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It's not a Social Media phenomenon, but those platforms have proliferated this problem. Begin by making a provocative statement about race, religion, politics, other social issue, matter of judgment, or the like, then step back and watch while the unrestrained and undisciplined scratch and claw at one another. Soon, the issue is obscured by hateful remarks as combatants escalate the rhetoric. The tactic is utterly worldly, yet too often it is brothers and sisters in Christ with the sinister stick in their hands jabbing at the hibernating grizzly! My consistent question is, "Why?" What is the purpose? Certainly, we should all be more critical thinkers, but such tactics as these generate much more heat than light. Rather than logical, rational points and counterpoints, they usually produce *ad hominem* attacks, *reductio ad absurdum*, and other Latin diseases!

When you consider how the New Testament governs our speech and guides our conduct in dealing with each other, you have to ask where the above-mentioned ploys fit in. Here is a sampling of admonitions and instructions the Holy Spirit gives us through Scripture:

- ◆ "So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another" (Rom. 14:19).
- ◆ "Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person" (Col. 4:6).
- ◆ "A perverse man spreads strife, and a slanderer separates intimate friends" (Prov. 16:28).
- ◆ [God hates] "one who spreads strife among brothers" (Prov. 6:19b).
- ◆ "Pursue peace with all men..." (Heb. 12:14a).
- ◆ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God" (Mat. 5:9).
- ◆ "Love does not act unbecomingly" (1 Cor. 13:5a).
- ◆ "Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel" (Phil. 1:27).
- ◆ "And the congregation of those who believed were of one heart and one soul..." (Acts 4:32).

Be careful. In an attempt to be clever, relevant, and cutting edge, could we instead be alienating, divisive, and polarizing? There's a big difference. May we all pray for the wisdom to differentiate. Especially in a divided world that is watching how those who claim to be Christians speak, interact, and treat them and each other, may we "be shrewd as serpents and innocent as doves" (Mat. 10:16). Be dove-imitators, not bear-pokers.

—Neal Pollard

Dates to Remember:

January 31—5th Sunday
February 7-11—Freed-Hardeman University
Lectureship
February 8—MNftM
February 11—Caring Cooks
February 13—Grief Seminar @ Briensburg
March 5—Golden Age Banquet

A Pause . . . And Reflection

This coming Sunday is the fifth Sunday of January. It is the first of four in this “leap” year. Sunday school will have a slight change, in that the men and boys will meet in Room 10 and the women and girls will meet in the old fellowship hall. There just a couple of months left until the Lads to Leaders convention, so we are going to make a special effort to give our participating young people an opportunity to practice skills for that convention. The girls will practice their speeches and song-leading and the boys will be practice Bible reading and song-leading. Parents, please see that your children get to class so they can participate. Also, please be there to encourage all our young people.

Also, this Sunday will be special in our meeting times. We will meet on our regular schedule for the morning. However, following the morning service, we will have lunch at the activities building. We will then assemble for worship at 1:00 pm. We will NOT meet at 6:00 p.m.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to turn aside from our routine and enrich our lives. We can eat with our brothers and sisters; we can feel the freshness of a different time for evening worship; we could also have time for a family activity or a visit to a sister congregation at 6:00 p.m.

I hope you have a great week!—Lance

The times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.”

Acts 3:19 KJV

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

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy goes to **Kevin Hunt** at the death of his grandfather, **Charlie Hunt**. He died Sunday night in Akerman, MS.

Grief Seminar

A Grief Seminar will be held at Briensburg church of Christ on Saturday, February 13 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.. Lunch will be provided at 11:30 p.m. **Bill McDonald** of Centerville, TN will be the speaker. For more information see the brochure on the board in the lobby. If you plan to go, please call Briensburg (270)527-8691.

5th Sunday Potluck Meal

Following the morning worship everyone is invited to a potluck meal at the Activities Building. Members are requested to bring meats, side dishes, and/or desserts.

