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***You're Invited
To a
Gospel Meeting
October 16-18, 2009
Elizabethtown
Church of Christ***

Sermon Topics:

- Friday Night**—7:00 p.m.—Did the Founding Fathers advocate “Separation of Church and State”?
Saturday Night—7:00 p.m.—Did the Founding Fathers embrace “Pluralism and Multi-culturalism”?
Sunday Morning Bible Class—9:30 a.m.— Did the Founding Fathers advocate religious neutrality?
Sunday Morning Worship—10:30 a.m.—Was America originally intended to be a “Christian Nation”?
Sunday Afternoon Worship—1:30 p.m.—What can Christians do to save our nation from moral and spiritual destruction?

About our speaker:

Dr. Miller is a graduate of Lubbock Christian University, where he earned a B.A. degree in speech and Bible. He earned his M.A. degree in speech communication from Texas Tech University, and his M.Th. and M.A.R. from the Harding Graduate School of Religion. He also is a graduate of Southern Illinois University, where he earned his Ph.D. in speech communication. For over 30 years, he has served in various capacities for churches of Christ, including pulpit preacher, director of a school of preaching, and host of the nationally televised program, “The Truth in Love,” which airs on GBN (gbntv.org). As Executive Director of Apologetics Press, he also serves in the Bible Department. Dr. Miller is the author of numerous articles and books, including *The Quran Unveiled*, *Sexual Anarchy*, and *Piloting the Strait*, a highly acclaimed volume examining the problem of contemporary changes in the church. He appears on lectureships and conducts weekend seminars and Gospel meetings 40-50 weekends a year. In addition to speaking on a wide range of biblical subjects, Dr. Miller specializes in presenting seminars on the topics, “The Silencing of God: The Dismantling of America’s Christian Heritage,” “Islam, the Quran, and New Testament Christianity,” “A Trip Through the Bible,” and “Must Churches of Christ Change?”

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Christians and Their Leaders: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

In the latter part of chapter five of 1 Thessalonians the Christian is instructed that they are not islands to themselves, rather they are part of a group, a body. As such, instructions are given regarding relationships. This section of scripture deals with the Christian's relationship to their leaders. The leaders here in this context seem to be the elders of a local congregation. They too are a group as the scriptures demand a plurality of men to serve in each congregation where men are qualified to serve.

Paul instructs the individual Christians regarding their responsibility to their leaders. It is not surprising that such teaching provided for a study of any group/institution will show a need for a proper "leadership"/ "followership" dynamic. Of course leaders must lead out of concern for the followers, but here Paul addresses the follower's responsibility to the elders.

It is interesting though how Paul addresses this topic. Paul begins his instruction with the term "beseech" or "urge." Recognizing the free will of the individual and desiring to appeal to them as a friend, Paul requests (with the hope that such will suffice without the use of a command) that they would recognize the role of those who were leading them. The word seems to be used by Paul when he expects something to be done without having to resort to a command.

Paul indicates that Christians would "know" those who lead them. This is much more than simply knowledge of someone as a person; it is much deeper than that. Involved in this knowledge is having concern for, having close knowledge, and cherishing feelings toward. Often we think of elders needing to know the flock, but here the shoe is on the other foot. Christian's are to know their elders.

Paul also indicates that Christians are to esteem the leaders highly in love. It is a word employed by the Holy Spirit that Paul would hold dearly because it is the word used to describe Paul's faithfulness in being chosen by God for the ministry (1 Tim 1:12). For the leaders the Christians were to show them their due regard. It is intensified by Paul when he says "very highly in love." This is a genuine bond of love and respect between those who have submitted themselves to the will of God.

Lastly Paul encourages them to be at peace among themselves. This is more than simply the absence of strife. It is the result of a life following God's will that leads to the peace that passes understanding. Being at peace with others, whether elders or fellow members of the body of Christ, can make the elders' job less burdensome.

I am glad as a minister at E-town to see so many members who desire to follow this teaching. I pray such an attitude will continue to prevail until our Lord returns.

*John F. Board
Elizabethtown, KY*

News and Notes

BARBARA UNDERWOOD will undergo a liver biopsy October 8 in Louisville. **JIM WHITE** began another round of chemotherapy Tuesday. **GREG TREADWAY** was seen in the ER last week. **RYAN TADE**, Jerry & Emma Tade's grandson, broke his leg in three places last week and had surgery.

DEBORAH SMITH, friend of Kim Whobrey, has been diagnosed with cancer. **T. L. LAWSON**, family friend of Diane Lewis, has been diagnosed with cancer of the spine and will also be undergoing open heart surgery. **SHERRY MARCUM**, Dan Marcum's sister-in-law, suffered a stroke Monday night and is in University of Louisville Hospital undergoing tests.

MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Carl & Delsie Axton	Carl Mercer
Betty Addington	Tom Morgan
Neil Burden	Andy Nevins
Dana Fox	Pansy Sells
Howard Gardner	Grace Speer
Faye Guess	Oleta Stranahan
Janice Hardin	Kay Thomason
Roy Johnson	Barbara Underwood
Kent Lane	Lonnie Underwood
Diane Lewis	Dorothea Weaver
J Martin	Lawrence Wells

Let us continue to remember the following military personnel in our prayers: Robert E. Wooten, Kelly Leverett, Korry Leverett (Iraq), Joe Betterton, Terry Turner, Cameron Ponder, Brett Fleming, Nathan McClain, Ronald O'Bryant, Roni Reed, Hector Meza, Aaron Wellman, Michael Morrow, Israel Fox, Barry Barclay, Brian Wilkins, Nathan Miller, Cody Hutson, Dan Sloat, Gregory Stack

Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to LaVelle Dyer and her family in the death of her last living sibling, Lina Lee, who passed away Sunday morning at Hardin Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Lee's funeral was held in Tompkinsville, Kentucky Wednesday morning.

Congratulations

Barry & Amanda Barclay were married here at the building Saturday, October 3! We wish them much happiness.

Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. — "Do I Have a Wii Religion?" Luke 10:37
Matthew Thigpen will present the lesson.

P.M. — Gospel Meeting: A Reminder of Our Responsibility to Reach the Lost,
Romans 1:16-17

BENEVOLENT CENTER UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2009

Food Center	181 families helped
Clothing Center	102 families helped

BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2009

Courses graded	114
New enrollees	32

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **YOUTH RALLY, October 9-10**, with Andy Robison, from Washington, West Virginia. Theme: *If I Had But One...*
- **CHURCH WORKERS WORKSHOP**, Monday, **October 12**, at 10:30 a.m., here at the building.
- **FALL GOSPEL MEETING, October 16-18**, with Dave Miller. Sermons will be presented on "The Silencing of God: The Dismantling of America's Christian Heritage."
- **CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK**, Sunday morning, **October 18**, at noon in the South Wing. CSG #4 will set up and CSG #1 will have clean up duty.
- **5th GRADERS & UNDER TRIP** to Rineyville Blooms, Saturday, **October 24**, at 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$5/child (no charge for adults) which includes going through a corn maze, painting a pumpkin, and roasting marshmallows. There is a sign up sheet posted for those interested in going. If rain on the 24th, the rain date will be Sunday, October 25, at 2:00 p.m. Any questions, please see Ken or Monica Bybee.

Pantry Items of the Week

Week of 10/11/09—Canned pork'n'beans, peanut butter and soup

OUR RECORD FOR October 4, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	135
Sunday Morning Assembly	196
Sunday Evening Assembly	135
Wednesday Bible Study	137
Ladies Bible Class	19
Contribution (Budget -- \$6,783)	\$6,486

Elder/Coordinator for October
Rick Whobrey

Bible Question

This Week's Bible Question: Who said, "Is there any taste in the white of an egg?"

Last Week's Bible Question: Under the Law of Moses, what kind of wood was forbidden to be used in building defenses even in time of war? The correct answer is they were commanded not to use trees of which they could eat from, Deuteronomy 20:19-20. Those who correctly answered the Bible Question this week are Joyce Pack, Rick Eiler, Bloria Taylor and Edna Ashlock.

Please write down your answer and put it in the box outside the church office before next Wednesday or email your answer to chofchrist@windstream.net by Tuesday afternoon. Please include the Scripture reference and your name.

Schedule of Services

Sunday:

Bible Classes	9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship	10:30 A.M.
Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class	10:30 A.M.
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Wednesday

Evening Bible Class	7:00 P.M.
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Daily Bible Reading Schedule

1. Isaiah 37-38; Philippians 3
2. Isaiah 39-40; Philippians 4
3. Isaiah 41-42; Colossians 1
4. Isaiah 43-44; Colossians 2
5. Isaiah 45-47; Colossians 3
6. Isaiah 48-49; Colossians 4
7. Isaiah 50-52; 1 Thessalonians 1
Oct. 9-10 — E-town Youth Rally
Oct. 12 — Church Workers Workshop
Oct. 16-18 — Gospel Meeting w/Dave Miller
Oct. 18 — Congregational Potluck
Oct. 24 — 5th Grade & Under Trip to Rineyville Blooms,
Oct. 25 — Singing at Atria
Oct. 25 — Youth Devo/Chill Cookoff, Bybees
Nov. 13-14 — Ladies Retreat, White Mills

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