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From Where I Sit...

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“Do not worry about your life...” So said Jesus as is recorded in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew

6:25). That is easy to say, hard to do.

In this technological age where we are bombarded by a 24/7 news cycle that supplies us with instant information through television, computers, ipods, cell phones, etc. about what is happening in the world, nearly all of which news is bad, it is hard not to worry, isn't it?

A good example is the present controversy raging in Washington D.C. over the raising of the national debt limit and the general state of the economy in the good old USA. Some are consistently using the word crisis to describe the current status. It is enough to cause worry about one's own economic survival. After all we are to provide for our own, and the Bible says if a man won't work neither shall he eat (1 Timothy 5:8, 2 Thessalonians 3:10).

One thing I have observed about worry, from my own experience with it as well as watching others worry, is that we often worry about that over which we have little or no control. As Jesus further observed, “Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?” (Matthew 6:27). Such worry is futile indeed but many still do it!

The apostle Paul learned one of life's and Christianities' great lessons and that is the lesson of contentment. Hear Paul: “Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” (Philippians 4:11-13).

As Jesus said on the Sermon on the Mount, your heavenly father knows your needs and if we are seeking first the kingdom of God He will supply those needs (Matthew 6:25-33). That's one thing Christ can help us do as He strengthens us. Let us then determine not to worry about life, what we shall eat or drink or wear. God will provide. Thanks be to God for His continue care for His children.

Something to Think About

(This past weekend, I got something in the mail many just do not get anymore...I got a hand written letter! A letter from a friend who goes all the way back to my high school days. It was good to hear from him. He has been a good influence on me over the years. In the letter was a brief article he wrote for the church bulletin where he attends. I thought you would enjoy reading it.)

Science and Scientists Can be Wrong Too

My, how we venerate science and scientists! Let one of them or a group of them make a proclamation about anything and many assume the verdict rendered is gospel. Now some of them are saying homosexuality is genetic and people are programmed to be gay and aren't responsible for their behavior. Also, some of them are now affirming Adam and Eve were not the first two people in the world because according to their interpretation of science the great diversity among human beings can't be accounted for by a single couple.

This extreme feel for science or worship of it is dangerous. The number of times scientists have erred would fill the Dallas phonebooks.

At one time all scientists said the world was flat. Also, at one time almost all scientists didn't believe that diseases could be spread to others by germs. Further, before men walked on the moon and conducted scientific experiments, many scientists said the moon was a cold dead body. However, the experiments revealed moonquakes, lava flows and gas emissions.

There is a thing called philosophy, and when a scientist speaks philosophically, his PHD in biochemistry doesn't necessarily assure philosophical accuracy. Science has done much for us, but let us not be over wrought by it. Science can be wrong too!

—Buster Mayberry
Nashville, Tennessee

A Disposable Society?

(My computer quit working after the recent storm. I have a call in to the computer repair person who is supposed to come by today to see if he can figure out what happened to it. I certainly hope he gets it working soon. But as I was looking through some old articles I found this one I wrote several years ago. Maybe you will enjoy it. M.G.)

Sitting next to the computer on which I am typing this article is an ink jet printer. When computers first became “user friendly” to the point that every office had to have one, the only kind of printer available was a dot matrix printer. It was difficult to get what was on the screen on paper with a dot matrix printer.

Then the ink jet printer came along, and it really revolutionized computer printing. Now it is easy to get what is displayed on the computer screen to paper, even in photo quality color. The ink jet printer sitting on my desk is about six years old, I think. When I bought it, it was the top of the line. It says “Professional Series” on the case. I know I paid a good price for it.

But lately it has not been working as well as it used to. It will not pick up the paper and feed it through so what is on the screen can be put on the paper. That is a little frustrating. I have tried everything, from different paper to cleaning the pick up wheels. All to no avail.

So today I called my buddy who is in the computer business to ask him what it would cost to fix it. His response? “Throw it away and get a new one.” Ink jet printers, he informed me are now virtually disposable. It would cost more to fix this one than to replace it. That is not what I wanted to hear. But what can I do? I guess I am in the market for a new printer.

Disposable. I am not sure I like that idea. Oh, I am glad some things are disposable. But so many things in our society have become disposable, or so it seems and we are not the better off for it.

Everything not just so with your marriage? Get a divorce and get another mate. Few would actually make such a statement, but with divorce so prevalent, it seems marriages have become disposable. What ever happened to the idea of “till death do us part?”



The Bible tells us that a man and woman are bound in marriage until death, and that man should not separate what God has joined together (Romans 7:1-3, Matthew 19:1-6). Man may like disposable marriages, but I am confident that our society has not been well served by such developments, nor is God pleased with such.

The faith of the Bible no longer “meeting your needs” or tickling your fancy? Get another. Dabble in the occult. Check out the mystery religions of the far east. Whatever you like. If you don’t like what you have now, something else will come down the pike. Disposable faith. Just cast it off and get a new one.

