



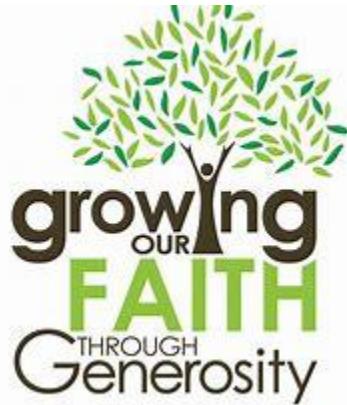
THE MESSENGER

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FOCUS FOR OCTOBER
TEACHING

**September 30, 2018**

Bible Study	463
Sunday a.m.	617
Sunday p.m.	564
Wednesday	947
Contribution.....	\$22,691

October 7, 2018

Bible Study	429
Sunday a.m.	575
Sunday p.m.	538
Wednesday.....	891
Contribution	\$16,782

Roy's Sidelines

Roy Sharp

Be A Great Teacher

We are emphasizing "teaching" this month at the Henderson Church of Christ. Our education program is always in need of great teachers who are willing to teach our Bible classes. We have many at our congregation who are capable of teaching but are not yet willing to make the commitment to teach. The following information is from a blog by Greg Baird at disciplr.com. Read about it and think about what makes a great teacher, then go to Bill Wade and volunteer to help in our education program. You can make a great difference in the lives of many individuals as a teacher of God's word.

Mr. Green was a great Sunday School teacher. I was in third grade and, frankly, I don't remember a single lesson he taught in class. But he was my best teacher ever! How can that be, you ask? Because Mr. Green had qualities about him that transcended the ability to take a lesson from the curriculum and get me to understand it. Mr. Green was a great Sunday School teacher because he was willing to be and was willing to do what it took to make a difference in my life.

He exhibited 8 Qualities of a Great Sunday School Teacher that I think are present in every great teacher.

The 8 Qualities of a Great Sunday School Teacher:

1) A heart for God

This is where all ministry begins, whether you are teaching Sunday School or leading the entire church. In fact, this is where our ministry should flow from – our deep, sincere, committed heart for God.

2) A love for people

Scripture teaches that the two greatest commands are to love God and to love . . . people (Mark 12:30-31)! Our teaching ought to flow from our love for God but because of our love for people. This means we are not only committed to the lesson, but to actually understanding and building relationships with the people we are teaching.

3) A passion for God's Word

A heart for God and a love for people set the stage for the content of our teaching. And that content needs to be solidly based on Biblical truth. As a Sunday School teacher, it's our responsibility to dig in to God's Word not just to teach our lesson, but to understand it fully and allow it to permeate every part of our life. As we do this, every element of our teaching becomes based on and saturated in the Word.

4) A habit of praying

Oswald Chambers, author of My Utmost For His Highest, said "Prayer does not equip us for greater works, prayer is the greater work." A great Sunday School teacher knows that it is the power of God that brings about transformation, so a deep dependence on God, exhibited through the habit of praying, is essential for a great Sunday School teacher.

5) A commitment to personal growth

Any great teacher is only a great teacher as long as they continue to grow. This is true of a Sunday School teacher, as well. Luke 2:52 says that "Jesus grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and all the people." Basically, he grew mentally, physically, spiritually and socially. A great example for any great Sunday School teacher.

6) An ability to teach

Some people have the gift of teaching, while others learn enough to become competent at it. Either way, no one can be a great Sunday School teacher if they don't have the ability to teach!

7) A willingness to prepare

It really doesn't matter if you have an ability to teach if you're not willing to prepare. Sure, great teachers can "wing it" in a pinch, but they know that that's not the way to be effective. Preparation takes time and effort, and great Sunday School teachers are willing to give both.

8) A dedication to the people they teach

One of the things I loved most about Mr. Green was the fact that he was dedicated to us. No, I would not have been able to articulate that in third grade, but I could see it in who he was and what he did. He was there every Sunday, he visited my Little League games, he planned outings for us, he talked with my parents about what we were learning, he was interested in my life outside the classroom, he prayed for and with us often, and so much more. He was dedicated to me and the other guys in the class, and it showed.

