

ANNOUNCEMENTS

An announcement that should have been in last weeks bulletin is that Steve Gill obeyed the gospel, and put his Lord on in baptism. Also Max Litke responded asking for prayers of the church on his behalf. Sorry that this wasn't announced last week, but we did want to make it known to all.

The big event this week is VBS. Several things regarding it: It looks like we'll be full, according to registrations. Ages this year are restricted from age 3 through grade 6 (exception: those involved in Bible Teaching, who have babies - they will be taken care of in nursery). Some things are still needed:

Sister Ellen Hostetler asks that each teacher bring 1 or 2 pitchers for kool-aid. We need donations for cookies, sugar and kool-aid (we expect around 200 each day - that's a lot of refreshments). Also needed are a few with cars that could be sent to remote areas for regular riders to relieve the busing problem some.

There is to be a Friday night VBS PROGRAM at 7 o'clock. We hope to have many bus children's parents here, but we would invite everyone. We urge members to be here for meeting visitors.

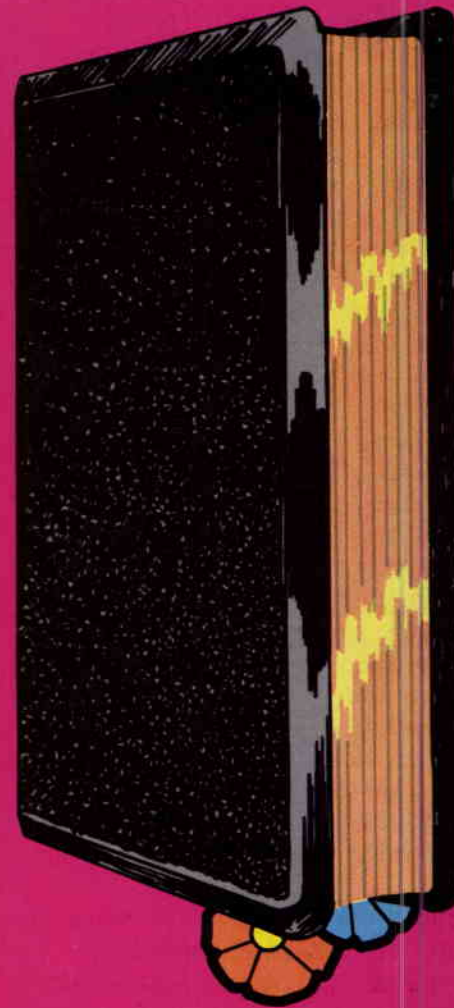
There will be no regular classes Wednesday evening. We'll all meet in the auditorium for service.

Following evening services, the VBS teachers are to meet in classroom #7 for last minute details.

Sis. Diane Martin expresses her thanks to the ladies for the shower gifts, and also the hostesses.

Brother Martin Hall is slowly improving (double pneumonia) in the hospital here... brother Jerry Hicks was released Thursday feeling good... Mrs. Hazel Herron (Norm's mother) is in Room 449 Anapolis hospital in Wayne, Mi. (Wayne may not be the correct town - will be checked out later) Please keep these and others sick in our prayers.

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JUNE 13, 1976

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age 3 to grade 6

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WHY PEOPLE WILL BE LOST

The seriousness of being lost can hardly be overemphasized! When we stand at the bar of judgment and give an account for the deeds done in this body we will also be giving account for the deeds not done at all. I know that there are many "big sins" that will cause people to be lost, but I believe these are obvious to all concerned. I feel that we need to put more emphasis on the minor things that more of us are probably guilty of.

First in the list I must put pride. Pride in the right things of the right kind is good and necessary. Many will be lost due to pride. There are those with whom I have opportunity to talk who realize that the church to which they give their allegiance is "man-made". These same people know that many of the things they practice are wrong according to the Scriptures. As far as the Bible is concerned they are unable to find "book-chapter-and-verse: for much that they do or leave undone. But due to pride they are willing to go on in error. Many of these good people continue in a certain denomination because their parents attended the particular group. I wonder if they have ever read the story of the rich man (so-called "Vives") in hell who suddenly decided that his family religion was no longer satisfactory. I am sincere in saying that millions are going to find that the "old family religion" was not adequate.

Secondly, I must mention a condition that touches even more people; that is the sin of indifference. This will be the cause of more of those who are members of the Lord's church to be lost than any other single thing. This will also include those who have not obeyed the gospel. They may be indifferent to the known truth, or they may be indifferent to learning the truth, as revealed in the Bible. While many know the truth who never obey it, there are also many who obey the truth who never "live it out" in their lives.

There are those who "lean toward the church of Christ". As one well known preacher said: "Hell will need to be built on a "slant" for those who lean toward the church of Christ." (We might add that there are those who lean out as well as toward.)

There are those indifferent members who try to "run with the hare and the hounds" at the same time.

Indifference is the reason "Christian parents are too doting towards their children. I am afraid that there are parents who prefer to let their children to be lost in hell than to correct them. When parents allow their children to do things they shouldn't they are saying very plainly: "I don't love your soul." If not; why not? We have a tendency to turn our children loose in high-powered cars before they are ready for it simply because other parents are doing it.

Later parents "'wake-up" sader, but wiser. Many times they find themselves prospective grandparents much before they had planned to be. Also the future of the bright boy or girl, or both, is drastically and permanently changed. They cannot go to college, as planned for many years, and maintain a family at the same time.

How many heart aches and tears (ould be avoided by a little more firmness on the part of parents at the right time! Even more tragic is the tremendous number of teen-age divorces that result from the immature individuals getting married several years before they had planned to. Our children are our heritage from God. Let us not waste our heritage by indifference to responsibility.

E.E.G.

Selected

Oddly enough the world's shortest sermon is preached by a traffic sign: KEEP RIGHT.

"Children have more need of models than of critics."