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**OPPORTUNITIES OF WORSHIP**

**Lord's Day**  
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Services 10:30 a.m.  
Worship Services 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday**  
Wednesday Morning Class 10:00 a.m.  
Mid-Week Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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## The Ones We Love In Need Of Prayers

Nursing Home  
Residents

### Brooke Haven

Vivian Lovan Room 203

### NHC

Helen Harrison Room A9

### Pleasant Valley Manor

Madge Brown Room 207

Marie Carpenter Room 405

Velta Hambelton Room 107

Charlie Ward Room 407

### West Vue

Margaret Alvis Room 309

Leota Crawford Room 615

Bobby Jo Gish Room 819

Hazel Henry Room 712

Lois Shelton Room 807

Members Home-  
Bound or with On-  
Going Illness

Loeta Barr, J. G. Batterton, Floyd & Marcella Brown, Leota Crawford, JoAnne Eagleman, Marie Good, Connie Griffin, Udean Halford, James Henry, Pete & Rachael Hensley, Minnie Hicks, Sue Moore, Jean Osborn, Betty Sage, Bonnie Wallace, Leona Willard & Sibyl Wright

# Church of Christ



King James Version is requested for the pulpit, classrooms, and scripture reading.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

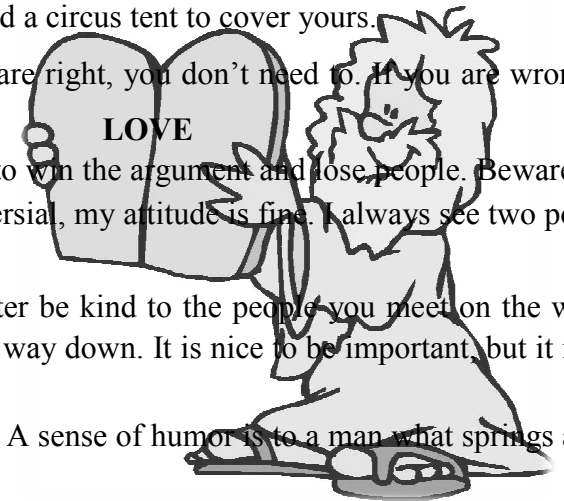
Romans 1:16

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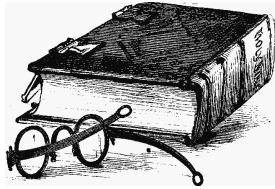
## Ten Commandments of Human Relations

- 1. Thou shalt love people, not just use them:** The greatest thing in the world is a person. The greatest thing about a person is his motive, and the greatest motive is love.
- 2. Thou shalt develop thy understanding:** If every man's care were written on his brow, how many would our pity share, who bear our envy now.?
- 3. Thou shalt compliment more than criticize:** You had better cover your neighbor's fault with a cloak of charity. He may need a circus tent to cover yours.
- 4. Thou shalt not get angry:** If you are right, you don't need to. If you are wrong, you can't afford to.
- 5. Thou shalt not argue:** It is no use to win the argument and lose people. Beware of the attitude which says: "In matters controversial, my attitude is fine. I always see two points of view - the one that is wrong and mine.
- 6. Thou shalt be kind:** You had better be kind to the people you meet on the way up! They are the same ones you meet on the way down. It is nice to be important, but it is more important to be nice!
- 7. Thou shalt have a sense of humor:** A sense of humor is to a man what springs are to a wagon... it saves him a lot of jolts.
- 8. Thou shalt smile:** No man is fully dressed until he has a smile.



**9. Thou shalt practice what thou preachest:** One example is worth a thousand arguments.

**10. Thou shalt establish a long-range habit of people-manship:** Good human relations can be the key to your success. *Tim Woodward - Smithville church of Christ*



## "FRUITS MEET FOR REPENTANCE"

*Larry Yarber*

**"But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism; he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:" (Matthew 3:7-8).**

The Bible calls for a changed life to accompany repentance. Strong defines repentance, "3341. metanoia, met-an-oy-ah; from 3340, metanoeo; (subj.) compunction (for guilt, includ. reformation); by impl. reversal (of [another's] decision): - repentance" (STRONG, pg. 63). Part of our definition above reads, "... compunction for guilt, including reformation ..." . Webster defines compunction, "... regret for wrongdoing or for causing pain or unhappiness; ..." (WEBSTER, pg. 208). This means one must not only be remorseful for his actions but that this remorse must move him to reform his life. This is what John the Baptist referred to above. Now that these people had expressed grief for their sins, they needed to reform or change their manner of life. Paul called for the same amongst those whom he taught, "But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance" (Acts 26:20). We must ask the same of men today.

This change of lifestyle is exhibited by both Saul of Tarsus and by the congregation at Corinth. Paul was transformed from Saul the persecutor to Paul the persecuted. Paul later recorded what the Judean brethren heard said of him after his repentance, "But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed. And they glorified God in me" (Galatians 1:23-24). Likewise, the church at Corinth had put away the fornication from among them and was now clear of any wrong doings. Therefore, Paul wrote, "Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this

matter" (2nd Corinthians 7:9-11).

While forgiveness must be granted immediately upon one's repentance, "Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him: and if he repent, forgive him. And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him" (Luke 17:3-4), this does not necessarily mean that everything will automatically and immediately resume as it once was before the sin took place. Before one can serve as a deacon, elder, etc., he must first prove himself qualified and faithful to do so, "And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless" (1st Timothy 3:10). The same is true of teachers, "Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (2nd Timothy 2:1-2). **When one has been overcome by sin and then repents, we must immediately forgive them, but they must also prove themselves once again before they can be entrusted in leadership positions.**



### SUNDAY LESSON & SERMON TITLES

Sunday Am

Class: "Another Sabbath Controversy"

Sunday Am Sermon: "Fruits Meet For Repentance"

Sunday Pm Sermon: "To Leave and to Cleave"

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Wednesday Pm Class: "Genesis, Chapter 24"

### DAILY FAMILY BIBLE READING

*James 2: 14 - 26*

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#### New Addresses:

Betty Sage is living with her daughter now. RR 1, Box 2130, Dora, MO 65637.

Alta Newberry: 6201 West 119<sup>th</sup> St. #4212, Overland Park, KS 66209.

**Thank You:** We have received a thank you card from Joe Tom & Delores Collins. This will be posted on the bulletin board.

**Craft Group:** Ladies Craft Group will meet on Thurs., Feb. 2 10:00 a.m.

**February Potluck:** Sunday, February 5, 2012 is the date set for our Annual Sweetheart Dinner. Be prepared to come and enjoy a meal together as the men administer this small token of honor and thanks to the women of our congregation.

**CD Requests:** If you would like to request sermon CD's on a weekly basis, sign your name in the space provided on the sheet in the foyer and you will automatically get them every week.

**Bible Scramble Answer From Last Week:** But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law (*Galatians 5:21-23*).