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What Vision Is

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It is the ability to see what a thing could be. A carpenter, looking at a tree, sees with a trained eye much more than others can see. With his expert shaping, appropriate tools, and seasoned patience, he can make out of that tree what was once only in his mind. The Lord needs people, from the leadership down, who look at the community, each other, their income, and their abilities and see what could be done. It takes no effort, emotion, or education to say, "It can't be done!" That's what is expected. Vision sees what could be.

It is the ability to not obsess over what a thing has been. Due respect is owed to the labors of the past, and due recognition is owed both its successes and failures. The past, however glorious, will have ample samples of both. Yet, the people, plans, and programs of today and tomorrow should not be shackled and chained exclusively to what has been. Vision is not always settling for being "has beens." "Will be" is what Paul seemed more focused in pursuing (cf. Phil. 3:10-12). Biblical vision recognizes that doctrine cannot change, but methods, technology, tools, and people invariably do. Vision asks how people living in the present time can best reach people living in the present time and prepare them for an endless eternity.

It is the ability to trust in what God can make it be. No plan would succeed without God's hand in it. I love the prayers where brethren plead, "Help us in the things that are right and defeat us in the things that are wrong." Among the Bible's heroes are those who factor God into the plans and say, "We are well able" (Caleb, Num. 13:30). "I can do all things" (Paul, Phil. 4:13), "There is nothing too hard..." (Jeremiah, Jer. 32:17), and "No good thing does He withhold" (the sons of Korah, Psa. 84:11). Our vision can be bold when "our" is God and us! Since God made the sky, the limit exceeds even that! Our giving, our ambitions, our goals, and our sights should be set to reflect our belief in that fact.

Where will we be this time next year? In five or ten years? Vision plays a role in that. Vision attempts to see the unseen, forget the past, and trust the One who holds past, present, and future in His all-powerful hand. With those truths factored in, let us dream big dreams!

—Neal Pollard

Dates to Remember:

January 22—KFC Family Devotional
January 23—MNftM
January 26—Caring Cooks
January 29—5th Sunday
February 5-9—FHU Lectureship
February 5—Baby Shower for Kristen Riley
February 11—Teacher Appreciation Dinner

Ancient Truths for Modern Times

WCCK, FM—95.7
Sundays 9:00 a.m.
Speakers: Lance Cordle & Gary Knuckles

A Pause . . . And Reflection

Laura and I continue to be so grateful to you for your friendship and fellowship through years. Your recent monetary gift presented to us at the New Year's Eve fellowship was just another of the many acts of kindness you have shown us. We love you, thank you and continue to be humbled by your appreciation and care for us.

The year just keeps moving along!. Before you know it, the Freed-Hardeman lectureship will be here. The dates are February 5-9. The program this year will cover the book of Daniel. Several new features were added last year and the advances in technology continue to enhance the experience for those attending the lectures as well as those who listen to some of them on their electronic devices. I will be passing on some tips to help you "tune in" if you desire to do so.

We would like to invite our teachers to a dinner in their honor on Saturday, February 11. It will be held at the Kentucky Dam Village Restaurant. Jim Faughn will be the guest speaker for the evening. We will be announcing sign-up information soon.

I hope you have a great week. —Lance

Birthdays: January 22-28

- ◆ 22-Shanda Gautney, Angela Gilbert
- ◆ 23-Betty Hall
- ◆ 24-Imogene Hulsey
- ◆ 26-Larry Davis
- ◆ 27-Riley Smith, Brenda Williams

New Sister in Christ

We rejoice with **Kelsey Higgins** for her baptism into Christ on Friday, January 13. We are happy to have **Casey and Kelsey** and their daughter, **Paisley** worshiping and working with us. Please pray for and encourage Kelsey as she begins her life as a Christian.

Casey, Kelsey and Paisley Higgins
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Sympathy

To **Jamie Leonard** at the death of his uncle, **Charles Leonard**, in Mississippi on Wednesday, January 18. Brother Leonard was a gospel preacher for many years.



Mission Spotlight: Benin Training Center Benin, West Africa

Remember back to September 14, 2016 George Akpabli visited here and spoke that night. While in the United States George had started a fundraising effort to raise enough money to buy 10,000 French African bibles. These Bibles will be distributed among the preacher students, preachers and individual Christians in Benin. The Calvert City membership gave some money that night to George and David Simmons. Also the elders approved \$2,750 to help buy Bibles. We have a 34 page photoprint-out of the first wave of Bibles being given out. Seeing the faces and enthusiasm will stir anyone's heart and soul. If you would like to see this booklet see Jackie Travis.

Remember in Prayer:

Charles Allen, Nelda Beth, Norman Bradford,
Richard Darnell, Billie Davis, Jimmy Davis,
JoNell Dawes, Robert & Modean Driver,
Cindy Grubbs, Monroe Hall, James Metheny,
Rudell & Ernestine Noles, Brenda Williams

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Brookdale (Paducah)—John Main
CCCCtr—Betty Clark, Eedra Dossett,
Sue Owen, Bobbie Travis
Lakeway (Benton)—Joann Will
Stilley House—Ed Odell, Ralph Steury

Military: Cory O'Bryan—Ft. Campbell

Teacher Appreciation

Dinner

Saturday, February 11
6:00 p.m.

Kentucky Dam Village Restaurant

Anyone currently teaching in the Bible School program here (or has taught in the last two years) and their spouse will be eligible to attend. Sign-up information is forthcoming.

Record: January 15, 2017

Mid-Week (January 11)	144
Sunday Bible Study	126
Sunday Morning Worship	191
Sunday Evening Worship	118
Contribution	\$6,624

All In

At Evangelism University this past weekend, we were privileged to attend various classes, speakers, and singings that all focused on the topic, "All In."

This theme is one that is demanded by Christ for his followers and one that is so difficult in a society that publicly and proudly displays a lack of commitment to nearly everything.

Being all in is more than coming to church services and attending events.

Being all in involves worshipping with everything you've got on Sundays and Wednesdays, holding nothing back.

Being all in means you do not miss opportunities to evangelize to a lost and dying world, but you anticipate them and wait for your opportunity to strike.

Being all in means that you must be strong enough to deny yourself, pick up your cross daily and follow Christ.

Are you all in?

—Jared Higginbotham

"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

(Matthew 10:37-39 ESV)

**Pew Packers @ 5:45 p.m.
January 22**

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study — 9:15 a.m.

Worship — 10:00 a.m.

Evening Worship — 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Mid-Week Bible Study—7:00 p.m.

Bible Classes For All Ages

Those Who Are To Serve:

Sunday, January 22, 2017

10:00 A.M.

Song Leader: Gayle Hall

Opening Prayer: Glenn Davis

Closing Prayer: Larry Wynn

Convalescent Center: Dennis Driver

Gary Smith

6:00 P.M.

Song Leader: Dale Roberts

Opening Prayer: Brent Fortner

Closing Prayer: Ross Dougherty

Wednesday, January 25, 2017

Announcements: Lance Cordle

Song Leader: Jared Higginbotham

Opening Prayer: Nick Darnell

Closing Prayer: Eugene Cope