Birthdays, January 31-February 6

- ◆ January 31—Kerry Creason
Rheta Harman
- ◆ February 1—Dawn Lisanby
- ◆ February 2—Kevin Hunt
- ◆ February 3—Joann Will
- ◆ February 6—Ali Martin

What Cancer Cannot Do

Cancer is so limited...
It cannot cripple love.
It cannot shatter hope.
It cannot corrode faith.
It cannot destroy peace.
It cannot kill friendship.
It cannot suppress memories.
It cannot silence courage.
It cannot invade the soul.
It cannot steal eternal life.
It cannot quench the Spirit.
—Author unknown.

Remember in Prayer:

Billie Davis—St. Thomas Hospital, Nashville

Andrea Atnip (Stephanie Atnip's daughter),
Sandy Barlow, Nelda Beth, Kenneth Counce,
Ruth Davis, Ruth McDaniel, Rudell &
iErnestine Noles, Jon Sievertson, Danny
Sloan, Brenda Williams

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

CCC—Betty Clark, Eedra Dossett, Sue Owen

Brookdale (Emeritus-Paducah)—John Main

Lake Way Nursing & Rehab—Dora Davis

Morningside (Paducah)—Bobbie Travis

Parkview—Patsy Atnip

Stilley House—Ed Odell, Ralph Steury

Military: Cory O'Bryan

5th Sunday
January 31st

Bible Class—9:15 a.m.
A.M. Worship—10:00 a.m.

Potluck Fellowship Meal
at Activities Building
following morning worship.

P.M. Worship—1:00 p.m.
(NO 6:00 p.m. service)

Record:
January 24, 2015

Mid-Week (1/20)	106
Sunday Bible Study	161
Sunday Morning Worship	220
Sunday Evening Worship	144
Contribution	\$8,608

Spiritual Seat Belts

Over the holidays, my family and I were driving across the country. Apart from some fields, windmills, and cows, there is usually very little to see. As we trudged along, a department of transportation message caught my attention. It read, "753 road deaths this year, 63% unbuckled." I couldn't help but be saddened by these numbers. It made me wonder how many of that 63% would have lived if they had simply pulled that safety harness across their bodies.

It's tragic when people choose not to wear a seat-belt when it is so easy and accessible. However, this poor decision can hardly hold a candle to the spiritual negligence of so many in our world. Matthew 7:13-14 details out the heartbreaking reality of this neglect, "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it."

This Scripture puts a sorrowful lump in the throat. God clearly explains that even though forgiveness of sins is widely accessible to everyone (John 3:16; Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 2:38), the majority of people are not willing to take hold of it. And even though so many continue to reject Him, God still patiently waits for us to repent (2 Peter 3:9). This seat-belt of salvation is easy to attach and available to all. If only our world would but put it on, that is, "put on Christ" in baptism (Galatians 3:27). If only our world could see the life-saving spiritual harness right in front of them (1 Peter 3:21; Mark 16:16).

Even though so few are walking the narrow path toward life, Matthew goes on to explain that the only way to gain salvation is by "doing the will of God" (7:21-23). Putting on the spiritual seat belt takes both hearing and doing, faith and works (James 2:14-26). Not that we are earning salvation through works, but that we are merely doing what is necessary to accept the incredible, unearned, undeserved, yet life-saving gift.

63% of those in cars who met the Maker last year were physically unbuckled. Only the Lord knows how many would have been saved with a seatbelt. What percentage are spiritually unbuckled? Only the Lord knows that number as well. Let make sure we aren't part of that number. As far as we are concerned, whether it's physically or spiritually, let's make sure we buckle up. —**Brett Pretrillo**

January 31, 2016

NO PEW PACKERS

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 31, 2016

5th Sunday—10:00 A.M.

Song Leader: Gayle Hall
Opening Prayer: Ross Dougherty
Closing Prayer: Jerry Hall
Convalescent Ctr. Randy O'Bryan
Gary Smith

5th Sunday—1:00 P.M.

Song Leader: Youth
Opening Prayer: Youth
Closing Prayer: Youth

Wednesday, February 3, 2016

Announcements: Gayle Hall
Song Leader: Kevin Hunt
Opening Prayer: Glenn Davis
Closing Prayer: Brad Parker