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From Where I Sit...

Michael D. Greene

W h a t a wonderful time to be a part of Lehman Avenue church. So many good things are

happening. Our gospel meeting with Garvis Semore got off to a great start yesterday. By the time many of you read this it will be over, but we anticipate more wonderful lessons from Garvis between now (Monday morning) and then.



Our school, Southern Kentucky Bible Institute is half way through its first session and interest remains high. Classes are taught by Bart Warren of South Green Street in Glasgow, John Board of Elizabethtown, and myself. This session will conclude the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. Our next session will begin on January 10. Make plans now to enroll.



The groundbreaking for Big Reedy Christian Camp was held this past Saturday and was very well attended. It was announced that construction on the lodge will begin as soon as the plans are approved by the state which should be in the next few days. This camp will serve the needs of many more churches than are now being served for years to come. Thanks to all from Lehman who have shown an interest or have supported the effort of a dedicated group of men to provide this facility for the use of the churches. Continued support is needed to complete the project. If you would like to help with a contribution, give me or Russell Simpson a call.



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, guys, mark you calendars and plan to be present.

Gaines Explains

Daniel Gaines

Be Like Jesus

Alan Smith tells the story of a mother who was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, age 5, and Ryan, age 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake.

Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait.'"

Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

We are all like Kevin sometimes. We want everyone else to be Christ-like. We want them to be kind, generous, and forgiving toward us. The problem is that we can't control everyone else. The only person we can control is ourselves. If we want the world to have more Christ-like people in it, then we should start by being more Christ-like ourselves. Peter calls us to this challenge in 1 Peter 2:21 "*For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps.*" Today, you be Jesus!



I wanted to take the opportunity to thank all of those that participated in the Bible School Brainstorming Session. There were some great ideas mentioned. I am mindful of Proverbs 15:22 "*Without counsel, plans go awry, But in the multitude of counselors they are established.*" Input from a variety of perspectives is a great blessing. I think there is great potential in our Bible School program. However, if it is going to reach its full potential, then it needs your prayers and involvement.

If you were unable to attend, but are interested in teaching or assisting, then please still fill out a survey and get it to me as soon as you can.

What Do You Get From the Local Church?

What do you get from the local church? That is a good question isn't it? In this consumer oriented society we are accustomed to getting our money's worth and then some. In fact most of us search high and low for the ever elusive bargain. But what do we get from the local church, our home congregation? Is it a bargain or a rip off? Consider what one unknown female member wrote in a letter to her church.

This lady had been enrolled in Bible school since she was 10 years old. She had been active in several of the ministries of her home congregation. Her children were members and she herself had taught in the Bible school program.

My account seems to be overdrawn. I deposited myself; I withdrew a way of life. I deposited my wedding vows; I withdrew a wonderful satisfying marriage. I deposited sons; I withdrew all the joys and blessings of motherhood. I deposited time; I withdrew the friendship of young and old. I deposited money. Now that seems to be a touchy subject. What did I get for my money?

A beautiful building, yes, but more than that; an investment in the children and young adults of our church. A place to worship, a place to meet friends, old and new. A place where I feel good deep within and know I am doing right.

Ministers - well, who can measure in dollars and cents the value of persons who baptize our children, marry our young, visit our sick, and comfort the bereaved, in addition to the other normal duties of the church, guiding us to do God's will? I am getting a good return for my money.

I know of no other organization where I am free to decide how little I want to deposit in it and still feel free to withdraw as much as I need. I will try in the future to make greater deposits, but please don't count on my being able to

balance my account as I know I'll be overdrawn always.

This lady has some great insights to this business of the church doesn't she? It is true that the church challenges us with the ideal and because Jesus makes great demands on individuals, the church makes great demands on folks.

The church asks for your all. A total commitment in accord with God's Word. But what does she give back? As this lady points out, she gives back more than she receives. Fellowship, worship, needs being met that cannot be met by any other group or organization. She gives instruction on the abundant life. She gives service and she gives love and hope.

Now I want to point out here that we are talking more than money. The church asks for more than that. She asks for time, talents and yes even yourself and your family. But if those things are given, is not the return worth the investment? I believe that it is. At least it has been so in my life.

But, you say they are not in your life. I ask then have you made the appropriate deposits? Have you deposited self, family, time, talents, money? While you may always be overdrawn, you must open the account and make some deposits. The Lord will take care of the rest. What do *YOU* get from the local church?

--Michael D. Greene



News and Notes

LIFE GROUPS

Life Group 1 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
Men's Retreat	October 28-29
Trunk or Treat - After p.m. service	October 30
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.

READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY?

Our church library consists of over 1400 books. The subjects vary from Christian evidences, commentaries, lectureship. Biographies of noted Christian men and women, devotionals, debates, and other subjects.

These are all at your disposal and can be readily checked out. *When checking out a book, sign the card that is in the back of the book and put the card in the basket. When returning a book leave on the table or cabinet and it will be returned to the proper place on the shelf. If you need assistance in finding a book see me before or after services, and I will gladly help locate your book.*

Mary Lois Hughes, librarian

EVANGELIZE KENTUCKY

Sunday September 25, 2011

GRANT COUNTY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Attendance: 43 Contribution: 673.00

OWENTON CHURCH OF CHRIST

Attendance: 14 Contribution: \$198.00

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Marvin Pruett, brother of Avanelle Simpson, had a stroke on September 24. Please remember him in your prayers.

Jim Jones had eye surgery in Nashville on Monday and is now at home recuperating.

Rodger Pruitt, husband of Sheila Pruitt, is suffering from serious medical problems and doesn't seem to be improving at this time. Please remember him in your prayers.

Please continue to pray for: Rosie Gary (granddaughter of Barbara Gary), Darrell Miller, Gene Christy, Charles Cook, John Turbeville, Martha Mason, Dennis Hymer (step-son of Gwen Hymer), and Brandy Day (niece of Pat and Jerry Chapman).

TWENTY DOLLARS IS TWENTY DOLLARS

A well-known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. In the room of 200, he asked, "Who would like this \$20 bill?"

When hands started going up, he said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you but first, let me do this." He proceeded to crumple up the \$20 dollar bill.

He then asked, "Who still wants it?" Still the hands were up in the air. He replied, "What if I do this?" He dropped it on the ground and ground it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now crumpled and dirty.

"Now, who still wants it?" Still the hands went up into the air.

He concluded, "My friends, we have all learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20. Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value. Dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to those who love you. The worth of our lives comes not in what we do or who we know, but by who we are and whose we are.—Author Unknown

"Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows..." —Matthew 10:31

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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 2, A.M. Worship
Assignments**

Announcements..... Darrell Dubree
Song Leader.....Phil Hartnady
Sermon.....Mike Greene
First Prayer.....Ronnie Wilson
Lord's Supper Prayer..... Andy Wright

SERVE AT TABLE

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

Closing prayer.....Earl Garrett
Bus Driver.....Blake Fritsch

6 P.M. WORSHIP

Announcements/Prayer.....Jeff Coles
Song Leader.....David Leo Floyd
Closing Prayer.....Rick Emerson

October 5, P. M. WEDNESDAY

Announcements.....Jerry Chapman
Song Leader.....Andy Wright

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