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From Where I Sit...

Michael D. Greene

The **Men's
Retreat** will begin
with supper at 6:30
p.m. on Friday
evening, October 28

and continue until 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 29. Our speaker this year is Bart Warren, minister at the South Green Street church in Glasgow. Bart spoke on our Summer Series program this year and did an outstanding job. He is also one of the instructors in our Southern Kentucky Bible Institute.

His theme is a challenging one: "And Jesus Said" - *Lessons for Life from Our Lord*. His specific topics will be:

"How to be blessed by God" The Beatitudes

- part. 1 (Matt. 5:3-6)

"How to be blessed by God" The Beatitudes

- part. 2 (Matt. 5:7-12)

"How to influence others" (Matt. 5:13-16)

"How to resolve conflict" (Matt. 18:15-20)

"How to develop & use your talent" (Matt. 25:14-30)

This promises to be a faith building weekend of fellowship and study of God's word. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the MPR. If you plan to attend, please sign up so we can know how much food to prepare. There will also be some brochures with more information at the entrances to the building.



Some may not be aware that the bulletin is available via email each week. We print the bulletin on Tuesday and prepare it for mailing on Wednesday. At that time we also send it out to anyone who wants it via email. If you are now getting the bulletin via US mail and would like to get it by email instead (or in addition to), please send the office an email and indicate your desire.

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Gaines Explains

Daniel Gaines

Would the World Be Better?

*Were the whole world as good as you -
Were it just as pure and true,
Just as strong in faith and works;
Just as free from crafty quirks;
All extortion, all deceit;
Schemes its neighbors to defeat;
Schemes its neighbors to defraud;
Schemes some culprit to applaud -
Would this world be better,
If you it followed to the letter?
Would it be a nobler world,
All deceit and falsehood hurled
From its surface altogether;
Malice, selfishness, and lust,
Banished from beneath the crust,
Covering human hearts from view -
Tell me, if it followed you,
Would the world be better?*

--Selected

Let us give some thought to whether or not we live up to the standards that we would like to see in others. We may not be able to change how everyone else behaves, but we can control our own behavior. What kind of example are you setting?



Memory Goals

The elders have reinstated the memory goals for Bible class. We will recognize in the bulletin and on the announcement Power Point those that successfully reach those goals.

Parents, be sure to check with your child's teachers to find out what they are working on, and how you can help. Encouragement at home is essential for meeting these goals (or any other biblical education goals for that matter).

I Choose to be Optimistic

Two old Texas cowboys were riding across the range one day when they came upon a herd of buffalo. They paused for a moment to look at those great animals. Then one cowboy said to the other, "Have you ever seen an uglier varmit than that?"

"Naw, I haven't," the other replied. "Look at that big ugly head and that mangy hair." Then the two cowboys rode off.

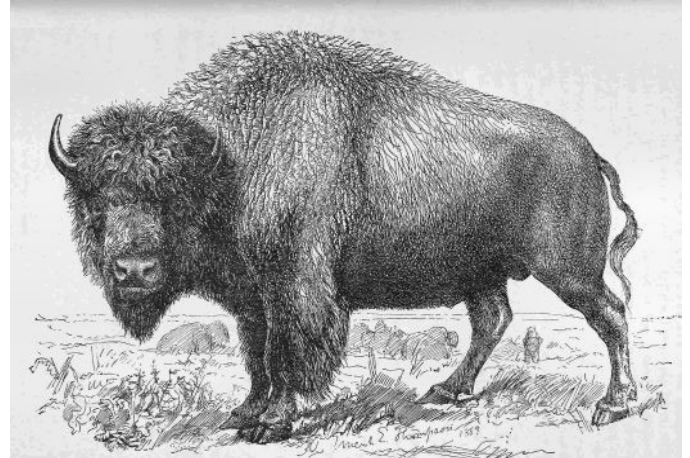
At that point one buffalo turned to another and said, "I think I just heard a discouraging word!"

Life is filled with discouraging people and events. Something happened the other day that reminded me that I cannot control what other people say or do, but I can control my reaction to what they say or do. When I hear a discouraging word, my reaction is all that I can control.

Some time ago I was talking with a class of young folks about anger. One of them said that something a fellow classmate had done had made them angry. I corrected her by saying, "No, what he did did not make you angry, you chose anger as your response." That led to a lengthy discussion of the fact that we choose our reaction to what other people say and do. That young student chose to get angry; she could have chosen another reaction. Just so it is when we hear a discouraging word we can choose to get discouraged, or we can be determined to maintain a positive outlook on things and seek to continue to do what is right.

As we discussed anger in that classroom setting, another truth about our reactions and anger came out. When we choose to become angry, or in the more common way of saying it, when we let someone else "make us mad," we actually give over to that person some measure of control of our lives. I told the class that I refused to give control of even a part of my life over to another.

