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Urgent Needs in the Church Today

1. **More knocking on doors and less knocking on each other.** The great commission demands that we busy ourselves in taking the Gospel to others (Mark 16:15). The Bible says, “speak not evil one of another” (James 4:11). It is so much better to be busy doing good rather than evil.
2. **More sound heads and fewer sore heads.** Perhaps there has never been a time in the history of the church in which we have had a greater need for men sound in the faith and wise in judgment. Sometimes the voice of the wise goes unheeded and the voice of the foolish takes over. (I Kings 12:6-8)
3. **More open hearts and fewer open mouths.** All conduct proceeds from the heart. Prejudice closes the heart to a true consideration of the facts. If the heart was made right before the mouth was opened, most church problems locally and universally would cease to exist. (James 3:5, 6; Proverbs 26:20)
4. **More seed slinging and less mud slinging.** The task of sowing

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the seed of the kingdom is so great that it should leave no time for the slinging of mud at a brother. The fact that we have the whole world as our foe should draw us closer together. (Proverbs 18:24) There should be no division in the Lord’s camp (I Corinthians 1:10). One can never whitewash himself by slinging mud at another. He who tries gets his own hands dirty.

5. **More sacrifice of self and less sacrifice of others.** There are plenty of members of the church who are willing to sacrifice their other fellow— his talent, his time, his money, and even perhaps his reputation. Sacrifice should begin at home (Luke 9:23).
6. **More concern over direction than speed.** This is the jet and missile age. Speed is being enthroned and multitudes bow before it. But in the Lord’s work, the greater question is not, “How fast are we traveling?”, but rather, “Which way are we going?” (John 14:6; Matthew 7:13, 14). All speed is not progress. On the other hand, neither is standing still.

—Leroy Brownlow

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In Haggai 1:5, 6 we have recorded, ⁵*Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.* ⁶*Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.* Haggai was pointing out to his readers that their efforts in this life were futile because of their ways.

Many today are in this situation. They work hard to provide all the necessities of life, while shunning the laying up of treasures in Heaven. Their efforts are in vain because they are not living for Christ.

Make sure your efforts in this life are worthwhile. Live every day for Christ, thereby laying up eternal riches.

—Marty Edwards❖

News

—Continue to remember **Jean Coffey, Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jimmy Terry, Audrey Terry, and Alroy McDaniel.**

—We will be having our first-Sunday singing tonight since we did not have services last Sunday evening.

—There have been some changes made in our audio we broadcast of our services. You should now be able to connect and listen regardless of what type of computer or mobile device you are using. The audio has been tested on iPads, iPods, iPhones, android devices, Nooks, and general computers. There is some tweaking I have done to make to make sure the audio is smooth when we have more listeners.



Always attend every service when you can, but, if you cannot be here I encourage you to listen our services remotely and to email or text my phone number on the front of the bulletin with feedback that will help us improve the broadcasting of our audio.

As more people have computers as well as phone and portable devices that connect to the Internet, it opens up many more people having access to hearing the Gospel preached.

When services are not going on, you can log onto our web site and listen to readings of the Kings James Version of the Bible. This is still a work in progress but I hope to be finished by the end of 2014 and certainly by the end of 2015 barring no unforeseen issues.

You can also find each week's bulletin posted on our web site.

Our services are also being recorded for anyone that would like to copies of these.

—Marty❖

**Seven days without Bible study
makes one weak.**

Sunday, January 1, 2012		
Classes	17	Luke 16:19-31
Preaching	29	
Contribution	\$478.00	
Evening	n/a	no services
Wednesday, January 4, 2012		
Classes	17	Deuteronomy 13:1-18

Visitors— Jan 1 (AM) Lurline Mires (Rex, KY)

Bible Quiz

Ruth was the great-grandmother of what king?

Last Week's Answer— Whatsoever thing he commanded.
(Deuteronomy 12:31)

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—God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)