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We Love the Souls of Everyone

"This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:3-4).

Because we love the souls of men and want them to go to heaven, we preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. Paul knew this burden and said, *"I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek"* (Romans 1:14-16).

Because we love the souls of men, we are not afraid to speak out against sin. We know that passions of the flesh *"wage war against the soul"* (1 Peter 2:11).

Because we love the souls of men, we preach the need to follow Jesus. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. *"No one comes to the Father except through me"* (John 14:6).

Because we love the souls of men, we point people to what is best. The Lord Jesus came to bring us an abundant life (John 10:10). His yoke is easy, and His burden is light (Matthew 11:28-30). He is the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6). He is *"our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption"* (1 Corinthians 1:30). We can do no better than to preach Jesus and Him crucified to every soul in every place who will hear.

—Phil Sanders Author of *A Faith Built on Sand* and *Adrift*
Speaker for "In Search of the Lord's Way"

Leadership

Elders Hayward Blanton, Jerry Casey

Deacons Clint Smith Sr, Clint Smith Jr,
Robby Stocksdale, Joe Sweeney

Pulpit Minister Eric Welch

Associate Minister Irvin F. Williams

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Class 10:00 AM
Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Class 7:00 PM

Panama Mission

Pablo Sanchez

We Offer Free Personal Bible Studies and Bible Correspondence Courses - Phone (812) 284-3125

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Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning: "The Gospel of God" Galatians 4:1-7

Sunday Evening: "Singing Emphasis"

Those Privileged to Serve

AM Service

Song Leader Michael Hawkins
Opening Prayer Nathaniel Welch
Scripture Fin Burton
Sermon Eric Welch
Lord's Supper
Message Greg Blanton
Attendant Grover Blanton
Attendant Jeremy Montgomery
Closing Prayer Clint Smith Jr

PM Service

Song Leader Steve Cravens
Bible Reading Clint Smith Sr
Selection 3
Prayer Rick Martin
Sermon Singing Emphasis
Closing Prayer Robby Stocksdale
*If you are unable to serve, please
call Art Patrick 502-819-9481
or Harold Tincher 502-409-3511*

AM & PM Services

Announcements Harold Tincher
Lord's Supper Hayward Blanton
Offering Jerry Montgomery
Usher Ernie Marshall
Count Offering Hank Tincher
Assist Count Art Patrick
Last Sunday
Contribution \$2,440
Attendance 89

Over The Precipice

“Meet Lauren King, Preaching Intern at 4th Avenue Church of Christ,” an online video, has prompted much discussion over the past month. King entered Lipscomb University as a communications major but quickly transferred to the Bible Department to study youth ministry, serving three internships in this field. When she determined to shift her emphasis to preaching, Lipscomb secured an internship for her under the direction of Patrick Mead, senior minister of the 4th Avenue church in Franklin, Tenn.

While there has been a growing use of women to preach by progressive congregations and institutions, the wide Internet circulation of the Lauren King video was a flashpoint, exposing a fundamental rift among churches of Christ.

A Lesson from the Past

The *Gospel Advocate* maintains a policy of supporting unity in truth. We take no pleasure in division, but some members, with whom we have enjoyed fellowship, have gone where we cannot go.

The same sad reality faced David Lipscomb in the late 1800s. As an editor of this journal, he addressed many controversial topics – notably the use of instrumental music in worship and higher critical theories of biblical interpretation. Lipscomb attempted to maintain unity for decades, but he was eventually forced to recognize that division was inevitable.

In 1892, the Disciples of Christ held a convention in Nashville, Tenn. (apparently choosing Lipscomb’s hometown as a personal affront). At this gathering, women were used prominently to preach.

For David Lipscomb, this marked the point of no return in dividing the church. As Robert Hooper records, “the total abandonment of the Bible to accept new positions for women in the church was theologically liberal to the core. This acceptance of a liberal position convinced him that he could no longer extend fellowship to the Christian church, a term that began to be used exclusively for the more progressive Disciples of Christ” (*A Distinct People* 34).

