

OUR RECORD

ATTENDANCE: October 19, 2008
BIBLE CLASS: 180
WORSHIP AM: 217
WORSHIP PM 205
CONTRIBUTION: \$8,433.00

Count Contribution for October
 Roland Crawford, Barry Hyche, Jimmy Rivers

Adamsville Church of Christ
4207 Veterans Memorial Dr.
Adamsville, AL 35005
 Return Service Requested



Please worship with us at the following times:

SUNDAY
 Bible Class 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM
 Worship 5:00 PM

TUESDAY (September-May)
 Bible Class 10:00 AM

WEDNESDAY
 Bible Class 7:00 PM

(all are code 205)

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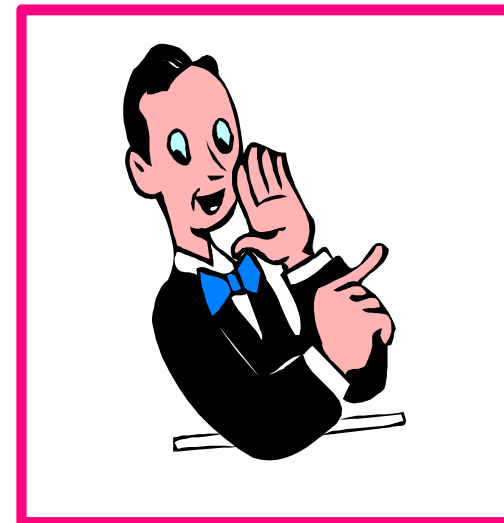
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The Way With Gossip

by Tom Wacaster



“I hear you made a million dollars in oil in Texas,” said one man to another. Replied the second, “Well, that report is substantially correct, except it wasn’t in Texas, it was Oklahoma; and its wasn’t in oil, it was gas; and it wasn’t me, it was my brother-in-law; and it wasn’t a million, it was a hundred thousand; and he didn’t make it, he lost it.” While we might chuckle at

the above story, it well illustrates the uncontrollable nature of gossip. Once a story has been launched, like a ship without a rudder upon the merciless sea, it is tossed to and fro by the wild imaginations of men who would twist, change, or out right lie about what they have heard. Common sense tells us to be careful in communication. Facts are often ignored by those who would seek to impress others with either good news, or bad. We are admonished by God’s word to “lie not one to another,” and to always let our speech be seasoned with salt. Gossip is unhealthy communication. Before passing along any information let us ask, (1) Is it true? (2) Is it beneficial to my hearer? and (3) Is it really all that important that I tell this to others? And keep in mind that our Lord told us, “Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete it shall be measured unto you; and more shall be given unto you” (Mark 4:24).

What Can I Do To Help The Church To Grow?



Church growth seems to be a topic on the mind of many... Christ's purpose should be on all of our minds. "So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do" (Luke 17:10). Let me offer these seven suggestions that each of us can do.

(1) Each of us needs to take an honest examination of self. Christ said, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4). Are we working in God's kingdom? Am I setting up Bible studies? Do I teach in the Bible Classes? Am I active in anyway? What do we see when we look at ourselves?

(2) We must build self-esteem in our lives. Many Christians use the excuse, "I can't" and the truth is, "I haven't tried". Paul told the church at Philippi, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthened

me" (Philippians 4:13). Our prayer should be, "God give me the strength, courage, wisdom to accomplish thy will".

(3) It is important to write down goals we have set. Why is this important? Because it serves as constant reminder of what we should be doing. If we will keep our goals ever before us, it should help us to always "...press toward the mark..." (Philippians 3:14).

(4) It is imperative for us to establish good work habits. Paul stated to the church at Corinth, "Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase" (1 Corinthians 3:5,6). We don't need to be worried about numbers: we need to be busy in God's work.

(5) We should learn from adversity. We have all heard the expression, "if in life you receive lemons, then make lemonade". When adversity faces us we can either give up or we can stay the course. Paul spoke of the victory in Christ. "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57). James encouraged us to "... My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience" (James 1:2,3).

(6) We should learn from role models. One of the best ways to improve our lives is to imitate the lives of others. Christ said, "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps" (1 Peter 2:21). If you want to be a better personal worker, find someone who does a great job and mirror his or her life. If you want to be a better singer, sit by someone who does a good job and imitate him or her.

