



The Encourager



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"Nice" is Nice, But...

While visiting Mankato, MN recently, I heard the phrase "Minnesota Nice" at least two times in general conversation. In the first, the preacher for the local congregation was telling me about what to expect from the people as we approached them by going door-to-door. He said they lived up to the phrase, "Minnesota Nice." Later, in the motel lobby area, a lady and I were discussing the ramifications of filling up larger, insulated, "spill-proof" cups of coffee vs using the standard-size cup in the rack. She ended her part of the discussion, by saying, well, they do say, "Minnesota Nice."

Commenting on the phrase an article in Wikipedia.org defines it as the "stereotypical behavior of people from Minnesota to be courteous, reserved, and mild-mannered." True to form, the vast majority of our responders in the door-knocking campaign were kind and courteous. As with any stereotype, the general rule did not hold for all those we met. There was some blunt, even rude behavior shown to us.

Some people "had their own religion," while others sensed where we were going and politely said "No, thank you." Still others just did not want to listen to our invitation and offer of free material. I also suspected at the time, many ignored the knocking or door-bell-ringing, not wanting to be bothered. I recall one young man telling me he did not believe in God. When I asked why, he simply said he did not feel like talking about it. However, the overwhelming majority seemed nice, but not interested in what we had to say.

Jesus faced similar reactions in his sojourn upon earth. In fact, on one occasion, a young man came up to him and asked him about eternal life (Mark 10:17-22). When Jesus cited the socially-oriented commandments from the "10 Commandments," the young man replied, "*Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth*" (Mark 10:20 ESV). In other words, he was "nice." Jesus clearly appreciated his "niceness," because the Bible says he "loved him." However, Jesus then confronted him with his basic need to turn his life over to God. When that happened, the man went away—sad, but unchanged.

Refreshing personality does not replace repentance.

"But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God" (John 1:12, 13).

—Lance Cordle

Dates to Remember:

July 29—5th Sunday, Potluck & 1 p.m. service
July 29—Area Wide Fellowship at McCracken County High School Performing Arts Center
July 31—SYS at Glendale
August 3—Youth Camp Out
August 7—SYS at Calvert City

Ancient Truths for Modern Times

WCCK, FM—95.7
Sundays 8:30 a.m.
Speakers: Lance Cordle & Gary Knuckles

A Pause . . . And a Reflection

It was a joy to be involved in the campaign for Christ along with 17 others from this congregation and about 60 others from the Mt Juliet, TN congregation. Enthusiasm and willingness to work were high marks of the group. Interest was maintained by the seminars each night and we left with great hopes for the future. Some of the numbers to remember were: Doors knocked: 12,501; Contact cards: 114; Bible studies conducted: 5; Bible studies in progress: 5; baptisms: 3.

I hope you have a great week!—Lance

Baptism

We rejoice with **Joseph Wynn** at his baptism Tuesday night, July 24th! He had been studying with **Brent Fortner**. Please pray for Joseph as he begins his life in Christ.

5th Sunday, July 29

Guest Speaker: Brian Egerton

- AM Bible Class and Worship at Regular Times
- Potluck Meal at Activities Building following AM Worship
- Afternoon Worship at 1 PM
- No 6 PM Service Here. See Area Wide Fellowship in Next Column.

Bread of Life

Bread of Life is collecting items for school kits this quarter. **Items needed are: scissors, bottles of glue, pack of crayons, rule erasers, crayon boxes, small pencil sharpeners, and folders with fasteners.** Please bring items to donate by Wednesday, August 29.

Area Wide Fellowship

Join Christians from across the region for a night of edification and fellowship on **July 29** at **McCracken County High School Performing Arts Center**. Singing begins at 6 p.m. and worship begins at 7 p.m. The guest speaker for the night is **David Powell**.

SYS Youth Series

Our congregation will host the last Summer Youth Series of 2018 on Tuesday, August 7. We need your help providing ice cream for refreshments. If you can make homemade or bring store bought ice cream, please sign the list in the lobby.

Bridal Tea

Ladies of the congregation are invited to a bridal tea for **Alison Bean** and **Jeremy Thurlkill** on Sunday, August 5 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. at the activities building. Alison and Jeremy are registered at myregistry.com.