And what of all the relationships that are lost when such things as marriage and faith become disposable? Do people and relationships not matter anymore? Can we just dispose of them too?

Yes, I am glad there are some things that are disposable. But I regret that such a “consumer” attitude has spilled over to things that really need to be more lasting and life filling.

I guess I will get me a new printer, but I will keep the loving lady I promised I would keep until death do us part. I will also keep the faith of the Bible which has served millions since Jesus died on the cross. One relationship was designed to meet needs for a lifetime, the other designed to meet needs for a lifetime and for an eternity.

—Michael D. Greene

News and Notes

LIFE GROUPS

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Series on Wednesday evenings
at 7:00 p.m. July - August

Youth Summer Series at Crittenden Drive
From 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. August 1

Ice Cream Supper after p.m. service August 7

Ladies Eat Out (men too) at
Chaney's Dairy Barn at 6:00 p.m. August 16

Young at Heart at 6:30 p.m. August 17

Hot Rods Game (see details below) August 18

Elders/Deacons Meeting at 4:30 p.m. August 21

Rosewood Devotional at 2:15 p.m. August 28

SUMMER SERIES

Lehman Avenue's summer series continues this Wednesday night, August 3, at 7:00 p.m. The theme for the series is: *"When My Time is Over..."*. The speaker will be Johnny Trail from Sycamore Chapel church of Christ in Ashland City, TN. His topic is *Will I Know And Be Known In Heaven?*

HOT RODS GAME

Everyone is invited to attend a Hot Rods game on Thursday, August 18th. The bus will leave the Lehman building at 6:00 p.m. The game begins at 6:35 p.m. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the MPR by August 10th so the tickets can be purchased at a group rate. The cost of the tickets will be announced at a later date. Please address questions to Hugh Runner.

EVANGELIZE KENTUCKY

Sunday July 24, 2011

GRANT COUNTY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Attendance: 44 Contribution: \$720.00

OWENTON CHURCH OF CHRIST

Attendance: 30 Contribution: \$670.00

Bill Dayton reports that Owenton is experiencing new visitors from the community each Sunday.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

In The Medical Center:

David Furlong, Room 3A05.

Please continue to remember in prayer Gracie Norton's father, **Maxie Ground**, who suffered a stroke recently. He is in room 615 at the Medical Center.

Kyle Mann will have out-patient surgery this week.

Buster French, Dorothy Herrington, and Hettie Dunning are now at home recuperating.

Casey Cooper, son-in-law of Jerry Carmichael, is making improvement. Jerry thanks us for our prayers and asks that we continue to pray for Casey.

COLLECTING SUPPLIES FOR FCA

This Sunday will be the last day to bring school supplies for FCA. Please check the list in the MPR and bring your items no later than this Sunday and place them on the table in the MPR.

This is the only time this year we will be collecting for FCA.

LADIES' DAY

Our ladies' day is scheduled this year for November 12th. All ladies interested in helping with our Ladies' Day, please meet in the MPR at 5:15 on Sunday, August 7th.

BIG REEDY CHRISTIAN CAMP COOKBOOK

If you would like to help support the new Big Reedy Christian camp, which is being built as a collective effort of several congregations by submitting recipes for a cookbook, you can pick up a copy of the form needed in the MPR located on the teachers' podium or at each entrance. A separate form is needed for each recipe submitted. Please give completed forms to Dana Simpson or leave in the secretaries office. *The deadline to submit recipes has been extended through July 31.*

LADS TO LEADERS

Any girl 6th grade or above who is interested in the Lads to Leaders and Leaderettes GIFTS class needs to see Peggy Runner or Joyce Johnson by August 7.

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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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**July 31, A.M. Worship
Assignments**

Announcements..... Greg Neville
Song Leader..... Phil Hartnady
Sermon..... Mike Greene
First Prayer..... Brett Guthrie
Lord's Supper Prayer..... Jack Ray

SERVE AT TABLE

Gil Cowles..... Gil Ray Cowles
Mike Pleasant..... Rick Wheat
Darrell Miller..... Ethan Keown
Jared McGuire..... Alt. Jason Sowders

Closing prayer..... M.H. Proffitt
Bus Driver..... Blake Fritsch

6 P.M. WORSHIP

Announcements/Prayer..... Wayne Riley
Song Leader..... Youth
Closing Prayer..... Derek Johnson

August 3, P. M. WEDNESDAY

Announcements..... Derek Depp
Song Leader..... David Leo Floyd

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; Marcile
Brandon; Ruby Wilson

In Nursing Care

Christian Health Center

Lois Devore 203B

Rosewood Manor

Flossie Haynes 114A

Morningside

Rolena Greathouse 133

Medco Center, Franklin

Willie Dunning 205B