

HAVE YOU WARNED YOUR NEIGHBOR LATELY?

To warn others of something implies there is danger ahead of them in some form or degree. Naturally, if there is no danger, then we would be wrong for warning others of something that does not exist! In order for us to warn others we must first be convicted that something is wrong. If convicted that a pathway is the wrong road, we would want to warn others that if they continue on this same path, it will be harmful to them. At least two reasons exist as to why we would want to do this: (1) A sense of duty; (2) A love for those on the wrong path. If we do not have a sense of duty or obligation and a love for the one on the wrong path, we will never warn them of the danger which lies ahead.

God gave His prophet Ezekiel this warning, “Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul” (Ezek. 3:17-21). We, like the prophet Ezekiel, are God’s watchmen of today. We have been given the word of the Lord and have been commanded to go into all the world and take the Gospel to them. “And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go

ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen” (Matt. 28:18). Jesus also said, “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned” (Mark. 16:15-16). The greatest need today is that men and women go forth and spread the Good News of the Kingdom of God. Souls are lost and men and women are dying every second. We need to ask the question, “what are we doing about those lost souls?”

Are you convicted in your heart that folks all around you are lost and in danger of losing their eternal soul? Do you have a deep love for the souls of mankind? **HAVE YOU WARNED YOUR NEIGHBOR LATELY** about the danger that is ahead of him/her if they should continue on the same road they are on? If you have not done **so**, then you need to do so before it is too late for them and also too late for you. We often sing the song, “You never mentioned Him to Me.” Do we honestly believe there will be those who testify against us, for not telling them about the saving message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ? We should! Remember God told Ezekiel that if he did not warn the children of Israel about their wicked ways, they would lose their soul and Ezekiel would lose his soul also; however, on the other hand if he warned them of their wicked ways and they did not listen, they would lose their soul, but Ezekiel would save his own soul. The apostle Paul, when writing to the brethren at Ephesus, wrote, “And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more. Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God” (Acts 20:25-27). *If we wish to be pure of the blood of our loved ones, neighbors, etc.*, then we must declare the whole counsel of God to them. Remember, God does hold us accountable for that which we are able to do. We are all able to share the Gospel with others.

If we warn them of their wicked ways and they reject our warnings, then it is on their shoulders; however, if we do not warn them about their wicked ways, we are to blame for their lost soul and God will hold us accountable.

May we all work together to make sure we are doing all we can to carry the good news to the lost and dying world. **HAVE YOU WARNED YOUR NEIGHBOR LATELY?**

Johnie Scaggs, Jr. from *The Reasoner*

If We Could Understand...

- The terror of sin...
- The price of salvation...
- The nature and magnitude of God’s grace...
- The potential in prayer...
- The blessings of Bible study...
- The impact of influence...
- The value of unity...
- The work of the church...
- The glory of service...
- The power of love...
- The fragility of today...
- The uncertainty of tomorrow...
- The duration of eternity...
- And the worth of one soul...

Then Christians would have no trouble converting neighbors, family, friends or the world!

Adapted from 39th Street Bulletin

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Sunday: Jennifer Carter (AM); Millie Robertson (PM); Steven and Debbie Schleif; Clara Scott (PM).

Wednesday: Jennifer Carter; Cindy Nelson; Millie Robertson; Linda Thomas.

Ralph Franklin was dismissed from Olathe Medical Center on Wednesday and is in rehabilitation treatment at Evergreen Nursing Center. He is residing in Room D9.

Those battling cancer: Ledgia Campbell, David Cole, Shauna Heck, Betty James, Tom Parish and Cleo Stone. Please remember these in your prayers.

HOME BOUND

Kathleen Camp is in Room 101 at the Royal Terrace Nursing Home in Olathe. Barbara James' Aunt, Evelyn Marquardt is at Sharon Lane in Shawnee. Please remember these in your prayers and visitation.

OUT OF TOWN

Chris Edwards was out of town during last week on business.

MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING

Our monthly Men's Business Meeting will be held this Sunday, March 14, following our AM worship. All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

AREA GOSPEL MEETINGS

The 39th Street congregation will hold a Gospel Meeting on March 14-17 with Clifton Harper of Cache, OK preaching. The Blue Springs congregation will hold their "Home Grown Gospel Meeting" on March 21-24 with members of the church there speaking. Check the flyers in the foyer for full details.

ATTENDANCE

Sunday AM, 38; Sunday PM, 36; Wednesday PM, 25.

Sentence Sermon

Speed is not everything – direction is very important!

Those To Serve

March 14, 2010

BUILDING AND COMMUNION.....Schleif

MORNING WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS..... George Thomas
SONG LEADER..... Stanley Anderson
OPENING PRAYER Trent Thrasher
PRESIDE..... Jared Nelson
ASSIST..... Jeff Nemechek
ASSIST..... Steven Schleif
CLOSING PRAYER..... John Cody Carter

EVENING WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER Joel Nelson
CLOSING PRAYER..... John Dodson
LORD'S SUPPER..... Jared Nelson

WEDNESDAY 17th

SONG LEADER..... Ted Thrasher
INVITATION George Thomas

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Ladies Bible Study 10:00 AM
Bible Study 7:00 PM

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