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Hating is Serious Business

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Some of those reading this can recall a television show called "Our Gang." It flourished in the 1920s, '30s and '40s, but enjoyed a comeback in the '70s. It featured a lovable group of kids who occasionally got into mischief. Viewers identified with "Spanky," "Alfalfa," "Buckwheat" and others of the regular cast. One of the funnier aspects of the show was to watch the little boys establish and join the "He-man Women Haters Club." Everyone watching knew the little boys really did not mean to hate women, but they were expressing the normal feelings of little boys before they become adolescents, then men. Viewers knew it was a juvenile action and understood they really did not mean to hate women, and would "grow out of" that attitude.

Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary defined hate as an "*intense hostility and aversion usu. deriving from fear, anger or sense of injury.*" In his book, Flesh and Spirit, William Barclay described the Greek word translated "hate" as, "*the attitude of mind and heart which puts up the barriers and draws the sword*" (p.42). Hatred is no mere immature feeling, caught up in a moment of excitement. It is an attitude that has been built and harbored, usually with inaccurate information. The intensity of such an action implies a lingering of the feelings associated with the hostility toward the object.

Contrast these definitions with the current labeling of opposition as "hate." If someone within our culture disagrees with or opposes the ideas of another, it is very likely that they will be described as a "hater." Even though the opposition may not be personal, the one who reacts by labeling can gain an upper hand in public opinion by describing their opponents in such a manner. Free thought and free speech are thus cast aside, and meaningful discussion, which might be conducive to a solution of the problem, is made impossible.

Labeling people as "haters" by those whose actions are called into question actually brings about what some of the labelers oppose, namely, prejudice. If certain actions bring severe consequences for the person committing those actions, are we hating a person for pointing out those consequences? If we oppose a course of action by a person or group on the basis of the merit of the ideas behind those actions, are we haters?

Of course, such labeling comes about from a culture that uses extreme language for frivolous activities: e.g., "I love apple pie!"; "I hate that music!"

God, himself, has things he hates (Proverbs 6:16-19). He opposes actions that harm people, and the attitudes behind the actions. However, God has "so loved the world" (John 3:16). This in its basic message, means that he hates the sin, but loves the sinner. May we, by our words and actions prove that we love people, but are opposed to the degrading, disgusting and divisive attitudes that are running amok among people today.

—Lance Cordle

Dates to Remember:

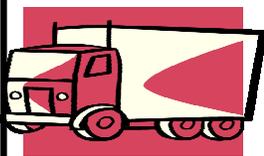
November 21-22—Sonshine Youth Rally
November 27—Thanksgiving
November 30—5th Sunday
December 7—Youth Devo @ Hunts’
December 11—Caring Cooks

One of the ways we are trying to improve our assembly times together is by cutting down on oral announcements. Since we have numerous ways to get the information to you (email, bulletin, and Sunday morning announcement sheets), we do not need so many of those things said during the Sunday morning assembly. By reducing those remarks, we reduce distractions from our worship. So, if you have something to announce before the Sunday morning assembly, please turn it in by Friday afternoon. That way, it can be included on the announcement sheets.

Next week contains Thanksgiving Day, so we will print and mail the Encourager on Tuesday. Also, the Wednesday night assembly will be a congregational gathering with no classes meeting elsewhere.

Birthdays: Nov. 23-29

- November 23—Joe Hall
Tiffany Willingham Aisha
- November 26—Garrett Parker
Mary J. Sanderson
- November 27—Susan Sanderson



Bread of Life:

The following things are needed for the Bread of Life Humanitarian Effort, for disaster relief: Alcohol wipes, hand wipes (15 count), roll bandage-tape, tube of antibiotic ointment, bottle of hand-sanitizer (2 oz. or smaller), box of Band-aids, gauze dressing (individually wrapped, 2x2 or 2x3), Q-tips (50-count). Deadline for donations—December 10.

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

Sympathy:

To **William Hamilton** & family at the death of his mother, **Maymie Hamilton** who passed away Wednesday, November 12. the funeral service was held Sunday, November 16 in Benton.

To **Linda Ray** & family at the death of her sister, **Jozella (Jodie) Dick** who died Friday, November 14. Her funeral was held Tuesday, November 18 in Mayfield.

To **Bettie Bean** & family at the death of her uncle, **Winford Claiborne** who passed away Tuesday, November 18. Funeral service to be held Friday, November 21 in Fayetteville, TN. Memorial service Sunday, November 23 at 2 p.m. at Williams Chapel church of Christ in Lynn Grove, KY.



Mission Spotlight: World Bible School

A new mission effort has become a part of the activities associated with Monday Night for the Master. It is called **World Bible School**, and any Christian can participate in teaching the gospel to thirsty souls. There are currently about five teachers. During a typical MNftM, these teachers will mail and grade Bible correspondence lessons to students in Malawi and Ghana.

