

NORTHSIDE BULLETIN

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Sick

Shut-ins and Elderly Members:

- Sis. Darnell
- Sis. Burns
- Sis. Sharp
- Sis. Higgenbottom
- Bro. And Sis. Wade

Those Battling Health Issues

- Carl Hollis Jr
- The Wheelers
- The Youngs
- Sis. Shirley Berry

Family of Members

- Amy Branscum's brother
- Phyllis Hale's brother (he received a good report last week)
- Shirley Meade's niece
- Nikki Coot's Mother

Other Announcements

If you need your entry in the directory updated then please see

Parenting: Consistency is a Key!

By Greg Gwin

All godly parents are concerned about bringing up their children to be good, God-fearing people. In fact, we are commanded to do so (Ephesians 6:4).

There are lots of negative influences in the world that make this an increasingly difficult job. We worry about the impact of the schools, peer pressure, wickedness in the media, etc. In the face of all these forces that seek to ruin our kids, how can we succeed in teaching and training them to do what is right?

While there are many Scriptural principles that might be mentioned here, we want to emphasize just one --consistency. A key in bringing up faithful children is to be consistent.

An obvious area where this consistency needs to be seen is in attendance at the assemblies. If you allow your kids to miss the worship services in order to be at a ball game, you are teaching them that the ball game is more important than the Lord. If you let them skip the assemblies for school functions, band trips, dramas or plays, or to go camping, fishing or hunting, in all of these ways you are demonstrating that there are things that are more important than God.

If you fail to worship when you are traveling or on vacation, you are showing them that serving God is something you do only when it is convenient. If you let them take part-time jobs that interfere with their attendance, you are giving them a clear sign that work and career considerations are higher in priority than spiritual things.

Many parents who are violating the principles stated above will scoff at these warnings. Yet the personal experiences of many people, as well as the plain teachings of God's Word indicate that this is the truth.

Daily Bible Readings for This Week

Jan.29 - Exodus 1-3; Gal.5

Jan.30 - Exodus 4-6, Gal.6

Jan.31 - Exodus 7-9, Psalm
105, Eph.1

Feb.1 - Exodus 10-12, Eph.2

Feb.2 - Exodus 13-15, Psalm
114, Eph.3

Times of Classes and Worship

Sunday Bible Study: 9:00 am

Sunday Worship: 10:00 am
and 5:00 pm

Tuesday Morning Class: 10:00
am

Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00
pm

Ladies Bible Class - 6:30 pm
on the 2nd and 4th Mondays
of the month

Special Services 2019

Spring Meeting With J.R. Bronger
- April 21-26

VBS - July 29-31

Fall Lectureship: (Mark White,
John Gibson, David Thomley) -
October 18-20th

Joshua had it right when he said, "as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15). There would be no compromise in his family. He would LEAD them in a consistent, faithful path. Let's imitate his example of consistency!

Distractions by the Road

By Greg Gwin

Surely you've seen them - those drivers who are so busy talking on their cellular phones that they sit through a green light or ignore some other important traffic situation. We've even seen people talking on their cell phone **AND** eating a sandwich - all while driving the car!

Driving is a serious activity that demands our devoted attention. Things like cell phones and sandwiches tend to distract us, making driving even more dangerous. Published statistics clearly point out the dangers of distracted driving. When two or more such distractions are added together - watch out! An accident is sure to follow.

Now, make a spiritual application: Living life in this world is a very serious activity. It demands our undivided attention. The problem is that we too often allow ourselves to be distracted by the things of this world. When that happens, a spiritual accident is sure to follow.

And, we're not just talking about the sinful things that can distract us. Certainly, there are plenty of those. Wickedness abounds in our society and we are confronted with multiple temptations everyday. Constant vigilance is necessary. But, in addition to these things, there is the danger that we will get so busy with the non-sinful activities of our day-to-day lives that we might forget what our main pursuit is supposed to be. Our jobs, our families, our recreation and a host of other things can crowd God out of our lives.

Add two or three such distractions together and you are simply a spiritual accident looking for a place to happen. Be careful! Stay focused. "*Reach forth unto those things which are before*" and "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13,14).