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From Where I Sit...

Michael D. Greene

Thanks to all who made last week's VBS a great success. From the kickoff picnic to the Thursday night

session, it was a great week. Our numbers were good and all who attended were blessed with some wonderful lessons from some dedicated teachers. I will not single anyone out by name because I know I would miss someone. In addition there were several who just pitched in and did what was needed to spread the burden around. Again thanks so much to all who made it a great week.

Something to Think About:

With the rash of natural disasters recently, there have been many pictures on television of people struggling to salvage their worldly possessions from the debris. On other occasions, folks are seen trying to prepare for such by evacuating their homes and taking as much as they can with them.

I have thought, "What are the most valuable things in our home and what would I want to salvage or save?" How do we determine that value? Usually it is by how much we paid for it.

Given that principle, consider the words of Paul spoken to the elders of the church at Ephesus: "Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood" (Acts 20:28).

If Jesus shed His blood to purchase the church, if that is what heaven paid for the church, what does that say about the value God places on the church?

But what about each of us? What value do we place on the church? If it cost heaven the blood of God's Son, how should we value the church? It is something to think about, isn't it?

Gaines Explains

Daniel Gaines

I would like to take time in my first column to introduce myself and my family to those who do not

yet know us well. I am the new Associate Minister/Education Director for Lehman Avenue. My wife, Tiffany, and I attended Freed-Hardeman University where we each earned both our Bachelor's and Master's degrees. My degrees are in Bible and Ministry, while Tiffany's are in Elementary Education.

Tiffany and I have been married for 13 wonderful years. During that time, God has blessed us with two children, Abby (9 years) and Josiah (4 months). We look forward to them befriending and growing with the great group of children here.

I have been in full-time ministry, either pulpit or associate, for the past 11 years. Thus far, I have worked primarily with churches in Alabama and Mississippi, but am proud to be returning now to my birthstate, Kentucky. My background includes work with youth camps, foreign mission campaigns, prison ministry, Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes, and various other programs of ministry and service. I cannot wait to see what all God has in store for us here.

I have only been on the job for a little more than a week now, but it has been a busy time so far. Between teaching VBS, preaching this past Sunday, and trying to settle into a routine, we have really hit the ground running. However, I wouldn't have it any other way! God is working in some powerful ways through this congregation, and it is great to have the opportunity to join in the good work.

We are excited about making Bowling Green our home and the Lehman Avenue church our family. If perhaps you too are looking for a church home, then let me encourage you to consider Lehman Avenue. We'll learn the ropes together!

What Are You Buying?

There came a time in the history of Israel that Israel lost its direction. Generations of idolatry, worldliness, immorality, and an unwillingness to obey God's revealed will ruptured almost beyond repair the relationship between the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and the people He had claimed as His own for generations.

To try and reclaim them and heal the relationship, God sent several prophets in an attempt to call them back to Him. One of whom was the prophet Isaiah. Among the words Isaiah used to urge Israel to return to God are these:

"Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, and let your soul delight itself in abundance. Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you

Isaiah 55:1-3

Isaiah urges the people to buy sustenance without money. Buy that which feeds, not the physical man, but the spiritual man. Buy that from the God that they had forsaken, for that alone can give abundance. These words foreshadow the words of our Lord in John 6:27 and 10:10:

I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

John 10:10

Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him. "

John 6:27

But notice the question that Isaiah asks: *"Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy?"* How many today spend untold amounts of money seeking the happiness, peace of mind and contentment that cannot be bought? Things that simply cannot be bought with money? How many seek these things where they cannot be found? As Isaiah urged the Israelites of old, we need to listen carefully to the words of the inspired men of God and seek those things where they can be found. Yet today they are not found in the stores in the malls, but in the words of Holy Writ. Listen carefully to God's word. Come to Him and buy what your soul needs. If you do, your soul will delight in abundance and your soul shall live in eternal covenant with God. *"Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy?"*

--Michael D. Greene

News and Notes

LIFE GROUPS

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Youth Summer Series at Mt. Pleasant July 11
*Please note the following changes
due to Pepper's restaurant closing.*

