

CHAPEL GROVE CHURCH OF CHRIST

January Newsletter

January Anniversaries

(7) Benjamin & Cody Blake

January Birthdays

(1) Keith Craig (5) Barbara Ann Wiseman (6) Matthew Moore (12) Cathy Scott (14) Jackie Calvert (14) Katherine Jackson (17) Carla Rogers (18) Ed Daniel (18) Nathan Davis (20) Jimmy Don Wyrick (21) Terry Shoaff Jr. (22) Reba Patton (26) Hollie Daniel (26) Betty Jenson (27) Tim Fischer (27) Stormy Fisher (29) Alison Helson

**January 2014 Teaching Schedule**

**Leadership Study January 4th @7pm  
Presented by: Ed Daniel**

	<u>Wednesday 1st</u> Singing Night
<u>Sunday 5th</u> AM-Duane Permenter 5PM-Mark Purcell	<u>Wednesday 8th</u> Ed Daniel
<u>Sunday 12th</u> AM-Danny Burns 5PM-William Davis	<u>Wednesday 15th</u> Mark Purcell
<u>Sunday 19th</u> AM-Duane Permenter 2PM-Joey Calvert and Nathan Davis	<u>Wednesday 22nd</u> Ed Daniel
<u>Sunday 26th</u> AM-Duane Permenter 5PM-John Daniel	<u>Wednesday 29th</u> William Davis

What if we began to treat our Bibles the way we treat our cell phones?

What if we...

...carried it with us everywhere?

...turned back to get it if we forgot it?

...checked it for messages throughout the day?

...used it in case of an emergency?

...spent an hour or more using it each day?



**Priorities**

New Years is a time of new beginnings; consequently, the new year is much like Christianity. No matter how good or bad the previous year has been it gives a clean starting point to do better. This is time to make sure priorities are where God wants them to be. There is nothing worse than wasting an entire year of your life on a priority that will not give glory to the Father!

Each of us as a Christian must abound in the Lord's work.

**1 Corinthians 15:58**

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." NKJV

There is "labor" to be done for the Lord. "Labor" has to do with hard work. We know that "our labor is not in vain in the Lord." Society is filled with many who are physically lazy, and they neither work nor labor at anything. Sadly, this attitude of trying to do the minimum is also found in the church.

**I Am Responsible**

The work that is to be done is the responsibility of all members. 1 Corinthians 15:58, was spoken to "the church of God which is at Corinth" (1 Corinthians 1:2). This was to individual members in a local congregation just like Chapel Grove. The work that is for Christ is by each local member. Members are those who have been baptized into Christ.

**Galatians 3:26-27**

"For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ." NKJV

The work that is done for Christ must be by both men and women in the church. The work of the Lord cannot be done by some outside organization. In the Bible the local congregation always did the work. That puts the ball in our court brothers and sisters. God has ordained that each of us must build.

**Psalms 127:1**

"Unless the Lord builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the Lord guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain. NKJV

The message is clear, the work is the Lord's, and it is bigger than any of us. If Chapel Grove is what the Lord desires it to be, every member must put the work first and foremost in his/her life!

**Evangelism**

**Mark 16:15-16**

Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." NKJV

The work of the Lord includes evangelism, edification and benevolence. It is a wonderful thing for Christians to spend time in the work of the Lord. The work of the Lord requires individual evangelism by every member as he/she has the ability and opportunity. We should all be working!

**Edification**

The work of the Lord is for Christians to edify and build others

up. It is necessary to train and equip Christians for works of service. We need to be willing to learn and apply change.

**Benevolence**

**Ephesians 4:16**

Paul wrote, "From whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love."

The work of the Lord is for Christians to be involved in benevolence. The early church was filled with people who were willing to share anything they had.

This includes even hospitality. For example when was the last

**Galatians 6:10**

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith." NKJV

time you had someone in your home? Have you done a work of service for someone in the congregation or community of late?

**Working For the Master**

Christians should study, pray, worship and work to the glory of God. We must be faithful in this matter because it is "the work of the Lord." Remembering that your work in the Lord and for the Lord helps you stay faithful! Let us be like "Tryphena and Tryphosa, who have labored in the Lord." Let us be like, "the beloved Persis, who labored much in the Lord." (Romans 16:12)

**Strong Spiritual Christians**

The work of the Lord is to be done by members with strong, spiritual character. God expects each Christian to be steadfast and involved. Each member of the body must be faithful and active in the Lord's work. When Jesus gave Himself for our sins, He died in order to purchase a people "zealous of good works." (Titus 2:14) Every member has a work! Do you have time for the Master today? Have you prioritized a place for God?

**CHOOSE YOUR PRIORITIES WISELY!!!**

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