
- Stephen and Dawn Pitcock request prayers that she may carry their baby full term.
- The family of Gene Christy requests our prayers on Gene's behalf.
- Good News! Luke and Griffin Lohden will not be undergoing tests at Vanderbilt because it has been determined that their mother, Amanda, does not have the genetic problem that was originally thought.
- John Turbeville received good news from his doctor last week, but please still keep him in your prayers.

Please continue to pray for: Flossie Haynes, Rodger Pruitt, Darrell Miller, Charles Cook and Mary Creech.

FALL FAMILY HAYRIDE



Gil and Mary Cowles will host a Fall Family Hayride, Weiner Roast and Bonfire on Friday, November 4 at 6:00 p.m. at the Cowles family farm. This annual event is always enjoyed by all who attend. Please make plans now to join in a wonderful evening of fellowship. *Drinks, hot dogs, buns and condiments* will be provided. Please bring other dishes to round out the meal.

CHILI SUPPER AND AUCTION

Foundation Christian Academy will have its annual Chili Supper and Auction on Saturday, November 5. The Chili Supper is from 4:30-5:30 p.m. with the Live Auction beginning at 5:30 p.m. There will also be a Silent Auction from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Please call 780-6100 if you have any questions.

EVANGELIZE KENTUCKY

Sunday October 23, 2011

GRANT COUNTY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Attendance: 47 Contribution: \$812.00

OWENTON CHURCH OF CHRIST

Attendance: 12 Contribution: \$476.00

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Worship.....9:30 A.M.
Bible Class.....10:40 A.M.
Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Mid-week Service.....7:00 P.M.

Minister

Michael D. Greene

Associate Minister

Daniel Gaines

Elders

Darrell Dubree
Bobby Gilbert
John K. Gott
Warren Vaughan

Deacons

Don Cole	Dan Grise	Hugh Runner
Larry Cole	Eddie Hughes	Russell Simpson
Gil Ray Cowles	Derek Johnson	Jim Tabor
Rick Emerson	Danny Jones	Roger Watt
Kevin Eubanks	Riley Keown	Rick Wheat
Butch Gilbert	Mike McGuire	Ronnie Wilson

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**October 30, A.M. Worship
Assignments**

Announcements..... Darrell Dubree
Song Leader.....Phil Hartnady
Sermon.....Mike Greene
First Prayer Pete Thomas
Lord's Supper Prayer.....Tim Mills

SERVE AT TABLE

John Ross Gott.....Stephen Pitcock
Nick Dubree.....William Gott
Dillon Gilbert.....Mark Emerson
Mike Pleasant.....Alt.....Art Shannon

Closing prayer.....Mike McGuire
Bus Driver.....Russell Simpson

6 P.M. WORSHIP

Announcements/Prayer.....Youth
Song Leader.....Youth
Closing Prayer.....Youth

November 2, P. M. WEDNESDAY

Announcements.....Ethan Keown
Song Leader.....Dillon Gilbert

Shut In At Home

Fred Adams; Dorothy Herrington;
Lucyrene Price; Joyce Siddens (Atlanta);
Eugenia Smith; Geraldine Garrison; Charles
Cook; Doug Bean; Jessie Thomas; Nellie Brown;
Hazel Sensing; Pauline Nowicki; Ruby Wilson

In Nursing Care

Christian Health Center
Lois Devore 203B

Rosewood Manor
Flossie Haynes 154B

Morningside
Rolena Greathouse 133