Ladies Eat Out Mariah's at 6:00 p.m. July 19

Men Eat Out at Cambridge Mkt., 6:00 pm. July 19

Young at Heart meet at 6:30 p.m. July 20

Youth Devotional and Volley Ball, 5:30 p.m. July 22
*Who: 5th Grade and Up
Where: Roger and Ellen Watt's
Girls: Bring Canned Drinks
Boys: Bring Chips*

Rosewood Devotional at 2:15 p.m. July 24

SUMMER SERIES

Lehman Avenue's summer series begins this Wednesday night, July 6, at 7:00 p.m. The theme for the series is: "*When My Time is Over...*". The speaker will be Mike Baker from Crieve Hall church of Christ in Nashville, TN. His topic is *Lessons From Lazarus*.

On July 13, Charles Williams from Nashville Road church of Christ in Gallatin, TN will be our guest speaker. His topic is *When the Lord Returns*.

AREA EVENTS

Gospel Meeting at Green Valley church of Christ, Morgantown, KY on July 10-13. With various speakers each evening at 7:00 p.m.

Vacation Bible School...

Mt. Pleasant church of Christ, July 17-20. Theme: Treasures in Heaven. Time: 7:00-8:30 p.m. each evening.

Lone Star church of Christ, July 18-21. Theme: Upside Down Under. Time: 7:00-8:30 p.m.

(Please check the Bulletin Board in the MPR for complete details.)

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The family of **Ovine Pippin** requests our prayers. Hospice has been called in to help. Ovine is now living with her daughter. If you would like to send her a card her address is: 2726 Apache Drive, Bowling Green, KY 42104.

Bill Dayton requests prayers for his father, **Gerald Swan** who is being treated for cancer.

COLLECTING SUPPLIES FOR FCA

The whole month of July, we will be collecting supplies for Foundation Christian Academy. Below is a list of items needed. Please place items in the bins located in the MPR.

Hand Wipes/Wet Ones	Fasteners
Lysol	Reinforcements
Hand Sanitizer	Glue Sticks
Paper Towels	Yellow Hi-Lighters
Kleenex	White Card Stock
Board Cleaner	Crayons
Extra Notebooks	Elmer's School Glue
Journals	Permanent Markers- Black
Dry Erase Markers/ Cleaner	Washable Markers/Paint
Erasers	Individual Packages of Construction Paper *Red, *Blue, *Yellow, *Black, *Green, *White, *Orange
Staples	Composition Notebook
Tape	
Colored Copy Paper	
Folders (Plain)	
Pens	
Loose Leaf Notebook Paper (both college and wide rule)	

EVANGELIZE KENTUCKY

Sunday July 3, 2011

GRANT COUNTY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Attendance: 45 Contribution: \$1,035.00

OWENTON CHURCH OF CHRIST

Attendance: 12 Contribution: \$371.05

Go to the link below to see pictures of the Owenton church building in all its stages of renovation. Page three shows the completed photos.

<http://www.dotphoto.com/GuestViewAlbum.asp?AID=6356759>

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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

**July 10, A.M. Worship
 Assignments**

Announcements..... Harold Nicks
 Song Leader.....Phil Hartnady
 Sermon.....Mike Greene
 First Prayer.....Ronnie Wilson
 Lord's Supper Prayer..... Jim Woosley

SERVE AT TABLE

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

Closing prayer.....Ray Jones
 Bus Driver.....Blake Fritsch

6 P.M. WORSHIP

Announcements/Prayer.....Jeff Coles
 Song Leader.....Jared McGuire
 Closing Prayer.....Charlie Wolfe

July 13, P. M. WEDNESDAY

Announcements.....Josh Adkins
 Song Leader.....Nick Dubree

Shut In At Home

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

In Nursing Care

Christian Health Center
 Lois Devore 203B

Rosewood Manor
 Flossie Haynes 114A

Morningside
 Rolena Greathouse 133