

### Times of Services

#### Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship  
10:00 a.m. Bible Study  
11:00 a. m. Worship

#### Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Bible Study

### Other Study and Worship Opportunities

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 2:00 p.m. Trinity Care Home Worship Service
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study on Leadership –Ranch House Restaurant
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Neighborhood Bible Study on James 6:00 p.m. (TBA)
- Young Bible Scholars monthly meeting (TBA)

### News and Notes

- **Home Bound Members:** Mike Butler, Eula Mae Harliss
- **Limited Health:** Joyce Manasco, Willena Woods, Wade & Doris McCrary
- **Baptism** – We rejoice with the angels and saints as we welcome our new brother in Christ, Caleb Steinback, baptized June 1.
- **Prayer Requests:** The Jerry Green family. Mike Butler is battling lung cancer. Jimmy Logan, Elbert Logan's brother, has late stage cancer. Willena Woods was hospitalized in May and continues to have health problems. Leo Briggs, grandson of Dan and Carol Briggs, will be facing more surgery. Beverly Brashier underwent shoulder surgery and will be in rehab therapy over the coming weeks.
- **Others to remember:** Marion Butler, Steve Coburn, ,Marilyn Lavender, Jim Ratcliff, David Allen Williams, Doris Young (Lynette Coburn's mother), Eldon Barham, Elbert and Virginia Logan, Sara Williams, (Ed Williams' mother), and Vickie Stevens (wife of Tim Stevens). Michael Villamor, deployed in the Middle East.

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## East Columbus Bulletin

### **What to Do if You Disagree**

From time to time, as we listen to sermons or attend Bible classes, something will be said with which we disagree. What should we do when this happens?

First, be sure that you properly understood what was said. It might be that you simply did not hear what the other person was saying. Changing a single word can sometimes drastically alter the meaning of a sentence. Also, expressions taken out of context can lead to conclusions that were never intended. Take notes, re-listen to the recorded sermon (if available), study the Scriptures that were referenced in the lesson - many potential problems will be resolved in this way.

Additionally, give the benefit of the doubt to your brother who is doing the teaching. Love actually demands this (1 Corinthians 13:5). Do not automatically assume the worst.

If questions linger, it is best to go directly to the one who has done the teaching. Too often we complain or criticize to others, but never to the one who supposedly made the error. This is simply not right! Wait for a good opportunity (right after the lesson in front of other people is usually not the best time) or set up an appointment. Calmly discuss your concerns with the man face-to-face. If we do this, the vast majority of misunderstandings will be quickly settled.

Finally, in the few cases where the matter is not remedied by these initial steps, it will be necessary to press the matter further. If error has been taught, we cannot remain silent. We must oppose and expose the false teaching (Galatians 2:5, 11-13). But even in this type of situation, we should be careful to conduct ourselves in a way that will make it

easy for the erring brother to acknowledge his mistake and make correction (2 Timothy 2:25, 26).

Disagreements are certain to arise. Let's be sure we handle all such situations properly as we endeavor "to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:3).

**Greg Gwin, The Beacon (Columbia, TN), 12-5-17**

## "Why Do I Have to Explain Myself to You!?!"

When faithful brethren try to encourage and admonish wayward Christians, it is not uncommon for them to respond with bitterness and resentment. Once, as an attempt was being made to restore a person who had fallen away, the angry reply was made: "Why do I have to explain myself to you!?! I don't have to give an answer to anyone!" A few observations are in order.

First - in the most absolute and literal sense - the statement is true. No one can be forced to explain his or her actions to anyone else. You are truly at liberty to do as you please. If you do not want to supply information to others, no one can make you do so.

However, it should be pointed out that those who go to the time and trouble to approach such weak and faltering brethren in an effort to restore them are doing so out of sincere love and true concern. They are not simply busybodies who delight in interfering in other people's business. They truly care, and they want to help. In reality, it would be much easier to ignore these situations and let the wayward Christians go off into sin unrestrained and unbothered. But, to do so would be a violation of the duties enjoined by God (Galatians 6:1, 2), and it would manifest a total lack of love for the one who has left the Lord (James 5:19, 20).

If the erring brother or sister really understood the motivations of those who are trying to restore them, they would not respond bitterly. Rather, they should be thankful that someone loves them and cares enough to reach out with help and support.

Finally, we note that while no one can be compelled to explain their actions to other men, they certainly will be forced to answer before God (2 Corinthians 5:10). "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Hebrews 10:31), and all who know this (even if they must be reminded from time to time) will be grateful for anything that prepares them for that inevitable judgment (Hebrews 9:27).

**Greg Gwin, The Beacon 2-27-18**

## Love in Deed

"My little children, let us not live in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth" (1 John 3:18). Brotherly love among Christians is so badly needed today just as it was in the days of the apostle John. But it must be sincere love, not just superficial love that is actually hypocritical. Please allow me to illustrate:

I say, "Oh, I love John Doe. He is such a strong man and I can count on him any time I need his help. And besides that he is good—I believe he will do what is right." Well, good for me! **Anybody** would love that kind of man! At least we would **think** we love him and we would say we do. But then John gets sick and loses his job and becomes very poor. Will I still love him when he can't help me? Or John may slip into sin—he may stumble and he may even end up in real trouble. Do I love him yet? Or do I only **say** I love him and then stay away from him until he gets himself out of debt or out of trouble?

God says, "Love in deed." Peter said, "Love one another with a pure heart, fervently" (1 Peter 1:22). And if I do love in deed, I'll go see John even when he is in trouble—to help him, and not just to criticize him.

The word gets back to me that some brethren say, "Oh, we love that man, but we just don't agree with what he teaches." And what do they do that proves their love? Nothing at all. They avoid him, refuse to talk with him about what he teaches and even misrepresent him. Now I ask you, "Is that real brotherly love?"

Others profess great **love for truth** but they are unwilling to test what they believe and what they practice to see if it really is according to truth. Is that love in deed, or is it only from the lips? Is your own love really for truth, or is it for what you believe to be truth?

**Leslie Diestelkamp, Think on These Things, 11-1-1969**

David explains how he prevented himself being consumed by despair when in challenging circumstances: "I would have fainted unless I had believed to see the goodness of Jehovah in the land of the living" (Psalms 27:13). If you are in dire circumstances, then look beyond your circumstances to the goodness of the Lord.

**David Cambridge, 10-3-17**