

Door Knocking Campaign

Let's not forget about our door knocking campaign here in Belle in May. On May 1st and 2nd we will knock doors and then will continue the meeting through the 5th and maybe later depending on how things progress in the five days we have slated. Every one of us needs to have a job of some kind in this in order to pull this off and make it a success. In April we will be going through classes of meeting the public for those who will be knocking doors.

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Date	Morning	Evening
03/23/09 Monday.....	Deuteronomy.....09-10	John.....16
03/24/09 Tuesday.....	Deuteronomy.....11-12	John.....17
03/25/09 Wednesday.....	Deuteronomy.....13-14	John.....18
03/26/09 Thursday.....	Deuteronomy.....15-16	John.....19
03/27/09 Friday.....	Deuteronomy.....17-18	John.....20
03/28/09 Saturday.....	Deuteronomy.....19-20	John.....21
03/29/09 Sunday.....	Deuteronomy.....21-22	Acts.....01

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TIMES OF SERVICE

Sunday Morning Bible Study.....9:30
 Sunday Morning Worship.....10:30
 Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00
 Wednesday Evening Bible Study.....7:00
 Ladies Bible Class 3rd Monday Evening of Each Month.....7:00

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Living Together - Right or Wrong? (Part 1)

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In this time of "live in" boyfriends and girlfriends, it is no wonder that many are confused about marriage. The world has long tried to destroy marriage and justify itself in its evil deeds while Christianity has uplifted marriage to the lofty plain that it deserves. The world has cried that marriage will be defeated and that it will not survive but like all things created and sanctioned by God, marriage is here to stay and is a viable part of society.

Nevertheless, some have chosen to live contrary to God's law concerning marriage and have advocated that marriage is no longer needed being outdated. Or by some perverse rationale, they reason: "You wouldn't buy a pair of shoes without trying them on. So, don't get married without first trying out your mate." It is often the case that those who cry such foolishness are the very ones who cry that they do not want to be treated like animals or inanimate objects. Yet, this is the very thing they are advocating. Dear reader, we are not talking about a pair of shoes, we are talking about humanity. Let us never be guilty of treating one we are considering to marry as if they are a pair of shoes!

In 1983, Newsweek reported that only 16% of college students considered it harmful "for a man and woman to live together before marriage" while 61% said it would be "helpful." With such views, questions concerning "living together" must be answered.

FORNICATION

Fornication is a broad term and means illicit or unlawful sexual intercourse. It would include such things as adultery (sex with someone other than one's spouse), homosexuality (sex between persons of the same gender), bestiality (sex between a human and an animal), promiscuity (sex with

various partners), pedophilia (sex with a child), and prostitution (sex for money or hire). Thus, fornication is sexual activity outside of its proper place—marriage.

Within the proper context of marriage, sexual activity is sanctioned by God. The Bible says, “Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge” (Hebrews 13:4). However, sexual activity outside of marriage is fornication. Listen to what God says about fornication:

Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them. —Romans 1:29-32

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind. —1 Corinthians 6:9

Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. —Galatians 5:19-21

Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things’ sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience. —Colossians 3:5-6

Please notice the association that fornication has with other sins. However, the point is clear. Fornicators will not inherit eternal life. Concluded next week.

(<http://www.kc-cofc.org/39th/IBS/Tracts/living.htm>) {Living Together Right or Wrong? by Chuck Northrop © 1995}

News & Notes

THOSE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

We need to remember all those who are sick and afflicted in our daily prayers. We need to remember those who are in the nursing homes, and in the military. We also need to keep Doris Pendleton, Ruby Backus, Tex Kinman, Bill and Verna Butler, Gary Cooper, Lynna Shanks, Verma

Long, Connie Gass, Nelta Brock, Cheryl Harris, Janet Patrick, Evonelle Calkins, Vera Dreysse, Elnora Shanks, Dawn Tivoli, Richard Massey, the Bill Habermehl family, Savannah Shanks, Taylor Shanks, Adrian and Jean Swindler, Chesley Shanks, Gary Wallace, Sandy Sarchette, and Olivia Shanks. Andy Shanks will have knee surgery soon. Doris Pendleton’s mother, Nettie B. Shirley, fell and broke her collar bone. Two weeks later she had a mini stroke, and is in a rehabilitation hospital. Chesley Shanks has a doctor’s appointment Thursday to have an x-ray and will probably find out when his surgery will be. Let’s keep all these in our prayers.

THOSE TO SERVE March 22, 2009	THOSE TO SERVE March 29, 2009
A.M.	A.M.
Greeters.....David Shanks & Gary Wallace	Greeters.....Jerry & Thomas McDonald
Announcements.....Andy Shanks	Announcements.....Elwood Runge
Song Leader.....David Shanks	Song Leader.....Andy Shanks
Opening Prayer.....Leroy Thomas	Opening Prayer.....Danny Keeney
Lord’s Supper..Danny Keeney & Elwood Runge	Lord’s Supper...Leroy Thomas & David Shanks
Sermon.....Thomas McDonald	Sermon.....Jerry McDonald
Closing Prayer.....Gary Wallace	Closing Prayer.....Thomas McDonald
P.M.	P.M.
Song Leader.....David Shanks	Song Leader.....Andy Shanks
Opening Prayer.....Danny Keeney	Opening Prayer.....Gary Wallace
Sermon.....To Be Announced	Sermon.....Jerry McDonald
Closing Prayer.....Leroy Thomas	Closing Prayer.....Elwood Runge
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY
Song Leader.....David Shanks	Song Leader.....Andy Shanks
Opening Prayer.....Gary Wallace	Opening Prayer.....Danny Keeney
Devotional.....Jerry McDonald	Devotional.....Thomas McDonald
Closing Prayer.....Andy Shanks	Closing Prayer.....Elwood Runge

FAIR HAVEN CHILDREN’S HOME

The items for Fair Haven Children’s Home this week are “Toilet Tissue,” and “Canned Chili.”

Sermons for the Next Two Weeks

A.M. For March 22, 2009: To be announced. The P.M. Lesson will be announced.

A.M. For March 29, 2009: “Crossroads” The P.M. Lesson will be “Essentiality of Repentance.”

Traveling

Jerry and Andrea McDonald will be in Lindsay, OK this next weekend. Jerry will be taking classes on teaching door knocking and Bible Study for our up and coming door knocking campaign. They should be back sometime Sunday afternoon.

Ladies Bible Class

The Ladies Bible Class was rescheduled and will be held on Monday, March 23, 2009 at 7:00 pm here at the building.

