

RENEW YOUR MIND

By Brad Harrub, Ph.D.

Entertainment has always been an important part of life in the United States. But never in the history of this nation has so much emphasis been placed on entertainment. We work so that we can play. We enjoy playing (and watching) sports, and we are willing to fork over large amounts of money to experience these pastimes. We enjoy a plethora of hobbies, and we frequently enroll our children in a variety of “fun” activities. We enjoy adventurous or comical movies and hi-tech sound systems, and homes are now being wired to take advantage of every new form of technology. Simply put, we love to be entertained.

But what happens when this “entertainment” attitude infects the church? What happens when young people who are accustomed to being entertained enter a worship setting? If we are really going to combat change within the church we must address the topic of entertainment.

Faithful Christians must remember the ultimate purpose of worship. We must remember Who is the audience of our worship. Sadly, many individuals spend so much time being amused that they feel they should be entertained in the worship setting.

Why do we gather each first day of the week? Are we not we assembling to pay honor and praise to Almighty God? Only when we have our priorities in the right place will we find ourselves walking into a worship assembly focused on God rather than ourselves. Paul, in his second epistle to young Timothy warned: “**For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires**, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry” (2 Timothy 4:3-5, emp. added). Unfortunately, that time has come. People have completely forgotten why it is we gather together as a body of Christians. They enter a worship setting believing they are in the “audience,” and they expect a “good show.” John 4:23 states: “But the hour is coming, and is now, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.”

God is the audience. Therefore, everything done in worship should be in accordance with His will, and should be done to glorify and praise Him. Has our desire for entertainment blinded us from true worship? Unfortunately, the abundance of new programs, games, and additions into worship tells me the answer in many congregations is a resounding yes. Of all times in the history of the church in America, we desperately need strong, informed, scripturally knowledgeable, courageous leaders to stand up against the tide and refocus our worship on Him.

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Prayer List

Sick

LaBeth Carter (granddaughter of Billy & Betty Cash) is scheduled for knee surgery on Tuesday, June 10th at Brookwood. **James Harden** (friend of Deborah McCormack) is in critical condition in CICU at Princeton. **Scott & Kim Mims** (Scott is Gary Weaver’s co-worker) for complications in Kim’s pregnancy.

Please Continue to Pray For..

Maude Bell, David Burford, Jean Cicero, Mary Guy, Sara Morgan, Janice Parsons, Jimmy Russell, Martha Wiley, Ramona Yeilding, Jessica Ingle

We are very thankful for **Lauren Gilbert** who was restored on Sunday and those that were recently restored. Continue to pray for **Joyce Akins, Cheryl Gafford, Jamie Gilbert, Pat Graham, Sandra Griffin, Christy Hyche, Jason Parsons, Jimmy Russell, Amber Sanford and Megan Wilkerson** for strength and courage.

Please continue to pray for our unfaithful brothers and sisters.

Remember Our Shut-In

Gertrude Blackwell, Ruby Glidewell, Iva Dean Goolsby, Thelma Hudson, Vurvel Jones, Nell Looser, Earl Martin, Ruth Parsons, Annette Roddy, Bernice Snow, Ginger Shadix,

Thank You

To our church family,
We would like to express our thanks for the food, cards, calls, concern and prayers following the death of **Joel Knight**.

Eddie, Robin, Arianna, and Alexander Battles

To my church family,
Thanks to everyone for your cards, calls, and most of all your prayers. I would like for ya’ll to continue to pray for me.

Sara Morgan

Dear brethren, thank you for your loyal support. We are reaching millions with the Gospel, Sincerely,
Gary McDade, The Spritual Sword

Mark Your Calendar/2008

June 12-14 - Mission Trip to Grimsley, TN
June 22-25 - Vacation Bible School
July 6-11 -- Ronnie’s week @ ICYC
July 18-19 -- Youth Rally
July 31-Aug. 2 - Trip to Creation Museum
Oct. 12-15 - Gospel Meeting, Speaker: **Larry Acuff**
Oct. 18 --- Family Fun Day @ Tannehill
Nov. 20 --- Thanksgiving Dinner
Dec. 31 ---- New Year’s Eve Singing

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Feb. 15-17 -- Singing School, Director: **Burt Jones**

Adamsville Church of Christ Summer Series – 08 Theme: The Home

June 18 What Can I do to Make My Home/
Marriage Permanent?
Michael Light

NOTES OF INTEREST

Visitation Teams will not meet in June, July and August. Worksheets will be provided each Sunday night. Current teams will continue until September.

**Remember the Adams House Devo
on Sunday at 2:00 PM.**

We will meet each Monday Night for the Master.

Bible School Promotion

We will have our Bible School promotion on Sunday, June 22, 2008. On June 15th during the last few minutes of class, students will be taken to their new classroom.

Franklin Camp Scholarship Fund

In Memory Of
Joel Knight
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