WBS was begun at Calvert City in the fall of 2013. More than 350 lessons have been mailed; approximately 26 lessons have been returned back for grading, and the second lessons have been sent to these students. This is an English-speaking program. If anyone at Calvert City would like to work as a WBS teacher contact Stan or Shanda Gautney.

—Jackie Travis

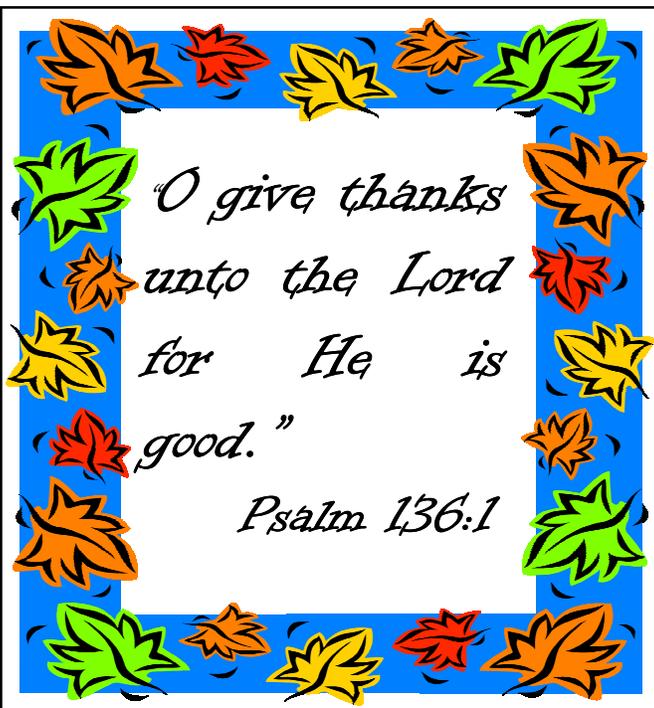
Remember in Prayer:

Dora Davis—Baptist Health, 324
Larry Davis—scheduled for surgery, Nov. 20 in Nashville.
Joe Hall—home
Galon Riley—home

Edna Adams, Earl & Stephanie Atnip, Patsy Atnip, Sandy Barlow, Nelda Beth, Brent Cope (Nick Darnell's nephew), **Carolyn Dunn, Betty Hall, Imogene Hulsey, Dave Lineberry, Ernestine Noles, Tony Pierce** (Mary Jane Sanderson's son-in-law), **Lexie Ray, Jace Riley** (great grandson of Galon & Nancy Riley), **Susan Sanderson, Joe Smith, Todd Walker**

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Calvert Convalescent Center—**Nell Dobesh, Eedra Dossett, Sue Owen**
Emeritus—Rm 208: **Mary Deane Swann**
Oakview Manor—**Nancy Hall**



Record: Week of November 9, 2014

Mid-Week (November 5)	156
Bible Study	183
Sunday Morning Worship	248
Sunday Evening Worship	129
Contribution	\$8,348

What Really Matters?

Through our "life's travels" we all experience our share of failures and disappointments. We may lose an election, be rejected by someone we love, receive a termination letter from work, or have a business fail. Friends may hurt us, and even churches may disappoint us. No one is immune from these things.

Certainly not to minimize the pain and hurt these things bring (they really do sting and tears are alright), but their lasting impact is not fatal. Even the real tragedies of life such as bankruptcies brought on by medical bills or the death of a child or spouse do not represent ultimate disaster. We may mourn, but we do not despair.

We may not be mature enough to accept it, but the only thing that really matters is what we are doing with Jesus. One day Jesus came to eat lunch with two sisters named Mary and Martha. Mary sat at Jesus' feet to soak up His wisdom and presence, but Martha became highly frustrated just trying to put the meal together. Her complaint to Jesus was met with this response, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about many things; but only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her" (Luke 10:41-42).

When the issues of our lives are placed on the "balance scales of eternity," it will matter little where we lived, how close we were to the grandkids, where we vacationed, or how badly the arthritis hurt. All that will really matter is what we have done with Jesus and His offer of salvation. What is our answer?
—Don Loftis

Pew Packers – 11/23

5:45 p.m.

Bible Facts—Divisions of the Bible

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, November 23, 2014

10:00 A.M.

Song Leader: Gayle Hall

Opening Prayer: Don Whirley

Closing Prayer: Jackie Travis

Convalescent Ctr. Devo: Jeff Hall

Gary Smith

P.M.

Song Leader: Austin Johnson

Opening Prayer: Jamie Leonard

Closing Prayer: Casey Counce

Wednesday, November 26, 2014

Announcements: Austin Johnson

Opening Prayer: Kevin Riley

Closing Prayer: Cory O'Bryan