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Appreciating the Struggle

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Up until very recently, I had little time for, little knowledge of, and little appreciation for soccer. Even though it is truly a world-wide sport, I did not take the time to know much about it, and even discounted it because of the strange and sometimes violent antics of some of its fans around the world. And, even though the World Cup tournament was announced and broadcast on television, for several weeks, I did not take the time to watch a game until July 4, 2014. I actually sat and watched most of the game and came to understand many aspects of it. However one thing truly stands out in my mind as the point that pulled me in: I did not, before then, appreciate the struggle that the players went through in every game.

As I watched the quarterfinal game between the teams from Columbia and Brazil, I came to understand that the level of soccer I was seeing was much more of a contact-sport that I had first thought. Tackling and screening occurred regularly and I could easily imagine the players being battered and bruised as they came off the field. Brazil's most popular player was taken off the field, and missed the rest of the tournament because a jarring play made by an opponent. I also came to understand and appreciate the low scores so prominent in soccer. The skill level present in the World Cup was such that even an untrained spectator like me could appreciate the ebb and flow of the struggle, with players attacking their opponents' goal and defending their own territory. It was not at all unusual for a ninety-minute match to have a score of 0-0 at the end of regulation time. In fact, that was the case in the championship game, making it necessary for extra time to be allowed for someone to score. Some of those who watched were prompted to think and say: "You mean I wasted two hours watching a scoreless game, when I could have just seen the extra period where the winning goal was scored?" The answer to that, of course, is that you would have missed the struggle and would not have appreciated the participants as much as those who witnessed the entire match. This appreciation is multiplied when one understands that the majority of the players were in motion for the majority of the two-hour match (actual game-time with thirty extra minutes).

Now, why have I gone to such great lengths to expound upon this aspect of soccer? My answer to you is that the apostle Paul used such illustrations to convince Christians to continue, at all costs, in the "match" which makes up the Christian life. Though Paul did not know about soccer, he was very familiar with foot races, chariot races and wrestling matches. These contests were vivid illustrations of struggle which easily gained the attention of his readers and allowed them to relate to what he was saying. "Fight the good fight of the faith" (1 Timothy 6:12, ESV). Clearly, God understands and appreciates the struggle. So should we.

—Lance Cordle

Dates to Remember:

July 17-19—VBS
July 20—Fellowship meal after evening service
July 22—SYS @ Briensburg
July 21-24—Menifee Co. Mission Trip
July 27-29—Area-Wide Gospel Meeting
August 5—SYS @ Calvert City
September 7—100th Anniversary of Calvert City church of Christ

A Pause . . . And Reflection

We continue to appreciate the work of **Daniel McNatt** as our intern. It is amazing to think that his work with us will be completed in less than three weeks! He delivered a good, solid lesson on “Baptism” Sunday night and continues to increase his skills as a teacher as he teaches the auditorium class with me on Wednesday evenings.

Don’t forget the area-wide gospel meeting coming up July 27-29. Also, remember that we will not have an evening worship service on the 27th. Instead, we are encouraging everyone to go to the Carson Center in Paducah for that evening. Transportation should be available for anyone who needs a ride.

I hope you have a great week. —Lance

Historical Material

If you have documents from our congregation’s past, and would like to share them, please contact Leslie Bean. He does not want to take the originals if he can help it. Instead, he will copy the document and return the original to you.

Don’t forget that our celebration of one hundred years as a congregation is coming up on September 7, 2014. We would love for you to invite your family members who have moved away to return with you for that day. Our plans are for activities to be over by mid to late afternoon and this might give them some extra time for their journey home.

**Ancient Truths for
Modern Times**
WCKK, FM—95.7
Sundays 9:00 a.m.
Speakers: Lance Cordle & Gary Knuckles

Fellowship Meal & Report

Sunday night, July 20 following the evening worship service there will be a finger-food fellowship meal at the activities building. After the meal, Shelby O’Bryan will tell about her recent mission trip to Angola, South Africa.

Birthdays

- July 20—Nancy Hall, David Smith
- July 22—Charles Allen, Heather Fortner, Lloyd Glass, Matt Hall
- July 23—Barry Travis
- July 24—Billy Walker, Priscilla Ramage
- July 25—Betty Metzger, Margaret Robertson
- July 26—Kim Booker, John Main, Nancy Mattingly, Richard Osban



Mission Spotlight: Area-Wide Gospel Meeting

The Area-Wide Gospel Meeting has been an annual event for many years now and has been held in Paducah at the Carson center for the last five years. The Calvert City congregation has contributed to this effort for many years.

