

CEDAR GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER — MAY 2016



PASTOR'S CORNER

Mark 10:13 And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and *his* disciples rebuked those that brought *them*. **14** But when Jesus saw *it*, he was much displeased, and said unto them, *Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.* **15** Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. **16** And he took them up in his arms, put *his* hands upon them, and blessed them.

Matthew 10:42 And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold *water* only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

Matthew 18:2 And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, **3** And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. **4** Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. **5** And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. **6** But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and *that* he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

These verses I believe justify a ministry for children. Cedar Grove is a great church we really have good people who are willing to work.

One of the places where we need to build a ministry is with the youth. Several people have had a burden for this who have seen the need and tried to fill the gap but this ministry has never gained traction since I have arrived at Cedar Grove. I wonder if part of the reason is my fault for not helping more aggressively.

Laramie has come to me with a desire try to start a children's ministry and by the looks of the turn out for his meeting a couple of weeks ago, several of you are willing to help get this thing on the move, for this I praise you. This ministry will take the entire church's effort to get off the ground, several good people have tried to start this and we just have not got behind them with our full strength so as your pastor I am asking you to put your shoulder to the load and let us be successful. I ask this because there is a need, not only for our church but for our community. Everything this church does it does it with great pride and with excellence, so I know with an concerted effort this ministry will be successful.

There are several ways you can help:

You can volunteer to be a worker- As I have already stated the meeting Laramie was attended with a great response. But he would still take workers if you were to feel you wanted to help. We need committed parents and grandparents to make sure the kids get here on meeting times. This would also include people bringing neighbors kids.

We need people to help us go visit for a kick off. There needs to be continual committed prayer for this work.

Again I know I can brag on this church and the ability you have to make everything a success and done with excellence. I am asking you to please make a commitment to God to bring the little children and give them an opportunity to learn about our great God.

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PASTOR'S EDITORIAL

Scripture makes it clear that people left to themselves will not seek God, matter of fact people will become less and less God fearing. We live in a time when our country is changing at an alarming rate. Our culture is being destroyed, history is being rewritten, and our heritage is being discarded. It truly makes it hard to be proud to be an American with some of the changes being made.

In recent weeks HB2 has been the topic of discussion on TV both locally and nationally. I have been challenged by some of the leadership here to make an official stand which I am going to do. I have drafted a letter to send to our representatives here in North Carolina informing them of our stand as a church with our Governor's position in this matter. Folks it is time that the sleeping giant wake up and make some noise. Below I have made available the contact information for our representatives in our State as well as the Target boycott. I would invite you to consider joining me in this boycott as well as exercising your rights given to you by our forefathers and all those who have fought to protect those rights. Make some noise or quit complaining.

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A MOTHER'S LOVE

Years ago, a young mother was making her way across the hills of South Wales, carrying her tiny babe in her arms, when she was overtaken by a blinding blizzard. She never reached her destination alive, and when the blizzard had subsided her body was found beneath the snow. But the searchers discovered that before her death she had taken off all her outer clothing and wrapped it about her baby.

And when they unwrapped the child, to their great surprise and joy, they found he was alive and well. She had given her life for her child, proving the depth of her mother-love. Years later that child, David Lloyd George, grown to manhood, became prime minister of Great Britain, and without doubt one of England's greatest statesmen.

—G. Franklin Allee

When Carter L. Burgess resigned as Assistant Secretary of Defense to become president of Trans-World Airlines, he was awarded an exceptional civilian service

medal by the Army. After listening to the long and glowing tribute paid him by Army Secretary Brucker, Burgess said: "I am sorry my mother is not here. She not only would have enjoyed this ceremony, but she would have believed every word of it."

An aged, white-haired mother sat with a smile on her face, waiting for her famous son, Dwight Eisenhower, to arrive. Someone said to her, "You must be very proud of your great and illustrious son." Upon which she asked, "Which son?" Each one was equally great to that noble mother.

Said Dwight Eisenhower: "My sainted mother taught me a devotion to God and a love of country which have ever sustained me in my many lonely and bitter moments of decision in distant and hostile lands. To her, I yield a son's reverent thanks."

All 3 items are from Paul Lee Tan, *Encyclopedia of 7700 Illustrations: Signs of the Times* (Garland, TX: Bible Communications, Inc., 1996), 849-852.