Thank You

Dear church,

Thank you for all your love and concern during this time. At this very sad time you have lifted me up with your prayers. I don't know what shape I would be in if I didn't have you all. I have felt the love and am so thankful for all your expressions of sympathy. You took your time to let me know how much you care. Please continue to pray for me and my family as we adjust to this life without our dear mother.

Love,

Kimberlee Copeland

Birthdays: July 29-August 4

- ◆ August 1—Jacob Brasher, Billy Morehead
- ◆ August 2—Zoey Croley
- ◆ August 3—Addisyn Wyatt
- ◆ August 4—Greg Culver

Remember in Prayer:

David Smith—Marshall Co. Hospital, 109

John Main—Baptist Health, 407

Marshall County Students, Staff & Families

Nelda Beth, Mason Brandon, Kent Clark

(Holly Robert's brother), **Mason Cosner, Richard Darnell, Ethel Davis, Jimmy & Karen Davis, JoNell Dawes, Robert Driver, Cindy Grubbs, Clay Hale, Jeff Hall, Jerry Hall, Imogene Hulsey, Hedia Mabry, Janet Mathis, Fritz Metzger, Gary D. & Mitzi Roberts, Jerald & Janet Turner, Ramona Simpson**

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Brookdale (Paducah)—**John Main,**

Jim & Barbara Story

CCCCtr—**Betty Clark, Hazel Demery,**

June Tarkington

Misty Meadows, in Metropolis, IL—**Betty Burkeen**
Oakview Manor—**Norman Bradford, Barbara Vasseur**

Stilley House—**Raymon Cordle, Ed O'Dell, Ralph Steury, Roy Vasseur**

Military: **Cory O'Bryan**—Germany

SYS 2018



“Anchored”

July 31, 2018

“Jesus Is Alive”

Kyle Grice

at Glendale Road

Record:

July 22, 2018

Mid-Week (July 18)	148
Sunday Morning Bible Study	180
Sunday Morning Worship	252
Sunday Evening Worship	139
Contribution	\$7,857

Because He Lives!

“And he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him.’” (Mark 16:6)

Do you know what is the driving force of Christianity? Do you know why we can live how we live? The answer is easy: it's the resurrection of Christ!

Look at the early believers. In the days surrounding Jesus' death, they were beyond discouraged. The man they had committed themselves to was humiliatingly murdered before their very eyes. As they saw it, their faith died right in front of them.

However, look at these same people after the resurrection. In the book of Acts, they are preaching Christ crucified to the very people who killed him; they confess Jesus in the face of persecution. Their lives are overwhelmed with unbridled vigor! In so fervently following Jesus, they fulfill his command to “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.” (Mk 16:15)

Because of the resurrection, Jesus' followers shared a faith full of life! Their lives were changed in two glorious respects: 1. they were each raised to a new spiritual life (Rom. 6:4) and 2. their actions on earth joyfully affirmed such (James 2:17). Christ's resurrection proved their triumphal purpose, and his resurrection empowered their undying faith.

Daniel B. Wallace wrote, “Life, relationship, forgiveness, sanctification, the future, sanctity of the body. A whole philosophy, an entire world view, is wrapped up in the resurrection of Christ. Act as if your life depends on the resurrection of Christ--because it does!”

—Caleb Boggs

No Pew Packers this Sunday

*****No Prayer Session*****

This week due to early second service

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study — 9:15 a.m.

Worship — 10:00 a.m.

Evening Worship — 6:00 p.m.*

*On the last Sunday of each month, the evening service will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Mid-Week Bible Study—7:00 p.m.

Bible Classes For All Ages

Those Who Are To Serve:

Sunday, July 29, 2018

Morning

Song Leader: Gayle Hall

Opening Prayer: Dennis Driver

Closing Prayer: Ronnie Cox

Convalescent Center: Dennis Driver

Gary Smith

Evening

Song Leader: Caleb Boggs

Opening Prayer: Mark Hart

Closing Prayer: Don Thompson

Wednesday, August 1, 2018

Announcements: Nick Darnell

Song Leader: Jeff Mabry

Opening Prayer: Connor Parshall

Closing Prayer: Randy O'Bryan