(7) What ever our results might be, we should never "Give Up"! Be persistent! Christ said, "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved" (Matthew 10:22). Don't let Satan destroy the good that you are doing. Our salvation depends upon us never giving up.

May these suggestion help all of us be better workers in God's kingdom.

Ronnie

Remember in Prayer

Pat Kanaday (Doris Weaver's sister) is at Brookwood in 511.

Robert Williams (Freeda Reid's brother) is in S958 at UAB.

Barbara Cobb is now at home continuing to recover from surgery.

Ray McGee is at home with hospice.

Mary Courington (Billy Courington's wife) was discharged home. **Rebecca Dawes** (Mary Sanford's daughter) is now at home recovering from surgery. **Norman (Buddy) Dunn** (Ann Kilgore's brother) is at home but continues to be ill.

Ethel Swann (Cynthia Swann's grandmother) is very ill.



Those with Long Term Needs

Maude Bell, David Burford, Ray McGee, Sara Morgan, Jimmy Russell, Glenda Terry, Charles Webb, Martha Wiley, Ronnie Wiley, Ramona Yeilding, Jessica Ingle

Shut In

Gertrude Blackwell, Ruby Glidewell, Thelma Hudson, Vurvel Jones, Earl Martin, Ruth Parsons, Annette Roddy, Bernice Snow, Ginger Shadix

Elder's/Men's Meeting

Elders, Deacons, Ministers, & Male Members Sunday, October 26, 2008

At 2:00 PM the Elders and ministers will meet in the elder's office. At 4:00 PM the elders, ministers, deacons and all male members will meet in the large classroom in the rear of the auditorium for their quarterly meeting. The elders, ministers, and deacons are expected to attend this meeting. All other male members are encouraged to attend and have a part in making decisions that involve all of us at Adamsville. Thank you for attending. **Ray Skelton** will be the chairman of these meetings.

Visitation Team Meeting

Visitation Team #4 which includes their Captain, **Stentsen & Erin Ellenburg** and members: **Eulan & Robbie McCaleb, Paul, Alberta, & Hunter McCaleb, Alan, Michelle & Sarah McCaleb, Nathan & Crystal Harr, Marcelle Yeilding, Becky & Caleb Kersh, Tera & Robby Harden, Brian & Ivy Wolfe, Gloria Wolfe, Pat Graham, Linda Graham, Nick & Jennifer Rouse, Billy & Betty Cash, Chad & Teale Yeilding, Mark & Shanna Griffin** and **Finley Tuggle** will meet Sunday after the morning service. Visitors will be invited as an honored guest to share this meal with Team #4. This is a great opportunity to work in God's Kingdom. Continue to make your plans to prepare food and enjoy this time of fellowship.

Mark Your Calendar/2008

Oct. 23 -- Keenager Fish Fry

Oct. 25 -- All ages

Devo @ **Jamie and Kim Gilbert's** home

Oct. 29 -- Trunk or Treat

Nov. 15 -- Middle School and High School

Devo @ **Darin and Lisa Gilbert's** home

Nov. 16 -- Adam's House Devo

Nov. 20 -- Thanksgiving Dinner

Dec. 31 -- New Year's Eve Singing

2009

Jan. 30-31, 2009 -- Ladies' Retreat

Feb. 15-17, 2009 -- Singing School with

Director: **Burt Jones**

Apr. 25, 2009 -- Ladies' Day with

Cindy Colley

June 7-10 -- Gospel Meeting: **Ken Tyler**

Oct. 11-14 -- Gospel Meeting:

Curtis A. Cates

Dec. 31, 2009 -- New Year's Eve Singing

THINK ABOUT IT!

We have a large selection of tracts with wonderful, current themes from the Bible in the Library and our tract racks. Let's Use Them! Ways to use our tracts, booklets, and magazines: Just put 2 or 3 at a time, (check later to see if they are gone) in waiting rooms at hospitals, doctor's offices, and beauty shops. Also take some to our shut-ins, (the family reads them) or to our assisted living homes, yard sales, grocery stores, restaurants, funeral homes, and ball games. Consider taking them to any waiting areas at jails, prisons, rest areas, and truck stops. There are a great many ways we can spread the gospel with these great tracts, booklets and magazines. We all can do this to help spread the gospel of Christ to those we come in contact with.

Jeanette Jackson