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## *From Where I Sit...*

Michael D. Greene

## *Does it Matter How We Worship?*

We are told that “worship is worship.” Man has always worshiped and has a rich history of developing his own patterns of worship. From the time of Cain man has substituted what he wants for what God requires. In his book, “*The God-Maker, Man*,” D.R.P. Marquis wrote:

*“For all the creeds are false, and all the creeds are true  
And low at the shrines where my brothers bow,*

*There I will bow too;*

*For no form of a god, and no fashion  
Man has made in his desperate passion,*

*But is worthy some worship of mine;*

*Not too hot with a gross belief,*

*Nor yet too cold with pride,*

*I will bow me down where my brothers bow,*

*Humble, but open eyed.”*

That may sound like a sophisticated, intelligent statement to some people, but it reflects a profound human ignorance of God. The late Burton Coffman said that “*many of the old pagan gods and goddesses are still worshiped, not under their old names, of course, but in the essence of their fleshly appeal. Who can deny that Venus, Bacchus, Mars and Mercury are still in business?*”

True worship is God-centered and God-designed. Jesus said “*You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve*” (Matt. 4:10). God has never allowed man to determine how he worships. He has always designated what He wants from man. Yet, for many centuries man has questioned whether God really means what He says. Our present world is ripe with religious thought and practices that have nothing to do with Scripture. Churches have sprung up in such numbers that no one seems to know just how many denominational groups exist.

There is a world of difference between worship and acceptable worship. Jesus told the woman at the well that true worship is rooted in “*spirit and truth*” (John 4:24). That is what God wants.

--Al Behl, minister

Great Smoky Mountains church of Christ  
Pigeon Forge, Tennessee

## *Gaines Explains...*

Daniel Gaines

## *A New Quarter!*

December is upon us and with it comes the Winter Quarter of our Bible School Program. With that

in mind, I would like to take this opportunity to let you know what your class options will be.

The Adult Sunday Classes:

- Phil Hartnady is leading the auditorium class in a study of **1 & 2 Peter**.
- Jack Ray will be continuing a study of the book of **James** in MPR 4 before continuing on to a study of Proverbs later in the quarter.
- John Gott will be beginning a new class in MPR 2 on **Courageous People of the Bible**.
- Mike Greene and Daniel Gaines will be teaching the young adult class as they finish up the book of **Revelation** and begin a study of **Marriage and the Family**.
- Bobby Gilbert, assisted by John Ross Gott, will be taking over the college class and dealing with a **series of relevant topical studies**.

On Wednesday evenings, Mike Greene will teach the auditorium class, while Rick Emerson will teach an alternate adult class in MPR 4.

As to our children’s classes, we are excited to have the following people serving as teachers this quarter:

**Nursery**—Cassie Adkins and Tiffany Gaines

**2’s & 3’s**—Kelli Nicks and Kim Moyer

**4 year olds**—Katina Cole and Dana Simpson

**5’s/Kindergarten**—Peggy Runner, Shawna Wilson, and Kim Eubanks

**1st & 2nd Grades**—Ellen Watt, Mildred Harris, and Jenny Neville

**3rd & 4th Grades**—Joyce Johnson and Mary Greene

**5th & 6th Grades**—Harold Nicks and Chris Pasley

**Jr. High**—Gil Ray Cowles and Derek Johnson

**High School**—Russell Simpson, Braden Wilson, and Darrell Dubree

## *Memory Work*

We would also like to recognize **Kyle Garrett**. His Sunday teacher reports that he completed his memory work every week during the Fall Quarter. Good job Kyle!

Study the Bible on the College Level at:

# Southern Kentucky Bible Institute

Lehman Avenue church of Christ  
1002 Lehman Ave, Bowling Green, Kentucky 42103  
270-843-8435

This school is open to anyone desiring to study the Bible and related subjects on a deeper level. Women are welcome to attend as are current and prospective preachers, Bible class teachers, deacons, elders and anyone who is interested in a deeper understanding of God's Word. Classes can be taken for credit or may be audited.

- Sound Biblical instruction
- Well qualified instructors with years of experience
- No tuition
- Convenient schedule of night classes meeting one night per week (Tuesdays)
- Transfer credit to other schools available

All classes will be held on Tuesday nights at the Lehman Avenue church of Christ building. There is no tuition, however, students will be responsible for the cost of any books or materials the instructor may require.

**Second Term meets on Tuesday nights:  
January 10 - April 3, 2012**

## Classes offered:

6:30 - 7:20 Acts of the Apostles 2, Michael D. Greene, MAR, instructor (no pre-requisite required)

7:30 - 9:20 Exodus, Phil Hartnady, MA , instructor

7:30 - 9:20 Gospel of John, Daniel Gaines, M. Min., instructor

To register, call the Lehman Avenue church office at 270-843-8435, or contact Michael Greene at: [mgreene@lehmancoc.org](mailto:mgreene@lehmancoc.org), or be present the first night of classes.