The underlying issue was biblical authority. Lipscomb could charitably consider the earlier controversies as questions of interpretation. Brushing aside the clear teachings of Scripture, his former brethren had embraced a different religion – in this way leaving the fellowship they had once shared.

The Same Fork in the Road

In our own day, changes in worship are highlighting a change that has already occurred in the hearts of men and women.

Worship defines a religion. Changes in worship are often the clear sign of a fundamental shift from one religion to another.

Male spiritual leadership is a pattern designed by God for the ordering of the church, especially in worship. The prohibition against women leading in public teaching is direct, as we read in I Timothy 2:11-14: “Let a women learn quietly with all submissiveness. I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. For Adam was formed first, then Eve; and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor” (ESV).

The apostle Paul is clear. Women are not “to teach or to exercise authority over a man.” They are not to do so because of the order in which God created Adam and Eve and because of how Adam and Eve fell into sin. Rooting these prohibitions in the truth of Creation, Paul shows they are valid for Christians in all places and all times. As long as human beings are descendants of Adam and Eve, the principal of male spiritual leadership is in place.

First Corinthians 14:34-35 makes the same point: “The women should keep silent in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak, but should be in submission, as the Law also says. If there is anything they desire to learn, let them ask their husbands at home. For it is shameful for a woman to speak in church.”

In rejecting the clear teaching of Scripture, those supporting women leading in worship have abandoned the shared view of biblical authority that formerly served as the basis of our fellowship.

The prohibition against women speaking in worship in no way lessens the shared responsibility all Christians have to engage in the work of the church. Women are precious to God and are a vital part of the Lord’s work. It is demeaning to suggest women are second rate if they do not assume the positions of leadership reserved for men.

Gregory Alan Tidwell, Editor *Gospel Advocate*
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Hamburg Pike Happenings

The ladies of the congregation are invited to attend a ladies’ Bible class Saturday morning, Jan. 31st from 10:00 - 11:00 A.M. at the church building. Stephanie Welch will be teaching. The plan is to have the class on the last Saturday of each month. We’ll be studying about various ladies from the Gospel of Luke. If anyone would like more information about the class, see Stephanie.

The next Monday Night for the Master group meeting is Monday January 26th at 6:00 pm.

The Stocksdale Fellowship group will meet January 25 after morning service; meal theme is soup, sandwich and salad.

The Tincher Fellowship group will meet January 25 after the evening service, meal theme to be announced.

A note from the building committee: An offer for the St. Joe Road property in New Albany has been accepted. The estimated closing date is mid may. Please pray that all goes well with the sale of the property.

A Singing Emphasis service is planned for Sunday evening January 25th. Men and young men please sign up if you would like to lead a song or read scripture.

Dead Beats

Eric Welch

The ancient Egyptians had a strange view of death. The Pharaohs were buried with items that they thought they would need in the afterlife. The list included food, clothing, gold and precious jewels—and servants who were buried alive with them. Some other ancient cultures did the same.

According to Reuters, Fredrik Hjelmquist of Sweden has put a new twist on that ancient idea. Mr. Hjelmquist sells hi-tech music and video equipment. He has designed a coffin outfitted with surround-sound speakers so that the deceased can enjoy their favorite music. Grieving loved ones can even have web access to change the playlist. You can now enjoy your favorite (dead) beat if you can fork over \$30,700 for the coffin. That price alone is enough to wake the dead, but wouldn't that defeat the purpose?

You may have heard the joke about the filthy rich man who was so stingy that he wanted all his money to be buried with him. He made his wife promise to fulfill his dying wish. When the man died, his wife deposited the money into a new bank account. All of the relatives asked why she would do such a thing and not fulfill her husband's wishes. She replied, "Oh, I did. I wrote him a check and placed it in his hands."

The only one thing that you can take with you to the grave is your life's record. Paul says, *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil* (2 Corinthians 5:10).

Let us remember that the only Speaker that we will hear after death be the one who will call us from the grave to give an account of that record, *those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment* (John 5:28-29). Are you ready?