Yes, Mr. Green was a great Sunday School teacher. I may not remember the lessons, but he taught me a lot in that third grade Sunday School class. He taught me to love God and love His Word. He taught me to love others and to practice the principles that God wanted me to practice. And, perhaps most of all, he exhibited all the important qualities of a great Sunday School teacher – not because he had to, but because that's who he was. And it forever changed my life for good. And whether it's third grade, junior high or adults you are teaching, practice these 8 Qualities and you'll be a great Sunday School teacher, too!

Koinonia

Bill Wade

The word “belong” could be used in several different ways. As a verb, it could mean, “to be rightly placed in a specified position.” An example of this would be when we are looking for to whom or where to lay blame for something that doesn’t go right. Also as a verb, it could mean, “to fit in a specified place or environment.” An example of this could be a stranger that we see and determine that the person doesn’t belong. We need to be extremely aware of that one, as it relates to the environment that we are responsible for helping to create here at church.

Synonyms of the word that belong in this context are: fit in, be suited to, have a rightful place, have a home. Other words such as affiliation, acceptance, association, attachment, integration, rapport and fellowship are also closely associated with the word belong.

We have an opportunity right in front of us to make a positive impact on the lives of numerous college students. I believe that we need to be very deliberate in letting them know and showing them that they belong here with us. Some simple things we can do are: say hello to them, invite them to sit in worship with you, encourage them through simple conversation about the happenings of the day, communicate to them that we enjoy having them worship with us, not being territorial about our “seat” in church when they might get there first. These students, many of them for the first time, are away from the comforts of home. We need to make this feel like a home for them while they are here with us.

Along with this, we have visitors every week. They come here looking for a home, a lot of times. We have the same responsibility towards our visitors. Speak to them. Make them feel welcome and encourage them to come again. Don’t wait for someone on the greeters’ team to do that. Don’t wait for an elder or a minister to welcome them. You need to do this. This is your church home, too and we should all be encouraging, friendly, loving and engaging.

Individually, this is on us all. No one is exempt from this responsibility. Some of us are extroverts and some of us are introverts. However, I believe that we can all do what is within our ability to help create an environment that is warm and welcoming so that those who may come here, whether they be a college student or a visitor will not only want to come back but they will also want to call our church -- home.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Please help us keep the prayer list current by calling the office (989-5161) if you are aware of any updates.

Members: Ella Adams, Barbara Bell, Bobby Bush, Jacquita Butler, Loretta Cave, Joanna Cearley, Regina East, Tommie Faulkner, Debby Flatt, Sherry Jennette, Joe Jett, Danny Jones, James Koronka, Estelle Maxwell, Janis McCall, William Meadows, Jane Miller, Billie Noles, Margaret Record, Dorothy Redden, Trent Rhodes, Chris Smith, David Thomas, James Webb

Henderson Health & Rehab: Bill Benson, Ermer McNeil, Robbie Stanfill, Peggy Whitman

Henderson Villa: Murdell Barker, Bob Brown, Minnie Gray

Southern Oaks: Ramona Burns, Dennis Plunk, Dot Williams

Shut-in @ Home: Virginia McAdams, Richy Butler, Mary Jones, Bobbie Newman, Lois Rhodes, Molly Young

Relatives: Jon & Julie Adams (Ed & Ella Adams), Betty Barber (Adam Cross/Mark Barber), Annette & William Barham (Brandon Barham/Annetta Burton), Taryn Bolton (Mike & Julia Bolton), Evelyn Brigman (Buddy Parsons), Holly Brock (Linda Gover), Joe Neil Brown (Kay Tignor), Joe T. Burton (Joe Burton), Carolyn Coleman (Kevin Coleman), Tom Davis (Julia Bolton), Mary Crosswhite (Joyce Morris), Chris Davis (Mike & Julia Bolton), Jennifer Fetter (Bob & Betty Bush), Imogene Fitts (Julia Bolton), MaryAnn Golson

