



Chalmette Church of Christ

December 7, 2008

“Our Approach”

If I were to ask you the question, “What do you get out of life?” I am sure there would be different responses from different people. Some seem to live life to its fullest, while others seem to be discontent with every step they take. The approach that we use can have a lot to do with this. It is true to a great extent that life is what you make it.

Everyone desires to have friends, but some are not willing to put the effort forth to have friends: “A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother” (Prov. 18:24). Some times we see members of the church that would have to be hogtied before you could have a conversation with them, and then they wonder why no one speaks to them. We may have to change our approach. Do you realize that if we go through life broken down with burdens and will not allow our brothers and sisters in Christ to help, we sin? “Bear ye one another’s burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ” (Gal. 6:2). We sin because God never intended for us to go it alone. We also deprive others the opportunity to help.

What about our attitude towards others? Some live their entire lives fuming over some wrong someone has done to them whether real or perceived. This hinders us from being productive as we ought personally and it hinders the work of the church as well. If we have a problem with a brother we have been given instructions from God on how to deal with it: “Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall

hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother” (Mt. 18:15). It might be that if we were willing to change our approach we might be able to be more at peace with others as well as ourselves.

How much do you enjoy life? If the answer is not much, or not as much as I should, maybe it is time to change your approach. Sometimes due to things beyond our control, we will have periods in life that are very difficult. It is this way with everyone. Sometimes due to medical reasons including depression (which is very real) we may not always enjoy life as we would desire. One thing that is very much needed is to understand that depression can and needs to be treated. To many are not taking advantage of the help that is available. There are still others who do not enjoy life as they should because they simply have not learned how too. Some may think that no one has to learn how to enjoy life, but you are wrong. Some people let life control them instead of being in control of their life. We read: “Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof” (Mt. 6:31-34). While these verses are easy to read, they are much harder to apply. It will take a lot more work. We also read, “Pray without ceasing” (I Thess. 5:17). Again, this is something we will have to work hard at, but if we are willing to put forth the effort we will reap a tremendous blessing.

One thing we would do well to learn is that if we keep doing things a certain way and keep getting bad results, we will continue to get bad results until we consider our approach and change it. Remember, "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 8:37-39). May our heavenly Father bless each of us as we strive to serve Him.

~By: Mark Lance~

Biblical Headlines

If Biblical Headlines were written by today's liberal media....

On Red Sea Crossing:

WETLANDS TRAMPLED IN LABOR STRIKE
Pursuing Environmentalists Killed

On David vs. Goliath:

HATE CRIME KILLS BELOVED CHAMPION
Psychologist Questions Influence of Rock

On Elijah on Mt. Carmel:

FIRE SENDS RELIGIOUS RIGHT EXTREMIST
INTO FRENZY
400 Killed

On the birth of Christ:

HOTELS FULL, ANIMALS LEFT HOMELESS
Animal Rights Activists Enraged by Insensitive Couple

On feeding the 5,000:

PREACHER STEALS CHILD'S LUNCH
Disciples Mystified Over Behavior

On healing of the Gadarene demoniac:

MADMAN'S FRIEND CAUSES STAMPEDE
Local Farmer's Investment Lost

On raising Lazarus from the dead:

FUNDAMENTALIST PREACHER RAISES A STINK
Will Reading to be Delayed

We have recently had 4 Christians respond and ask for prayers. They are: Nicklas Smith, Mrs. Williams, Butch Snyder, and Eric Russell. Alton Chalk also came forward this past Sunday and asked for prayers and placed membership at the congregation. We want to keep each of these members in our prayers. Also Joe Riley's nephew died and Danny Beck's uncle died. Please keep these Christians in our prayers.

There will be an Adult Christmas Party on Saturday, December 13, 2008 at the Russell's house. The address is 3820 Corinne Dr. The party will start at 6 p.m. Women are to bring a woman's gift and men are to bring a man's gift between \$15 - \$20. There will also be a Middle School Christmas Party on Sunday, December 14, 2008 after the morning services.

WORKS WE SUPPORT

Gospel Broadcast Network

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Two students at the Memphis School of
Preaching

Curry Montague— Budapest

Morrne Stephanus- In Africa

Roger Scully- Morgan City Church of Christ

Kid's Korner

See if you can answer the following questions:

Answers from last week:

1. Shall cover the multitude of sins
2. Good stewards of the manifold grace of God
3. Grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ
4. The measure of the gift of Christ
5. The edifying of the body of Christ

Spiritual Gifts

Fill in the blanks

1. In his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul said, "There are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man _____."
2. Paul explained the gifts of the Spirit to the Corinthians, then added, "But all these worketh that _____, dividing to every man severally as he will."
3. Paul made the point that we all have different gifts, then he encouraged the Corinthians to earnestly covet _____."
4. Paul told the Corinthians we are the body of _____."
5. Paul told the Romans we should cleave to _____.

Tune in next week to see if you got all the answers correct!



Cleaning Schedule

Month of November— Looking for volunteers. Please sign up if available.

Upcoming Events

December 12- Ladies Night Out at Five
Happiness

December 13- Adult Christmas Party

December 14- Middle School Christmas
Party

December 21- Singing and Fellowship Meal

December 26- Ladies Game Night

Prayer List

Mary Jo Lance
Malcolm Vasquez
Muriel Jones
Joe Riley
Alice Riley
Maggie Fletcher
Bill Burchett
Buck Hall
Sherry Towle
Bob Spurlin
Catherine Grant
Kathleen Grant Dunn
Sonny Adams
Betty Grisham
Paul Roberts
Melinda London



*All of our brethren scattered across the United States

* Our men and women who are serving in the military:

- Ryan Neal
- Wayne Schulz

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Services of The Church Sunday

Bible Classes 9:00 am
AM Worship 10:00 am
PM Worship 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 pm

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Grass Cutting

Schedule

Wayne Schulz-- Month of December