It is just so with discouragement. If we are feeling good, happy, and optimistic, and someone comes along and does or says something that discourages us, are we not allowing that person to control that part of our lives? And look what he or she has taken from us against our will, or more accurately, with our assistance! He has taken away our positive attitude, and we all know how important our attitude is in life. A positive attitude goes a long way toward success in life. But if we let a person take that from us we are the loser.



I certainly understand that life can be a cruel taskmaster. When you deal with people on a regular basis, it is easy to become discouraged. Folks just have a way of failing to live up to our expectations. But again, we cannot control what other people do, or do not do, we can only control our reaction to it.

I want to be a positive, optimistic person because I know that a positive attitude will serve me best. I refuse to allow another to take that away. Further, I know how Satan loves to see a discouraged Christian. Someone came up with the following to illustrate the point.

It was advertised that the devil was going to put his tools up for sale. On the date of the sale the tools were placed for public inspection, each being marked with its sale price. They were a treacherous lot of implements: hatred, envy, jealousy, deceit, pride, and so on. Laid apart from the rest was a harmless looking tool, well worn, but priced very high. "What is the name of this tool?" someone asked.

"That is discouragement," the devil replied.

"Why have you priced it so high?"

"Because it is more useful to me than the others. I can pry open and get inside a man's heart with that when I cannot get near him with the other tools. It is badly worn because I use it on almost everyone since few people know it belongs to me." The price for discouragement was so high that it never sold. It is still the devil's tool and he is using it effectively on God's people.

I don't know about you, but I think I will choose to be positive and optimistic and not let another, and certainly not Satan, control a part of my life.

Michael D. Greene

News and Notes

LIFE GROUPS

Life Group 2 will meet Sunday after Bible class for assignments.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ladies Bible Class - 10:00 a.m.	Sept. - Nov.
Elders & Deacons Meet - 4:30 p.m.	October 16
Lads to Leaders GIFTS 1 - 5:00 p.m.	October 16
Young at Heart - 6:30 p.m.	October 19
Ladies Eat Out - Buckhead 6:00 p.m. (Men Eat at Linzie's on Nashville Rd.)	October 20
Rosewood Devotional - 2:15 p.m.	October 23
Lads to Leaders GIFTS 3 - 5:00 p.m.	October 23
Visitation - 11:00 a.m.	October 27
Men's Retreat	October 28-29
Trunk or Treat - After p.m. service	October 30
Hayride, Bonfire, & Cookout - Cowles Farm	November 4
Ladies' Day	November 12

MISSION TRIP

Anyone who may be interested in the mission trip to Dominica, May 28 through June 8, 2012, please talk to Darrell Dubree for details. Limited seating is available.

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

EVANGELIZE KENTUCKY

Sunday October 2, 2011

GRANT COUNTY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Attendance: 43 Contribution: \$887.00

OWENTON CHURCH OF CHRIST

Attendance: 8 Contribution: \$227.00

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- Mildred James is now at home recuperating.
- Mandy LaChance, granddaughter of Bill Fishburn has been dismissed from the hospital in Maryland and is now at home.
- Rosie Gary, granddaughter of Barbara Gary, will have surgery at Kosair Children's Hospital in Louisville, October 6, to remove a tumor from under her jaw bone.
- Irvin Abney requests our prayers for Charles Hill who is a member of South Side church of Christ.

Please continue to pray for: Rodger Pruitt, Darrell Miller, Gene Christy, Charles Cook, John Turbeville, Martha Mason, Mary Creech (sister of Joyce Ennis), and Brandy Day (niece of Pat and Jerry Chapman).

A Wedding Invitation

Ashley Dawn

and

Jared Reid

together with their parents

Donna Sapp and Tim Wells

and

Mike and Rita McGuire

Invite you to share in the joy

When they exchange marriage vows

And begin their new life together

On Saturday, the twenty-ninth of October

Two thousand and eleven

At two o'clock in the afternoon

Lehman Avenue Church of Christ

1002 Lehman Avenue

Bowling Green, Kentucky

Reception immediately following ceremony

RSVP to Donna Sapp (270) 535-0123 or hgwildcat62@aol.com

OR

Rita McGuire at (270) 792-5668 or rita.mcguire@wku.edu

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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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CHANGE SERVICE
 REQUESTED

**October 9, A.M. Worship
 Assignments**

Announcements.....Bobby Gilbert
 Song Leader.....Phil Hartnady
 Sermon.....Mike Greene
 First Prayer..... Braden Wilson
 Lord's Supper Prayer..... Barrett Hammer

SERVE AT TABLE

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

Closing prayer.....Wesley Peden
 Bus Driver.....Russell Simpson

6 P.M. WORSHIP

Announcements/Prayer.....Clint Raymer
 Song Leader.....Mike McGuire
 Closing Prayer.....Larry Cole

October 12, P. M. WEDNESDAY

Announcements.....Riley Keown
 Song Leader.....Nick Dubree

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 114A

Morningside
 Rolena Greathouse 133