ARE YOU A PILLAR OR A CATERPILLAR?

Somebody once observed: “Church members are either pillars or caterpillars. Pillars hold up the church, caterpillars just crawl in and out”. Christians ought to be doing more than just crawling in and out. Conversion to Christ should make a difference in our lives – not only in our lives, but also in the lives of others as we lose ourselves in service to Christ and our fellow human beings. Jesus didn’t die on a cross because I’m okay. He died because there were and are some things about us that need to change. As someone noted, “If your religion leaves you unchanged, you need to change your religion”. Titus 3:8-9 describes two kinds of religion – one will lead you to change, the other will leave you unchanged. The verses say: “This is a faithful saying and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men. But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless”.

Notice the two ways Paul rates religion: “good and profitable” or “unprofitable and useless”. These are striking words. Paul is directing Titus to teach Christians on the first century island of Crete that they can be pillars or caterpillars in the church! They can help hold up the church as they stay busy doing and supporting good works, or they can get all bogged down and caught up in disputes and debates and foolish fusses and fights which are “unprofitable and useless”. Thirty years in the church has taught me that some church members help hold up the church, some are content to crawl in and out, and a few seem bent on tearing and slowing her down. It should sober us to realize that our religion can be “good and profitable” or “unprofitable and useless”. Are you a pillar or a caterpillar?

Dan Gulley Smithville Church of Christ
CONTINUING PRAYER LIST
Inez Burnett, Helen Dye, Ernie Lawson, Barbara Taylor, Jimmy Lodge, Wayne Ikard

SICK and PRAYER LIST
Jimmy Lodge’s hip procedure has been scheduled for March 3rd, Virginia Hill (Pat’s mother), Murril Martin received his test results Monday and it was positive for cancer. He had a port put in Tuesday for chemo treatments and went for a heart scan Wednesday. Murril and Dorothy are strong and have successfully been through this about 12 years ago. Please remember them both in your prayers, Margery Rubble (Smith’s neighbor) is still in NICU after a recent fall that broke her neck, Lucy May Sullivan (Dorothy’s sister) is not doing well, Tanya Brady’s mother is having back trouble, Bill Chennault (Faye’s brother) is now in Health South for rehabilitation after his recent hip surgery and heart attack. He is doing much better, Randy Ash (former member) is in Huntsville Hospital in ICU with a flesh eating bacteria. He has had a couple of surgeries, Ken Taylor went to the hospital Monday with stroke like symptoms. His cardiologist adjusted his medicine determining that it wasn’t a stroke. He’s back home and doing better, C.J. Johnson (Dinah’s dad) had kidney stone surgery Friday

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES
Andrea Sprouse (Ash), Cathy Kelly, Shirley Largen (Billy Largen’s sister-in-law), Judy Cloud (Don’s sister in law) John Maples (Dorothy’s brother) Pearline Montgomery, James Embler (Judy Brown's father), Joe Nave (Stefanie Little’s father), Ronald Lanear (Bill’s nephew) has begun Chemo treatments, Tracy Whitehurst (Susan’s cousin) is taking chemo therapy, Billy Joe Meeks (Bernard’s cousin) has lung cancer and is currently going through radiation, Leah Seibert (16 year old friend of Luke Little) who has been recovering from cancer has recently been diagnosed with cancer again in several places. John Watts (friend of Wesley Key) with stage 4 colon cancer, Peyton Blandenship (Carrie Amerson’s friend) who was in an automobile accident a few months ago has been moved to Children Hospital in Atlanta for extensive therapy, C.J. Johnson (Dinah’s father) has requested our prayers for a health condition, Caleb McConnell (Lera’s grandson and Barbara’s nephew)

Sermon Notes
• **FARLEY CAMPAIGN TRAINING**—We welcome Jim and Donna Smith from Gospel Sharing Ministries out of Texas. The Farley Church of Christ and Gospel Sharing Ministries will be having a campaign August 28th—September 7th. Jim and Donna are here this Sunday through Wednesday to train us for that. The training will be thorough and extensive and will begin today. Tonight we will meet 4:00-6:30 and Monday through Wednesday we will be meeting 6:30-8:30. Schedules are available. This is a great opportunity to reach the lost and erring in our community and in our families, but it will require a lot of work and commitment from each member of the Farley family. We encourage you to be present for this training.

