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Shacked Up Couples

When I turned on my computer this morning I was greeted with an item which said, "Turns out getting married is becoming downright old-fashioned. Shacked up couples now outnumber those who've tied the knot."

Woes to those unmarried couples who have financial quarrels over rent, utilities, credit cards, etc., and show up before "Judge Judy." In no uncertain terms she will tell them that if they don't have a marriage license our courts have made no provision to settle such disputes, and they are on their own.

Does it seem to you that we are getting to the point in our society where the difference between right and wrong is either not discerned or else willfully ignored?

Or consider the overt promotion of homosexuality. Has some law been passed that requires every TV show to have at least a token homosexual? We must have "tolerance," our society says.

Those who offer objections are immediately branded with a sneer as "Fundamentalists." Yet fundamentals are absolutely imperative today. Athletes who ignore fundamentals make for losing teams. In fact, mastering the fundamentals is absolutely necessary in any discipline.

As a nation we enjoy the benefits of Christianity while tending to reject the source of those benefits. In the words of Richard Halverson, "like parasites we are feeding on lingering blessings produced by the spiritual leadership and dedication of earlier generations; the blessings are fading, ethical and moral levels decline toward the increasingly degenerate society." We want to sow to the wind without realizing that we will reap the whirlwind.

An ancient prophet warned, "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!" (Isaiah 5:20). Will we be wise enough to heed his warning?

— John Gipson; via The Family Friend, a monthly newsletter published by the Calvert City church of Christ, Calvert City, KY. website: <http://www.calvertchurchofchrist.com>

A Father's Prayer

Dear God, my little boy of three
has said his nightly prayer to Thee;
Before his eyes were closed in sleep
he asked that Thou his soul would keep;

And I, still kneeling at his bed,
my hand upon his tousled head;
Do ask with deep humility,
that Thou dear Lord, remember me;

Make me, kind Lord, a worthy dad,
that I may lead this little lad
in pathways ever fair and bright
that I may keep his steps aright;

O God his trust must never be
destroyed or even marred by me;
So for the simple things he prayed
with childish voice so unafraid;
Dear Lord, kind Lord, remember me.

- Author Unknown

My Dad

He couldn't speak before a crowd
He couldn't teach a class
But when he came to Sunday School
He brought the folks in mass.

He couldn't sing to save his life,
In public couldn't pray;
But always his jalopy was just
Crammed on each Lord's day.

And although he couldn't sing,
Nor teach nor lead in prayer.
He listened well, he had a smile,
And he was always there

With all the others whom he brought
Who lived both far and near.
And God's work prospered for
I had a consecrated dad.

- Author Unknown

Leadership

Elders Hayward Blanton, Jerry Casey

Deacons Clint Smith Sr, Clint Smith Jr,
Robby Stocksdale, Joe Sweeney

Pulpit Minister Eric Welch

Associate Minister Irvin F. Williams

Panama Mission

Pablo Sanchez

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Class 10:00 AM

Morning Worship 11:00 AM

Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Class 7:00 PM

We Offer Free Personal Bible Studies and Bible Correspondence Courses - Phone (812) 284-3125

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Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning: "None of My Business?" Philippians 2:1-4

Sunday Evening: "What about Bible Contradictions?"

Those Privileged to Serve

AM Service

PM Service

AM & PM Services

Song Leader Michael Hawkins
Opening Prayer Steven Cravens
Scripture Greg Blanton
Sermon Eric Welch
Lord's Supper
Message Jerry Casey
Attendant Matt Johnson
Attendant Rick Martin
Closing Prayer Irvin Williams

Song Leader Robby Stocksdale
Bible Reading Harold Tincher
Selection 5
Prayer Joe Sweeney
Sermon Eric Welch
Closing Prayer Ethan Welch
*If you are unable to serve, please
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Announcements Clint Smith Jr
Lord's Supper Leon Stocksdale
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Usher Fin Burton
Count Offering Art Patrick
Assist Count Hank Tincher

The End of an Era

Eric Welch

In 1981, I faintly remember watching with my third-grade class the launch of the first space shuttle, Columbia, on TV. Thirty years and 135 launches later, the landing of space shuttle Atlantis marked the end of an era. Watching those launches in person must have been a magnificent experience. Seeing the bright cloud rise and the shuttle disappear into space would be an experience you would never forget.

Imagine the wonder of the apostles as they watched Jesus launch into the air to take his position at the right hand of God. And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes. Indeed, they never forgot it.

Sadly, though, just as the news media soon lost interest in reporting routine launches of the shuttle, some Christians also lose interest in the good news that Jesus ascended to heaven to reign over His kingdom and that He will return one day. They live each day as if they are going to live forever, with no thought of Jesus' return.

When the shuttles returned to earth, they did not return in the same magnificence in which they launched. But this fact will not be true of Jesus. The angels said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." (Acts 1:9-11) The Son of Man will come in blazing glory with his angels (Matthew 25:31; 2 Thessalonians 1:7) and every eye will see Him (Revelation 1:7).

Jesus' coming in the clouds will mark the end of an era, but it will begin eternity for God's children (1 Corinthians 15:24; 2 Peter 3:10-15).

¹⁰ *But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.*

¹¹ *Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹² waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³ But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.*

¹⁴ *Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. ¹⁵ And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him,*

Hamburg Pike Happenings

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday April 4th; the meal theme is pizza.

The young men's training class will meet Monday April 4th from 6:00 to 7:15.

The Yahoo group has a dinner scheduled at Longhorn Steakhouse March 31st at 6:00 pm. A signup sheet is on the table in the foyer.

The deadline for Youth Bible Bowl signups is April 30th. Practice will begin in May; the Bible Bowl is July 30th. You will compete in the grade you attend next school year.

A youth activity; workday on the grounds, is scheduled for Saturday April 2nd at the building beginning at 11:00am.