

The Bellville Proclaimer

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ARE YOU A CONTAGIOUS CHRISTIAN?

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This question grows out of a comment from Ralph Weinkholdt, a preacher and friend who lives in Dardanelle, AR. In a recent bulletin article he wrote:

*Our Wednesday P.M. outreach class, **Becoming a Contagious Christian** continues to go well. This will provide some congregational training as we prepare to launch into our Caring and Sharing program after the first of the year. As I visit with preachers and receive reports across our brotherhood, I believe there is a better "spiritual atmosphere" for evangelism. It could be that many are beginning to sense the urgency in light of the world's problems which are beyond human wisdom to fix.*

The word contagious may be defined as: 1) capable of being transmitted by contact with an infected person; 2) tending to spread from one person to another. Christianity should spread from one person to another. This is how the church of Christ grew in its early days. The Bible says, "Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved" (Acts 2:46-47).

Even those who were not joining them respected those first Christians. But many were convinced to join them because what they believed and did was contagious! "The word of God kept on spreading; and the number of disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith" (Acts 6:7).

Our community will "catch" our Christianity from us if we, like the Thessalonians, continue to "spread" our "work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope" (1 Thessalonians 1:3). And if we make it our

practice to "Love one another with brotherly affection" and "outdo one another in showing honor" (Romans 2:10), our community will soon find themselves "infected" by the same kind of Christianity that has "infected" us. But, we must also realize that if we have the kind of Christianity that "neglects so great a salvation" (Hebrews 2:3) or "bites and devours one another" (Galatians 5:15) then we will "infect" our community with that same kind of Christianity also.

So, are we contagious? Let's get out and about in our community and spread the "contagion" Christianity around!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our nation; Our outreach programs; BICA; Our country's armed forces including Matt Laas, Jon Beach, Travis Little, David Wolfskill, Matt Sweeney and Jeremy Wilson; Wesley Drones; Hugh Anderson; Anna Mae Hartsell; Bill Pereyra; Jolie Fricks; Paula Griffith; Charlie Middlebrook; Rex Kennedy; Vicki Marshal, friend of the Bluemels; Caleb Crowe; Mark Birdwell; Wayman Bradley; Wayne & June Campbell, Kevin's parents; Patricia Hill, Elouise Harris' cousin; Brian Smith of Hempstead, heart problems; Madison Hyde; WBS students; Don & Melba Bentley, Judy Williams' parents; Maxine Roche, Carolyn Pereyra's aunt; Irene Bluemel, Joe's & Phyllis's sister-in-law.

ABOUT US...

Potluck Today!

★ Ladies, remember the brunch/Bible study in the home of Betty Wilkes Thursday @ 10 A.M. The topic of study is *Darkness To Light*.

★ Guinn Adams has been in the hospital with pneumonia. He was able to go home Wednesday night.

★ Pat Callahan had hand surgery on Tuesday and is doing well.

★ John Harris has been sick and is still not feeling well.

SPECIAL DAYS

🕯️ December 16th *Hugh Anderson*

🕯️ December 17th *Laura Laughter*

THOSE TO SERVE TODAY

A.M. Service

Greeters—Brenda Johnson & Sharon Bradley

Announcements—David Johnson

Song leader—Dan Laas

Scripture Reading & First prayer—Don Wilkes

Communion—Buddy Brockett, George Edwards, Joe Bluemel

Closing Prayer—Hugh Tubbs

Anchor Man in Back—Brett Laughter

Attendance records—John Harris

P.M. Service

Song Leader—Buddy Brockett

First Prayer—Joe Bluemel

Communion—David Johnson

Closing Prayer—Vernon Mensch

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 15th 10:00 AM Brunch/Ladies' Class @ Betty Wilkes' house

December 31st Devo/Fun Mensch Home Snacks @ 4 PM Meal @ 6 PM

THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO GET TO THE TOP OF AN OAK TREE: CATCH THAT FIRST LIMB AND CLIMB...OR, FIND A GOOD HEALTHY ACORN, SIT ON IT AND WAIT.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday:

Bible Class _____ 9:00 A.M.

Worship _____ 10:00 A.M.

Evening Services _____ 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday Evening _____ 7:00 P.M.

Thursday: Ladies' Bible Class _____ 10:00 A.M.

Devotional at Briarwood Manor _____ 1st Sunday

Devotional at Colonial Belle _____ 3rd Sunday

Fellowship Meal _____ 2nd Sunday of each month

Sandwich Supper _____ Last Sunday evening of each month

LOVE IN ACTION LAST WEEK

Bible Class _____ 32

Worship _____ 45

Sunday Evening Worship _____ 27

Contribution _____ \$2671

(Weekly Budget Requirement _____ \$1804)

Wednesday Evening _____ 22

Ladies' Class _____ 13