This year, the Benton church of Christ is in charge of it and it will be held at the Carson Center July 27-29. Arrangements have been made for **Orpheus Heyward**, of Atlanta, GA to preach the three nights, and for **Frazier Black** to lead the singing for the meeting. They are both part of the West End church of Christ in Atlanta.

Each night of the meeting, there will be a period of congregational singing beginning at 6:15. The “preaching” service will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Because of the Sunday evening portion of the gospel meeting at the Carson Center, we will not meet here at Calvert City that night (the 27th). We encourage everyone to go instead, to the Carson Center. Transportation will be available.

Remember in Prayer:

Terry Penix (Heather Fortner's father)—home, recovering from surgery

Jerry Kirk—home with shingles

Macy Ann Heaton (granddaughter of Davy & Ann Walker)—Kosairs in Louisville

Earl & Stephanie Atnip, Patsy Atnip, Nelda Beth, Winford Claiborne (Bettie Bean's uncle), **Brent Cope** (Nick Darnell's nephew), **Billy Hall, Ernestine Noles, Tony Pierce** (Mary Jane Sanderson's son-in-law), **Lexie Ray, Susan Sanderson, Joe Smith, Roy Vasseur, Todd Walker**

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Calvert Convalescent Center:

Nell Dobesh, Eedra Dossett, Mamie Hamilton, Elizabeth Harrell, Sue Owen

Emeritus (formerly Culpepper Place)—Rm 208: Mary Deane Swann

Oakview Manor—Nancy Hall

Summer Youth Series 2014

“Uprising”
Ephesians 5:14

UPRISING

“Rising Up Against Culture”

July 22

7:00 p.m. at Briensburg
Speaker: David Rogers

Record: Week of July 13, 2014

Mid-Week (July 9)	177
Bible Study	189
Sunday Morning Worship	275
Sunday Evening Worship	150
Contribution	\$ 9,710

Can You Name All 16 Deacons?

Did you know that we have 16 deacons who work among us? Did you know that they each have specific roles and jobs that they are assigned by the elders to fulfill and accomplish? Most of their jobs seemingly go unnoticed, when done correctly. And that is perfectly okay. These men are not serving as deacons for the praise of men. Our deacons are serving for the praise and glory of God! But can you name all 16 deacons?

In Acts 6:1-7 a precedent was set. While the apostles were fully devoting themselves to the ministry they realized that certain widows were being neglected. So they gathered together all of the disciples and chose seven from among the men to serve these widows. Later, in 1 Timothy 3, Paul laid out God-inspired qualifications for men who would be called deacons (also cf. Phil. 1:1). These men were to be dignified, not double-tongued, sober, and not greedy for dishonest gain, faithful with a clear conscience, proven worthy, married to a faithful wife, and manage their household well. Deacons were to be servants of the Lord for the local congregation.

Our 16 deacons are truly servants of the Lord within his body here. Our deacons' works are vital to the functionality of our congregation. Individually, they: maintain and keep the buses running that we use so often, organize what is being taught to children of all ages, keep our property clean and functional, design websites and directories, facilitate nights for serving the Lord and fellowshiping together, care for those in need, and control the atmosphere of our worship each week. I am so thankful these men have humble hearts and are willing to serve.

So this week, I challenge us all to find a deacon and thank him for his humble service. If you are still unaware of who they are, challenge yourself to find all 16 of them. As we seek to meet this challenge we can all be thankful that God designed his church so wonderfully. In all things, bring glory to God!

h —Austin

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

*****Please Note Time Change*****

**Sunday Morning: Bible Study—9:15
Worship—10:00**

Those Who Are To Serve:

**Sunday, July 20, 2014
10:00 A.M.**

Song Leader: Austin Johnson
Opening Prayer: William Hamilton
Closing Prayer: Dean Riley
Convalescent Ctr. Devo: David Whirley
John Harrington

Song Leader: Ben Leonard
Opening Prayer: Garrett Travis
Closing Prayer: Noah Steele

Wednesday, July 23, 2014

Announcements: Mark Hart
Song Leader: Cory O'Bryan
Opening Prayer: Jeff Hall
Closing Prayer: Stan Gautney