

Attendance and Contribution						
Mo	Wk	BS	MW	EW	Wed	Cont
Apr	24	10	16	22	11	\$386
Apr	17	13	19	21	13	\$466
Apr	10	12	20	14	13	\$444
Apr	3	14	21	18	17	\$443



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Programs to Watch and Share

SEARCH for the Lord's Way

Sundays @ 7:00 am WUXP-TV 30

Sundays @ 10:00 am WHTN-TV 39

Mack Lyon, Phil Sanders, speakers

www.searchtv.org

Topic for May 8

Teaching Our Children

May is the traditional month for the end of school. It is an appropriate time to study the continual need for parents to teach their children.

PREACHING THE GOSPEL

Sundays @ 7:30 am WUXP-TV30

James Watkins, speaker

New programming from Focus Press is on FOX - 17 out of Nashville, Sunday morning at 6:30. "Think About It" is hosted by Brad Harrub and Joe Wells.

Link for Gospel Broadcasting Network (GBN)

<http://intermedia.encompass-m.com/GospelBroadcastingNetwork/2.aspx>

Assignments	May
Song leader (SS)	Ken Thomas
Announcements	Junior Conner
Songleader-Worship	Tim Waldron
Scripture reading	T. J. Waldron
Opening prayer	James Mason
Table service (center)	Junior Conner
(center)	Tim Waldron
(outside)	David Fox
(outside)	T J Waldron
Closing Prayer	Lee Rose

Bible readings for the week:

Acts 18 -28; Judges 1-6

Sunday	Acts 18-19
Monday	Acts 20-21
Tuesday	Acts 22-23
Wednesday	Acts 24-26
Thursday	Acts 27-28
Friday	Judges 1-3
Saturday	Judges 4-5

Remember - the Sunday evening lesson is based on the previous week's reading.

Christians and Emotional Maturity

Richard Mansel

Spiritual maturity is one of the hallmarks of preaching. We use God's Word to help people grow spiritually, so they can develop the knowledge and tools to conquer their spiritual weaknesses.

"When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things" (1 Cor. 13:11, NKJV).

This is true spiritually and emotionally. Both are essential to our maturation. However, in the church, we often overlook the emotional aspects of our growth.

Immersed for the remission of our sins (Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16), and added to the Church Christ built (Mt. 16:18; Acts 2:47; Eph.1:22-23), we walk in the paths of our Lord, transformed by the gospel message (Rom.12:1-2; Eph. 4:1).

In Christ, we have all spiritual blessings (Eph. 1:3) and we walk in his light (1 Jn. 1:7). We yield ourselves to the Lord completely.

In the Church, we are to be unified (1Cor. 1:10), bear one another's burdens (Gal. 6:1), and fulfill all of the qualities outlined by our Lord in 1 Pet.1:5-8, in dealing with one another.

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Sunday Schedule

Bible Classes	10 AM
Worship	11 AM
Worship	6 PM
Wednesday: Bible Classes	7 PM

Mission Works & Evangelism

House to House/ Heart to Heart
Restoration Radio
Jim Waldron
Manuelito Children's Home

Beech Grove News and Prayer Requests

Wednesday night we had an interesting Bible study period. Just as we began to arrive the electricity went off. The threatening weather had subsided, but the lack of lights made it necessary to gather beside the west-facing windows to enable us to see enough to read. Finally at about 7:30 we had to give it up, but all agreed it was good to be together even for that short time.

We learned that the Andy Miller family are on their way back to the US, so we hope they will have a great time with family and friends before they have to leave for another assignment.

T. J. Waldron will be graduating soon from Coffee County Central, and we congratulate him for trying to be a wholesome influence while there. We are fortunate to have a young man of his "caliber". (That word was carefully chosen to reflect his expertise as a member of the Claybusters at the high school!)

Prayer list . . . Pray for

- Beechgrove, to hear the gospel.
- Christians who teach the gospel around the world.
- Mission work at home and abroad
- Our elderly members who have difficulty getting around, but continue to be good examples of faithfulness.

- The effectiveness of our direct mailing of HtH/HtH.
- Those tempted by Satan to forsake the Lord, His church, and godly living.
- The lukewarm
- The sick and injured
- Widows and orphans
- Those who are bereaved.
- The unemployed, underemployed.
- Leaders of nations, local leaders.
- School teachers and students
- Elizabeth Walker, Blvd. Terrace
- Military personnel: Andy Miller family, Japan. Adam Thomas in NC.
- Civilians in war zones.
- People suffering from disasters caused by nature and weather. In particular, the people who have suffered losses to tornados and floods in recent days. So many have died, and others are missing.
- Those who are having domestic problems and are tempted to give up.

Maturity . . . continued

However, we may never accomplish any of these things if our immaturity fails to allow us to rise above our weaknesses. Let us consider carefully the following points.

"Emotionally mature people accept responsibility for their actions. They don't look for excuses for their behavior. There may be reasons or circumstances why emotionally mature people act in an irresponsible way, but they don't waste time making all kinds

of excuses. Emotionally mature people don't feel victimized by circumstances or other people. Even when circumstances or events are difficult, they deal with them without resorting to blaming others."/1

If we develop this maturity, we will be able to deal with one another as Christ demands in Scripture. Otherwise, we will be selfish, controlling, vengeful and spiteful. These traits are commonplace in the world, but in the Lord's kingdom, they have no place.

An emotionally immature person will demand that everyone act just like them. They become hypersensitive to anything they perceive to be a slight and will exact vengeance on anyone who displeases them. If the church divides, as a result, they can simply blame it on someone else.

An emotionally immature person needs things to be small and manageable. They intertwine their opinions with Scripture and they become unquestioned doctrines. A rejection of these doctrines is a repudiation of their fragile egos and that is anathema.

"Self-centeredness and self-importance are characteristics of children and adolescents. They demand special treatment, make little real contributions themselves, and complain that life isn't meeting their demands."/2

Emotional maturity does not automatically

come with age. One writer said, "Youth fades -- Immaturity lingers."/3 What may be cute in an infant is pathetic in an adult.

Sadly, many people in the church fall into this category. We must help them mature, so they can put away childish things. As we mature, our relationships will improve and we will stop fighting each other. As a result, we will grow numerically because people will desire to be with the spiritually and emotionally mature.

Spiritual maturity and emotional maturity are essential. One will not occur smoothly without the other. We cannot mature spiritually unless we get out of ourselves. Emotional maturity facilitates this all-important step while spiritual maturity provides the impetus to do so. We have Jesus as our ultimate model for both kinds of maturity. We need to be following him on both paths.

1/<http://behavioral-management.com/emotionally-mature-people-responsible>

2/http://www.morler.com/emotional_maturity.pdf

3/ Ibid.

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