

Plain Path

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“Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path... Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart” (Psalm 27:11-14)

WHAT ONE TOLERATES, THE NEXT ACCEPTS

by Mark White

John Wesley once wrote, “What one generation tolerates, the next generation will embrace.” Both sacred and secular history have proven the truth of this assessment time and time again.

Everything from dancing to drinking, from abortion to mercy-killing, has gone from toleration

to acceptance. In the home and in the church, everything from immodesty to immorality has been first allowed and then endorsed. Adulterous marriages, gambling, and other similar sins, have gone from being permitted to being sponsored. Remember when wearing shorts and attending dances were generally con-

demned as sinful? Now, in some places shorts are being worn to church services and dances are sometimes held in church buildings! Truly, “what one generation tolerates, the next generation will embrace.”

One generation tolerated sprinkling for baptism if a person were seriously ill. The next generation accepted sprinkling for baptism as an option for everyone. One generation approved a “head” elder. The next generation

(Tolerates, continued on pg 2...)

Only one week remains before our

Gospel Meeting

January 26 - 29

Make certain you have it marked
on your calendar.

Our speaker will be Mark White

And
Don't
Forget

The day before
we will have a

Gospel Singing

January 25th at 2:00 PM

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(Tolerates, *continued from pg 1...*)

appointed some elders “bishops”. One generation introduced instruments of music as an aid to poor singing. The next generation demanded we worship with instruments. One generation accepted the “fellowship hall” (which, at first, was just a few tables in the basement for social meals). The next generation built gymnasiums and “Family Life Centers”. One generation apologized for “hard preachers” who opposed denominationalism. The next generation saw their sons and daughters joining those denominations. One generation spoke of the need to reach out in a “non-judgmental” way to our Catholic and Protestant friends. The next generation welcomed Presbyterians into “our

fellowship” with only a handshake. One generation spoke of congregational singing as “one of our traditions.” The next generation defended choruses and choirs. One generation applauded preachers who closed their sermons without an appeal for sinners to be baptized for the remission of sins. The next generation denied the gospel plan of salvation in general and baptism in particular.

What does this say to us? What is our responsibility? “You shall observe to do therefore as the Lord...hath commanded you:

ye shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left” (Deut. 5:32). “Hold fast the form of sound words” (2 Tim. 1:13). “Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them” (2 Tim. 3:14). “Mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them” (Rom. 16:17).

The next time we are tempted to deviate from the word of God, let us remember that what we tolerate, our children will embrace!

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THIS WEEK'S DAILY BIBLE READINGS

NEW TESTAMENT READING

JOHN 9 - 12

January 19 - 21

OLD TESTAMENT READING

JOB 1 - 10

January 22 - 25

I TIMOTHY 4:13

The Intrepid Hunter

by Bob Pulliam

*Last week I went hunting, to tell you the truth.
Big game I was after, no other would do.
I pulled out my sling-shot, and went to the jungle,
Hoping with lions or tigers to tangle.
Now from a belly that upon me did dine,
I pause to repent with this very short rhyme.*

The poor chap in my poem above had a terrible problem. I’m not really talking about the problem of where he was while writing. He’s there and it’s too late to do anything about that. I’m talking about the problem of not being prepared for the “battle” he was about to wage. Going after a lion with a sling worked well for David (I Sam 17:34-35), but is hardly the right tool for one of us.

We have another battle to wage, and it seems to me that

there are times when we try to wage it with inadequate weaponry. Some pick up weapons of opinion and feelings. Others pick up their favorite pop-author on Bible subjects. Then some of us think we can get by on our wits. Has it not occurred to us that we need a sword (Eph 6:17)?... A truly substantial weapon to fight an enemy that has far more experience than all of us combined (I Pt 5:8)! This is war (II Cor 10:3-6). Are you fighting it with a pea shooter, or God’s heavy artillery?

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FAMILY NEWS & NOTES

*News and Notes of Interest
to Fry Road Members*

Because of the large number of visitors to our services, we would ask those wishing to identify with the congregation to do so by expressing this interest directly to the elders.

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

Gospel Singing
January 25, 2014 (2:00 PM)

Gospel Meeting (Mark White)
January 26 - 29, 2014

Gospel Meeting (Steve Wolfgang)
April 13 - 16, 2014

V.B.S. ("We Would See Jesus")
June 23 - 26, 2014

Sick and Shut-Ins

Sections have been removed to preserve member's privacy

Preaching Abroad...

Grief Stricken



"Therefore receive him in the Lord with all joy, and hold men like him in high regard"
(Philippians 2:29)

Paul told the Philippians to hold men *like* Epaphroditus in high regard. Which tells us that there was a certain character to this man that the Philippians could relate to other men. Seeing the "likeness", they should give them the regard appropriate to their outstanding character.

We all are like someone. In fact, we all are like many different people in certain ways. Some of those ways may be good, and some may not be good at all. Your assignment is to study the following characters to see what they were like:

- Peter
- James & John
- Barnabas
- Paul
- Diotrophes
- Demas
- Judas

Look closely at yourself, and see if there is anything about each (and don't skip any) that may be found in you... even if it is only in a "small" way. Perhaps you serve the lord, but have you denied Him at times with your life? Then there are two aspects of Peter in you. When you finish, there should be good and bad on your list. Now start working on making your list look better.

FOR THE RECORD

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS

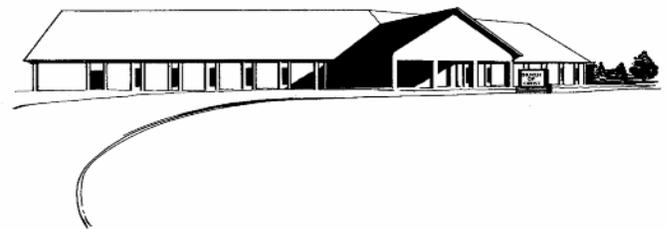
MONTHLY ASSIGNMENTS

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IN KEEPING WITH OUR LONG STANDING AGREEMENT, THOSE SERVING PUBLICLY ARE REMINDED TO PLEASE DRESS IN A MANNER RESPECTFUL OF THE GOD WHOM WE SERVE.

ELDERS:

Ruben Amador
Matthew Heaton
Donnie Mangrum
Steve Voss



DEACONS:

John Coleman	Ken Dunsmore
David Ellison	Ray Farrell
Aubrey Garner	Steve Geraci
Steve LaGrasta	John Light
Steven Martin	Mike McMurray
Jason Mock	David Stevenson
Glenn Tomblin	

TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Classes	9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Assembly	10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Assembly	6:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Classes	7:30 PM

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