

Make Me As Clay

In watching a documentary about porcelain works, one can apparently learn much about life. The process begins with a hard substance that must be ground up to form the clay. Factors to do with nature and the components added to the clay determine the various degrees of quality clay. From this the artist manipulates the clay to form fantastic shapes. Many times as the art is forming it is difficult to determine what it is being created until the very culmination of the shaping process. Ultimately this mass of dirt is formed into a beautiful creation. When this is complete it is fired in a furnace, beautifully painted then fired again. It may go through several firings before it is complete. What is seemingly the most skillful and impressive of all is the painting of the sculptures. Impressive because the colors brushed on to the pieces prior to firing are not the same as the colors seen after they are fired into the art. The artist has to know before hand exactly what will happen. He must have the finished image in his mind while he is painting a picture that looks completely different. This color alteration makes it very different than painting on a canvas. In fact, the colors vary significantly based on the nature of the particular clay being used. In the furnace the clay absorbs the colors and makes them part of itself. Each clay has its own nuances of effect on the paint that is applied by the artist.



The making of man is very much like this. God is the potter, and we are the clay (Isaiah 64:8). God's work or molding is done from within instead of without. As we develop at His hand we start in a very crude form but we, determined to be the proper clay, by His design emerge finally as the beautiful piece he would have us to be (Ephesians 4:11-16). We then as humans have desires, and feelings, and emotions, and passions that are our nature, our components, and we will allow these to either guide us to heaven or drive us to hell. None of these natures are innately evil. They are the components of the clay that when touched by God's paint and fired into the soul, combine. How these react with the soul and the soul with them determine the final picture that will be produced. Only God can see the potential of the finished picture, the beautiful vessel when all the firing is complete.

On occasion at the porcelain shop the final piece would emerge from the kiln fatally flawed. In these cases the clay was contaminated or faulty in some way and received the paint unevenly or incorrectly. The paint, God's word, is not the factor. The creator is not to be blamed. The fault is found in the clay. Our Lord has promised to paint a work of art on each of His creations (John 17:17). If we can align our will with His and receive the grace that He has so artfully laid on us we will proudly yield as a slave to Him instead of sin (Romans 6:6-12). How we, the clay, the substrate, receive and absorb the paint through the fires of trial and life will determine if God's vision for each of us will be realized (II Peter 3:9). May we continually be sure our soul is perfectly prepared to receive the word of God and His will for us (Philippians 4:8-9; John 16:24). The picture is beautiful!!! (Ephesians 2:10; John 3:16) *Adam Delk*

I'm Different

Did you ever notice that any weakness, any wrong committed, any neglect is always worse in someone else? When I commit some infraction it's never quite as bad as when someone else does the same thing. For instance:

- They're lazy; I'm just busy.
- They're indifferent; I'm just not quite ready.
- They're gossips; I just tell it like it is.
- They're fanatics; I'm merely involved.
- They're complainers; I'm just concerned.
- They have a bad attitude; I'm just upset.
- They're overly critical; I'm just trying to help.

“You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things” (Romans 2:1).
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Bonnie May Continues to improve after successful kidney transplant on 1/13 Please keep Bonnie and Ben in your prayers.

Carla Williamson, Cameron's wife and daughter-in-law of Doug & Marsha Williamson, is finally scheduled for her kidney transplant on Feb. 22, 2013. Her mother, Charlotte Robertson, is the donor. Please remember them in your daily prayers as well as the surgeons who will be involved in this serious procedure. In all things, GOD's will be done!

Joyce Johnston ...Has gotten much worse in her continued battle with health problems.

Pat Hart...Has been very sick. Please keep her in your prayers

Leading in Worship

Sunday Morning Worship

Coordinators: Bill Knighten / Bud Porter
Ushers: Bill Knighten / Gary McDaniel
Announcements: Neal Smith
Scripture: Bud Porter
Lead Singing: Craig Sims
1st Prayer: Mike Howard
Preaching: Marshall McDaniel
Closing Prayer: Roger Cobia
Sound System: Sam Smith

LORD'S Supper Preside: Bob Trefethen
Bread Cup
Chris Lloyd: Stephen Guy
Jerry Hensley: Mel Ott
Charles Painter: Paul Puckett

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements: Neal Smith
Scripture: Eric Bradford
Lead Singing: John Burch
1st Prayer: John Humphries
Preaching: Marshall McDaniel
Lord's Supper: Neal Smith
Closing Prayer: Gary Hart
Sound System: James Powell

LORD'S Supper Preparation

02/10 Katherine Trefethen 02/17 Sherry Guy
02/24 Janis Hart 03/03 Michele Hensley

Wednesday Bible Study

Ushers: Aaron Smelser / Sam Smith
Announcements: Neal Smith
Lead Singing: Chris Lloyd
1st Prayer: John Burch
Invitation: Neal Smith
Closing Prayer: Doug Williamson
Sound System: Bud Porter

Count Contribution

Kerry Lashlee: Ragan Ingram
Doug Williamson

To our visitors:

- The people who assemble at Perry Hill Road are simply a group of Christians who belong to Christ and are devoted to serving God.
- Our aim is to glorify God by following the Bible, His inspired word, which is our only guide in worship and service.
- Our commitment is to preach Christ, who is man's only hope for eternal life, and live in such a way so that others may see Christ in us.
- We encourage an open study and discussion of the Scriptures in all our Bible classes and extend to all a sincere welcome.
- Personal studies are available upon request.

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Classes 9 AM
Worship 10 AM
Evening 5 PM

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7 PM

Attendance

Sunday AM 120
Sunday Class 87
Sunday PM 84
Wednesday 72
Contribution \$ 5,394.



*We rejoice with
Hunter White in
his decision to
put on Christ in
Baptism.*

Group 2 Meets this month.



Bible Study Eastdale Retirement Center

Thursday 9:30 a.m. Bible Study Eastdale Retirement Center

Isaiah study

Friday's at 8:30 a.m. - Study Isaiah with John Humphries at church building

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Perry Hill Road Bulletin

Have You Thought?

Have you ever stopped to wonder what this life is all about?

Why you're here, and where you're going when your lease on time runs out?

Maybe you've been far too busy, trying hard to reach your goal;

Would you let me ask you kindly, "Have you thought about your soul?"

You may reach the highest portals, and your dreams may all come true;

Wealth and fame may be your portion, and success may shine on you. All your friends may sing your praises, not a care on you may roll.

But what about the great tomorrow – have you thought about your soul?

Don't forget your days are numbered, though you may be riding high;

Like all of us poor mortals, someday you'll just up and die.

Your success and fame and glory won't be worth the bell they toll.

Let me ask you just one question – "Have you thought about your soul?"

If you've never thought it over, spend a little time today;

There is nothing more important that will ever come your way, Than the joys of sins forgiven and to know you've been made whole.

In the name of Christ, the Savior, have you thought about your soul?

Unknown