(Ken Golson), Dewayne Gunnels (Jana Dugger), Randy Haltom (Imogene Haltom), Mary Lee Hardin (June Roland & Joe Hardin), Weldon Hargrove (Rhonda Thompson), Mark Harris (Sylvia Harris), Jackie Hibbett (Lee Hibbett), Roy Hickman (Kevin Hickman), Allison Hill (Margaret Record), Ever Johnson (Paul & Patricia Johnson), Ted Lingren (Michele Kammanee), Vickie Malone (Mike Hurst), Marguerite McKnight (Ethan Hardin), Ermer McNeil (Debbie Lofton), Bob Mims (Clay Mims), Elizabeth Music (Julia Bolton), Martel & Doris Pace (Lehman & Maurene McKnight), Charlotte Peters (Damon Welch), Dennis Plunk (Amy Smith), Barbara Ray (Carol Webb), Jurilee Rouse (Donna Witten), Bruce & Gene Smith (Don Smith), David Smith (Charlie Smith), Micke Smith (Micah Smith), Faye Stevens (Emily Marise), Jerry Steele (Algene Steele), Cooper Thompson (Sharlene Thompson), Louise Tilley (Jean Smith), Vincent Todaro (Linda Hodges), Micah Trice (Jewell Trice), Renee Wheatley (David & Dwina Willis), Mildred Wheeler (Sherry Thomas), Peggy Whitman (Lona Bolton), Erin Williams (Clay Carpenter), Ralph Wilson (Jana Dugger)

Military: Alex Carpenter, Johnathan Cronan, Will Hodges, Brice Thompson, Mark Thompson, Hunter Miller; **In Iraq:** Matthew Smith

REQUESTED PRAYERS

Aaron VanRavenstein, Julianne Ford and Hayden Profitt requested the prayers of the church.

SYMPATHY

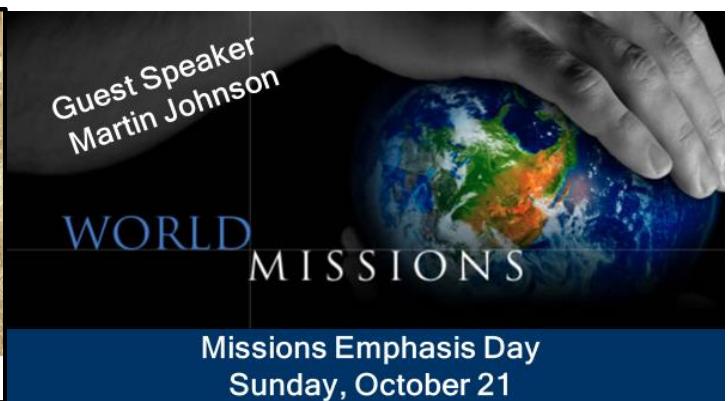
We extend sympathy **Ramona Burns** and family since the death of Ramona's son-in-law, Stephen Byrd, and to **Junie Gilliam** since the death of her brother, Gene Underwood.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

We extend a warm welcome to **Larry & Linda Clayton** and to **Cheyne and Julia Smith** & their children, **Tucker and Harlee!**

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate **Bill & Jan Moore** since the birth of a new granddaughter, Marlowe Hope, to Mark & Julie Couch on Tues, Oct 2, 9lbs/8oz; and to **Ken & Lynne Golson** since the birth of a new great grandson, Wyatt James Golson, to Zach & Paige Golson on Friday, Sept 28, 7lbs/15oz.



Sunday, October 28
Shepherding Groups 4 & 12
McCutchens & Sweeney
Finger Food Lunch



TRUNK-OR-TREAT
OCTOBER 30TH
6:00-7:30 P.M.



Our Ministers

Roy Sharp - *Pulpit/Involvement Minister*
Billy Smith - *Pulpit Minister*
Bill Wade - *Associate Minister*
Jared Gott/Bill Wade - *Youth Ministers*
Bruce Lewis - *Senior Minister*
Lee Hibbett/Seth Stewart - *University Ministers*

Our Elders

Larry Bloomingburg	Shawn Bolton	Ron Butterfield	Richard England
Mike McCutchens	Gary McKnight	Stephen Morris	Larry Oldham
Charlie Smith	Keith Smith	Algene Steele	John Sweeney

Tony Allen	Tim Anderson	Mark Barber	Bryan Black
Patrick Bolton	Dexel Burns	Bobby Bush	Brian Butterfield
Darryl Culberson	Larry Cyr	Jason Deffenbaugh	Jason Elliott
Kerry Gott	Michael Green	Jerry Hesselrode	Tyrone Hopper
Bobby Hysmith	David Jackson	Ronald Johnson	Scott Kimpel
Wayne Roberts	Scott Rogers	Tony Rush	Wayne Scott
David Sweeney	J. D. Thomas	Chad Thompson	Joe Trice
Damon Welch			

Our Deacons

