

Northside Church of Christ

“God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”
John 4:24



The Sawdust In Our Spiritual Diet

By Mike Riley

The story is told of a thrifty man who one day decided to save money on donkey feed. Every day, he would add increasing amounts of sawdust into the donkey’s feed. Because the process was gradual, the donkey did not notice any difference as he cleaned up his manger. The man’s plan was working well, until the donkey suddenly died because of living on 100% sawdust.

Similarly, spiritual food that contains the pure Word of God, once mixed with worldly sawdust [watered-down or social gospel], will eventually lead to spiritual death (2 Peter 2). It is indeed sad to see some members of the church act as though they cannot understand why so many spiritually malnourished Christians die [abandon the Lord’s church] even after being members of the church for many years.

The Psalmist tells us that God’s word is “lamp” to the feet and a “light” to one’s pathway (Psalm 119:105; cf. Proverbs 6:23). However, how can members of the Lord’s body make application of that “light” in their everyday living, if they remain ignorant of that light? (Hebrews 5:12-14). What is the use of chiding weak Christians about their little faith, if spiritually strong Christians do not teach them enough of the pure Word for them to be able to develop strong faith? (Psalm 51:12-13; Romans 10:17; 2 Timothy 2:1-2).

All of the church pep-rallies, sermons, and lectures about Christian duty, won’t do much good for weak-in-the-faith Christians, until they are taught the pure word of God (Proverbs 30:5; Psalm 19:7-8).

Brethren, if there is any sawdust in our spiritual diet, we need to get rid of it, and start feeding our spiritually weak brethren, the pure “milk” of the Word (1 Peter 2:2), gradually bringing them up to the “strong meat” of the Word (Hebrews 5:14 KJV), so they might grow into spiritually mature workers for the Lord and His church (1 Peter 2:1-2; Ephesians 4:11-16; 2 Peter 3:18; Colossians 1:3-10).

SUNDAY MORNING

Triple E
Edify, Exhort,
Evangelize
Transformed
8:30 AM

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

9:30 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship Service
10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The Book of Acts
7:00 PM



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“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

2 Timothy 2:15

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I've Messed Up

By Unknown

Editors have a difficult job as is evident from these mishaps:

~ IMPORTANT NOTICE: If you are one of hundreds of parachuting enthusiasts who bought our Easy Sky Diving book, please make the following correction: on page 8, line 7, the words "state zip code" should have read "pull rip cord."

~ It was incorrectly reported last Friday that today is T-shirt Appreciation Day. In fact, it is actually Teacher Appreciation Day.

~ There are two important corrections to the information in the update on our Deep Relaxation professional development program. First, the program will include meditation, not medication. Second, it is experiential, not experimental.

~ Our newspaper carried the notice last week that Mr. Oscar Hoffnagle is a defective on the police force. This was a typographical error. Mr. Hoffnagle is, of course, a detective on the police force.

~ Apology: I originally wrote, "Woodrow Wilson's wife grazed sheep on front lawn of the White House." I'm sorry that typesetting inadvertently left out the word "sheep."

~ In one edition of today's Food Section, an inaccurate number of jalapeno peppers was given for Jeanette Crowley's Southwestern chicken salad recipe. The recipe should call for two, not 21, jalapeno peppers.

~ The marriage of Miss Freda van Amburg and Willie Branton, which was announced in this paper a few weeks ago, was a mistake which we wish to correct.

We've all been there. We've all said something we shouldn't have said, or we said something in a way that was hurtful (often when we didn't intend to do so). Newspaper editors have learned that whenever they make a mistake, the best thing to do is to publicly announce (as quickly as possible), "I've messed up. I didn't intend to but I did, and I want you to know that I'm sorry."

It's a lesson we would all do well to learn. Instead of denying responsibility, instead of pretending it never happened, instead of making excuses, we need to learn to say, "I've messed up. I didn't intend to but I did, and I want you to know that I'm sorry."

That kind of honesty is necessary to restore our relationship with people around us. More than that, it is necessary to restore our relationship with God.

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (I John 1:8-9)

The one thing that is absolutely necessary to restore relationships is the thing we often find most difficult – honesty. Perhaps there's someone whom you have hurt recently by your words or your deeds. Don't put it off. Let them know, "I've messed up. I didn't intend to but I did, and I want you to know that I'm sorry." Doing that won't be a mistake you'll need to correct later!

Announcements

- 5th Sunday Fellowship Meal, January 30th following Worship
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Prayer Requests This Week

- Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments
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Communion Preparation

- Sign up sheet for 2022 is in foyer
- January - Potts
- February - Carlberg

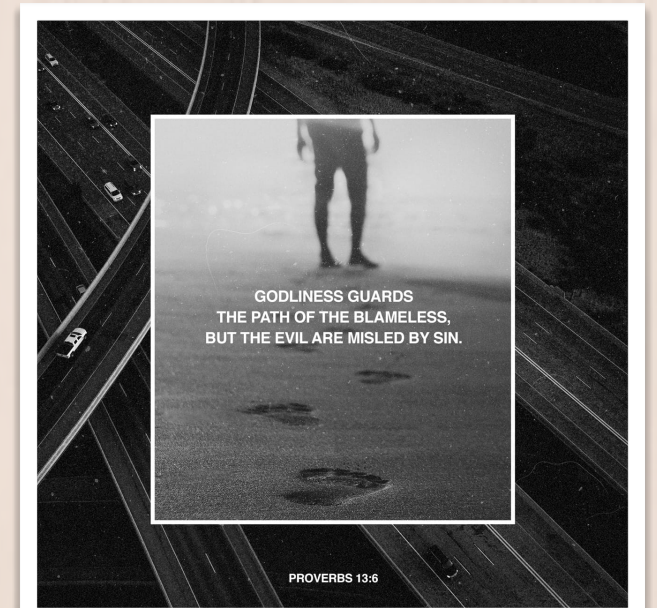
January Birthdays & Anniversary's

- Ora Barrett - 9th
- Auburn Rowell - 18th

Every Sunday Morning

@ 8:00 AM

on WTOK-TV



Sermon Notes

Men to Serve

Announcements/Opening Prayer - Larry Montgomery
 Scripture Reading - Hebrews 5:12 - 14
 Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell
 Head of Lord's Table - Rick Carlberg
 Assist on Lord's Table - James Johnson
 Scripture Reading - Mark 14:20 - 25
 Closing Prayer - Don Potts

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