• **YOUTH DEVOTIONAL**—The monthly devo has been postponed due to campaign training. It will be rescheduled soon.

• **YOUTH CONDUCTING THE SERVICE**—Sunday, March 6th our young men along side the young men from the Eva Church of Christ will be conducting the evening service. We are so proud of our young men and their spiritual growth. Let’s be sure to encourage them all we can!

• **GOSPEL MEETING**—Farley’s Gospel Meeting will be Friday, March 11-Sunday, March 13th. Our guest speaker will be Eric Lyons from Apologetics Press. He will be giving a seminar on God, Creation, & Evolution. Schedule & Lessons are as follows:

  - Fri—7:00PM - 7 Reasons to Believe in God Part 1
  - 8:00PM - 7 reasons to believe in God Part 2
  - Sat—6:00PM - Answering difficult FAQs about God
  - 7:00PM - Wonders of God’s Creation
  - Sun—9:00AM - Alleged Proofs of Evolution—Exposed
  - 10:00AM - Creation-In Six Days or Six Billion Years?
  - 11:00AM - Lunch served in the Annex
  - 12:30PM - Dinosaurs, The Bible, History, & Science

Let’s make an effort to invite everyone we can. Flyers are available in the foyer as well as by email. Let’s be sure to give our support by our attendance every night.

• **WINTER SERIES**—Thanks to Sean for a great job this past Wednesday. This Wednesday we will be taking a break from our winter series due to campaign training. We will start back Wednesday the 9th will Steve bringing us the lesson.

• Arab Church of Christ will be having a Friday night singing, March 4th at 7:00. A flyer with details is posted in the foyer.

• Union Church of Christ will be having a family seminar March 5&6. A flyer with details is posted in the foyer.

• Meridianville Church of Christ will be having a special prayer service February, 29th 6:00-7:00. A flyer is posted in the foyer.

• West Huntsville Church of Christ will be having a Spring Seminar March 4-6. A flyer is posted in the foyer.

• Gurley Church of Christ will be having a Gospel Singing Friday, March 18th at 7:00. A flyer with details is posted in the foyer.

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**Birthdays and Anniversaries—March**

- Brandon Glenn—1st
- Dustin Wood—2nd
- Haley Carlton—3rd
- Cliff Corum—15th
- Dinah Key—16th
- Riley Jane Carlton—17th
- Barbara Taylor—20th
- Cliff & Faye Corum—4th
Sunday Morning Worship
Song Leader.................................Steve Carlton
Opening Prayer.............................Bill Largen
Comments.................................Lindell Smith
Comments Backup..........................Wesley Key
Communion.................................Noah Carlton, Micah Carlton,
                                      Don Wood, Wesley Key
Bible Reading.............................Corey Brady
Sermon......................................Jim Smith
Closing Prayer.............................Mickey Maples
Greeters.................................Spann, Martin
Visitor Cards.............................Luke Little
Audio Visual...............................Kenny Reynolds
Count Contribution......................Wood, Martin

Sunday Evening Worship
Song Leader.................................Sean Gough
Opening Prayer.............................John Spann
Sermon......................................Jim Smith
Closing Prayer.............................Sean Gough
Audio Visual...............................Micah Carlton

Wednesday Evening Worship Mar 2nd
Song Leader.................................Kenny Reynolds
Invitation.....................................Jim Smith
Closing Prayer.............................Kenny Reynolds
Audio Visual...............................Wesley Key

Elmcroft Service
Speaker ....................................Largen/Childress

Grandview Gardens
Speaker ....................................Gough/Key

Redstone Village Service
Speaker ....................................Gough/Key

Those Serving in March
Communion Preparation...............Tanya Brady
Building Lock-up........................Mark Little

Regular Schedule of Services
AM Bible Class............................9:00
AM Worship...............................10:00
PM Worship...............................5:00
first Wednesday morning of the month
Pacesetters (55+) 10:00
Wednesday Evening Class..............7:00

Staff
(Elder) Lindell Smith..............585-2244
(Elder) Sean Gough...............498-0539
(Deacon) Murril Martin...........829-9554
(Youth) Steve Carlton.............880-0294
(Minister) Mark Little.............431-3780

Our Record
for week of
February 21, 2016
Sunday School.............................46
Morning Worship.........................61
Evening Worship.........................48
Offering....................................$3,124
Budget.....................................$2,602
Wednesday Classes......................41