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To Be AND Not to Be!

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While sitting in a Bible class and worship at another congregation recently, my mind was provoked to think more deeply on the concept of sanctification. (1 Thessalonians 4:3). The Bible class was over 1 Thessalonians, but the sermon covered a portion of Ephesians 5. Both brought out the positive and negative elements of our place in the world.

In the opening line of the oft-cited Shakespearean soliloquy, Hamlet asked, "To be or not to be, that is the question!" I found myself quoting that as I thought about the material the preacher was bringing forth. However, I thought of it with a spin: *I am both "to be" and "not to be" in my life as a child of God.* Let me see if I can explain.

1. I am to be a representative of Christ. In fact, in my life among people, they should see Christ. In Galatians 2:19b-20 (ESV), Paul writes, "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me." I have been given the great privilege of wearing his name (Christian) so that he may be seen in me. It is my personal conviction that the select usage of the term "Christian" in the New Testament is in stark contrast to the excess usage of the term today, by and about people who have no business using it or wearing it. I am to represent Christ. Therefore, I should imitate him in thought and action (1 Corinthians 11:1; Ephesians 5:1).

2. I am NOT to be a representative of the world. So often, when I define the term, "sanctification," I fall back to the basic definition of being "set apart." It does indeed mean that. However, maybe it does not carry the "punch" that it needs. In essence, we are to be set apart, different, for a purpose. It is, by the way, the same as being holy (a term many with which Christians find themselves uncomfortable, regarding human beings). In one of my Bibles, I have written a sentence that I apparently heard during a sermon. Unfortunately, I did not write the source. I will therefore, say simply, it does not come from me. Of God's people, it was said: "Being holy was not necessarily about *who you were* as much as it was about *who everybody else was not.*" "Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness, without which no one will see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14 ESV).

—Lance Cordle

Dates to Remember:

October 8—Caring Cooks
October 11—KFC activity
October 12—Monday Night for the Master
October 18—Deadline for Returning books to library
October 18—Outdoor worship service
October 22—Caring Cooks
October 26—Monday Night for the Master
October 31—Hayride, Chili Supper

A Pause . . . And Reflection

This week is fall break in western Kentucky and many of our families are out of town. The addition of Columbus Day this coming Monday will probably mean longer time away for them. Please pray for our families who are away from us.

Please be checking through your house (maybe car, office, etc.?) for church library material. We have several books that have not been accounted for. We have a list of those books that I sent out over email. If you need a copy of that list, let me know. I appreciate those who have returned books already. We have plans to re-catalogue the books that will make access to them and research about them so much easier. We want you to turn in books by October 18, if at all possible.

I hope you have a great week. —Lance

Blood Drive



Thursday, **October 29, 2015**
At the activities building, 12:30-5:30

Ancient Truths for Modern Times

WCKK, FM—95.7

Sundays 9:00 a.m.

Speakers: Lance Cordle & Gary Knuckles

Good News!

Kody Burton was baptized into Christ Wednesday, September 30 by his uncle, Gary Smith. Kody and his wife, **Darah** plan to worship here when he is home from his work in St. Louis. Please keep them in your prayers. Their address is posted on the news board in the lobby.

Birthdays: October 11-17

- ◆ October 11—Mary Winters
- ◆ October 12—Nancy Riley
- ◆ October 13—Larry Nesler
- ◆ October 14—Kathy Rogers
- ◆ October 15—Anna Barlow

How to Remember How Many

Books Are in the Bible

How many letters in the word “Old?” — 3
How many letters in the word “Testament?” — 9
There are 39 books in the Old Testament.

Multiply 3 x 9 and you get 27. There are 27 books in the New Testament.

BULLETIN DIGEST *via Findlay church of Christ
Sparta, TN*

Record: September 27, 2015

Mid-Week (9/23)	165
Sunday Bible Study	159
Sunday Morning Worship	225
Sunday Evening Worship	122
Contribution	\$8,565

Remember in Prayer:

Joe Ed Inman—Lourdes, 517

At Home:

Nelda Beth, Kenneth Counce, Billie Davis,
Judy Moore, Jon Sievertson, Danny Sloan,
Wanda Thompson

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

CCC—Betty Clark, Nell Dobesh, Eedra Dossett,
Sue Owen

Brookdale (Emeritus-Paducah)—John Main,
Mary Deane Swann

Lake Way Nursing & Rehab—Dora Davis
Stilley House—Ed Odell, Ralph Steury

Military: Cory O'Bryan



Request to church-library
users:

*"Please return all books by
October 18!"*

Record: October 4, 2015

Mid-Week (9/30)	157
Sunday Bible Study	146
Sunday Morning Worship	218
Sunday Evening Worship	119
Contribution	\$9,498

Youth and Family News

On October 11 (This Sunday) we will have our first KFC event of the fall! We invite all families and children to come out and enjoy a good time of family fellowship and fun. It is supposed to be a beautiful day, so plan on participating in some activities outdoors (kickball, basketball, tag, etc.). We will be gathering at the Activities Building at 4:30P.M. before evening services, and will continue until around 5:30P.M. I hope you all are doing well, and would like to remind you, the congregation, what a blessing you are to my life. Thank you and God bless!

- Jared

October 31 – We will have a busy weekend here as we have the chili supper and hayride, as well as some trick or treating festivities!

November 1 – Although this isn't the month of October, it is on the same weekend as the festivities on the 31st of that month. We will be having our second youth devotional!

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**Don't Forget to Read
the October Family Friend!**
(This week, with the Encourager)

Sundays at 5:45 PM
PEW PACKERS—Auditorium

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, October 11, 2015

10:00 A.M.

Song Leader: Kevin Hunt
Opening Prayer: Ronnie Cox
Closing Prayer: Pat Croley
Convalescent Ctr. David Lineberry
Billy Walker

6:00 P.M.

Song Leader: Jared Higginbotham
Opening Prayer: Nick Darnell
Closing Prayer: Glenn Davis

Wednesday, October 14, 2015

Announcements: Nick Darnell
Song Leader: Ben Leonard
Opening Prayer: Larry Davis
Closing Prayer: Tommy Dawes