*The school is under the oversight of Lehman Avenue elders. It is an adjunct campus of the East Tennessee School of Preaching and Missions in Knoxville, Tennessee*

# News and Notes

## LIFE GROUPS

Life Group #1 will meet Sunday after Bible class for assignments.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Puppet Teams practice at 4:30 p.m. December 4  
Bible Bowl Practice at 5:20 p.m. December 4  
Holiday Dinner after p.m. service December 11  
Deliver fruit baskets and nursing home gifts Dec. 17  
Elders & Deacons meet at 4:30 p.m. December 18  
Young at Heart meet at 6:30 p.m. December 21  
Rosewood Manor Devotional for December 25 is CANCELED.

## NURSING HOME PROJECT

We are now collecting items for Rosewood Manor, our sick, and our shut-ins at other facilities. **Wrapped** gifts may be brought and put in the Holiday boxes in the MPR. There is a list posted on the bulletin board and on the wall near the collection boxes of instructions and suggested items. Each gift **must be labeled** as to contents, size (if applicable), and marked from Lehman Avenue Church of Christ. Labels for this purpose will be available on the table in the MPR for your convenience. If you would like to participate, but are unable to purchase a gift, monetary donations may be given to Louise Goodman. Please have gifts here no later than Wednesday, **December 16**. Below is a list of suggested items, but feel free to bring other items that you feel would be appropriate.

Soap	Body/Hand Lotion
After Shave	Make-up
Tissues	Gowns
Pajamas	Robes
Lap Throws	Candy
Cookies	Slipper Socks
Note Pads	Appropriate Lingerie
Large Print Bibles	Large Print Books

## THANK YOU NOTES

We have received several thank you notes from those we took Thanksgiving meals to, and those whose yards were raked on November 19. These notes are on the bulletin board in the MPR.

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- Katina Cole has been dismissed from the Medical Center and was able to worship with us on Sunday.
- Mildred James is undergoing treatment for lung cancer.
- Dawn and Stephen Pitcock have a new baby girl! Catherine Elizabeth Pitcock was born at 12:35 p.m. on Tuesday, November 29. She weighed 8lbs. 2 3/4 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long.
- Please continue to pray for: Harvey and Mary Stiles, Bonnie Woosley, Gene Christy, Martha Mason, Rodger Pruitt, and Charles Cook.

## FRUIT BASKET & GIFT DELIVERY

We will be meeting at the church building on December 17, at 8:00 a.m. to deliver fruit baskets to our widows and widowers, and gifts to our nursing home residents. If you can help with this, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the MPR. For questions, see Larry Cole.

## BIG REEDY CAMP COOKBOOKS

Sunday, **December 4** will be the last day to pre-order the Big Reedy Camp cookbook **and turn in your money** to Dana Simpson. *Please make all checks out to Dana Simpson.* The pre-ordered cookbooks are \$10.00 each. If you miss the deadline for pre-orders you can still purchase cookbooks for \$12.00 each.

## HOLIDAY CAROLING

We've decided to go caroling a little earlier this year than we have in the past. We will meet at the church building at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, **December 10**. After caroling, we will return to the building for pizza, (provided) a devotional, and a movie. Girls are to bring desserts and boys are to bring drinks. Please see Derek Johnson if you have any questions.

### EVANGELIZE KENTUCKY

Sunday November 27, 2011

### GRANT COUNTY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Attendance: 41 Contribution: \$778.00

### OWENTON CHURCH OF CHRIST

Attendance: 16 Contribution: \$226.00

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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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**December 4, A.M. Worship  
Assignments**

Announcements.....Barrett Hammer  
Song Leader.....Phil Hartnady  
Sermon.....Mike Greene  
First Prayer.....Pete Thomas  
Lord's Supper Prayer.....Roger Johnson

**SERVE AT TABLE**

Russell Simpson.....Justin Lohden  
Ray Jones.....Jim Jones  
Issac Abshire.....Corbin Cowles  
Jeff Coles.....Alt.....Rick Wheat

**USHERS**

Rick Wheat....Chuck Raymer...Rick Emerson  
Closing prayer.....Dillon Gilbert  
Bus Driver.....Blake Fritsch

**6 P.M. WORSHIP**

Announcements/Prayer.....Jared McGuire  
Song Leader.....Dan Grise  
Closing Prayer.....Eddie Hughes

**December 7, P. M. WEDNESDAY**

Announcements.....John R. Gott  
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;  
Harvey & Mary Stiles

**In Nursing Care**

**Christian Health Center**  
Lois Devore 203B

**Morningside**  
Rolena Greathouse 133