CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

- May 3-6 Gospel Meetings at Torch Hill Rd. and Lagrange congregations.
- · May 8 Jim & Kristy Rains will be hosting a weekly Bible Study at their home on Friday nights.
- · Micky Robinson Suffered an aneurism and has not woken up from surgery as of yet.
- · If you are interested in purchasing a Warm Springs Rd. Church of Christ window decal for your car, please let Lee know ASAP.
- Continue to remember Tina Copeland, Forrest, Pat Campbell, Margaret Hines, Geraldine Wilkins, June Poyner, Dot Debice, OP Boling

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SERVICE ROSTER

Week of May 3, 2015

Sunday

Announcements	G. Wiggins
Singing	G. Kendrick
Table & Giving	J. Rains
Assisting	M. Sizemore
	C. Jenkins
	W. Phillips
	R. Wilson
Sermon AM	B. Gayton
Sermon PM	B. Gayton
Closing Prayer	L. Snow
Counting	W. Phillips
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Wednesday

Invitation	L. Snow
Invitation Song	J. Macon
Prayer	R. Wilson

RECORDS - April 26, 2015

Sunday AM	62
Sunday PM	30
Wednesday	37

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WEBSITE: WWW.WSICOC.COM	SCHEDULE:	
TWITTER: @wsrcoc	Sun.	9:30AM - Bible Class
EMAIL: wsrcoc@gmail.com		10:30AM - Worship
CHURCH OFFICE: 706-563-3060		1:00PM - Worship
LEE SNOW (MINISTER): 478-733-8414	Wed.	7:00PM - Bible Class
AL CONTACT : Mike Foley - 706-289-7653	MonThu.	9:AM-2PM - Office Hours
GA CONTACT: Greg Wiggins - 706-464-3830	MOHTHU.	9.AIVI-2FIVI - Office Flours



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TAKE HEED WHAT AND HOW YOU HEAR

Jesus said, "And he said unto them, Take heed what [τίς who, which, what] ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given." Mark 4:24. He also said, "Take heed therefore how [πῶς how? In what way?] ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have." Luke 8:18. These two passages warn us as to what we hear [things carnal or spiritual] and how we hear them, whether carefully or carelessly.

We all have the ability to hear with our ears, and our minds help us to do something with what we hear. This is the difference between hearing and listening. Have you ever gone beyond this process and listened with the heart. That is to say, have a heart with ears! This is the time that we become an observer and a student of our environment. relationships, and experiences. This is the time that we become guite and listen with a heart with ears. How does it work?

First, it starts with empathy which is the ability to understand. As we listen to others from a state of empathy our own self-awareness and knowledge increases. This is a direct connection with a heart with ears. This is the emotional heart and not the intellectual mind. Our heart with ears listens with no motive. We are listening from the other person's perspective. Listening with a heart with ears will help us listen from the heart and will change the way we take in information.

Second, we need to learn to be quiet. Have you ever watched a tennis match? That the way some of our conversations go. We go back and forth. We are looking for the next move in order to stay ahead. Someone said, "Silence is golden." Listening with a heart with ears is listening without speaking. It means listening to their words, emotions, and body language. Did you ever consider how that animals are master heart-listeners? They can read your emotions and feelings. Maybe we need to spend some time with a pet.

Third, the ongoing training for listening with a heart with ears is to meditate. Practice by just listening to what one is saying and seeing their emotions and body language. One can do this by watching people on TV or just listening to a conversation.

Fourth, use your eyes. When listening to someone make eye contact with him or her.

The eyes are actually receptive organs. We do not just see out. Others see in our eyes when they look into them. The eyes have been called the windows of the soul. We allow others to look inside as we stay aware of, and feel, your heart.

We need to listen to each person who speaks to us. Give them our full attention as if that person were the only other person in the world. We need to practice this until we can listen to anyone with our heart with ears.

- Bobby D. Gayton

TIME TO GO TO CHURCH!

"Time to go to church!" Those five words probably resonate with most of us. It may be that we've heard those words spoken by our parents many times on a Sunday morning, or by our spouses as we try to gather up our children and get everyone to the car.

According to the prophet Malachi, "going to church" had become a "weariness" to the children of God in his day and time (Malachi 1:13). However that was not so with everyone. David said, "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord" (Psalm 122:1).

In 1982, I spent the Summer working as a "preaching intern" for a congregation in Michigan. One of my duties while there was to go to an elderly man's house and literally dress him so he could go to church. He suffered from severe arthritis. I had to put his shirt and pants on for him, button all the buttons, tighten his belt, and tie his shoes for him. To say the least, I was out of my comfort zone. And I remember thinking at the time, "If anyone had a reason to stay home, it would have been this man. God would certainly understand." But this man would have none of it! He wasn't about to stay home. He wanted to "go to church," and paid a painful price to do so.

It was while helping this man get ready for church that Summer that I learned an important truth. "Church attendance has very little to do with the distance one lives from the building or the inconveniences and difficulties we encounter. Rather church attendance is more often than not, determined by the distance between one's heart and God." Excuses abound where determination is lacking.

"Time to go to church!" When you hear those words, are you wearied, or thankful? Give it some thought.

- Steve Higginbotham (abiblecommentary.com)

SERMON PREVIEW

9:30AM - Friends & Family Day: Grief Recovery

10:30 AM - Friends & Family Day: What Jesus Taught

1:00 PM - Friends & Family Day: Things We Should Treasure

MY THORN IN THE FLESH

A Vietnam Veteran Speaks About PTSD And The Bible

By Bobby Gayton

(Available for Purchase On the Resource Table - \$2.75)



PERSONAL NOTES