

Those Who Serve

June 29

Opening Prayer

Evan Hall

Communion

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Joe Burnsed

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Joe Holloway

July 6

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Speaking Where The Bible Speaks; Silent

Where The Bible Is Silent

June 29, 2008

AIN'T THAT THE TRUTH...

1. The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow.
2. Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail.
3. If you don't have a sense of humor, you probably don't have any sense at all.
4. Seat belts are not as confining as wheelchairs.
5. A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water.
6. How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?
7. Business conventions are important because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without.
8. Why is it that at class reunions you feel younger than everyone else looks?
9. Scratch a dog and you'll find a permanent job.
10. No one has more driving ambition than the boy who wants to buy a car.
11. There are no new sins; the old ones just get more publicity.
12. There are worse things than getting a call for a wrong number at 4 AM. It could be a right number.
13. Think about this ... No one ever says "It's only a game" when his team is winning.
14. I've reached the age where the happy hour is a nap.
15. Be careful reading the fine print. There's no way you're going to like it.
16. The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket

17. Do you realize that in about 40 years, RAP music will be the Golden Oldies!
18. Money can't buy happiness -- but somehow it's more comfortable to cry in a Mercedes than in a Yugo.
19. After a certain age, if you don't wake up aching in every joint, you are probably dead.

Ain't that the truth!!

Shamelessly stolen from the bulletin of the Booker Church of Christ Booker, TX

Email from Nigeria(rec'd June 23, 2008)

Hi Brother Holloway,

Greetings to you and the Church of the Lord. I am glad to mention that I returned last Friday night from Gombe State, after being two weeks away from Jos. It was a wonderful time, as we taught daily people who want to preach for the Lord. I was teaching four hours each day for the two weeks except on Sunday. We had 8 students who attended the program though 6 were regular students. It was very hot over there. Gombe is in the semi desert region of Nigeria. There was no water most of the time for us to use, but I am glad that God took good care of us. I will give you the detail. I appreciate you my dear brother. I appreciate the Church and all those who have contributed to the work of preaching the gospel in Africa. Thanks so for your constant prayers. May God be with everyone of you. Grace and Peace,

Tom

Email from Nigeria (rec'd June 24, 2008)

Hello brother Holloway,

My love and regard to them all. Yes, I think I am very busy. But I realize that if I am not busy now, time will come that I will love to be busy, yet I won't be able. I have learnt a lot lessons from people. If my dad could not do anything now again, he won't be regretting because I bear him witness that he used every minute of his life to extend the gospel beyond his surrounding. I may not be fortunate to leave as long as my dad, as the average life span in Nigeria for men in 45 years. In view of this, I don't have much time again left for me on earth. I need to do what I know is right for the gospel to reach as many as possible. May be some will come to obedience of the Gospel and be saved. I appreciate your prayers and continuous help to enable us fulfill our God's given responsibility. I wish you have a great day.

Grace and Peace,

Tom

The following article was written by a minister of the church of Christ in Durango, Colorado. I found it interesting so I am sharing.

~Joe

Shocking Stats

A recent denominational survey resulted in the following findings about preachers:

Fifteen hundred "pastors" leave the ministry each month due to moral failure, spiritual burnout, or contention in their churches.

Fifty percent of "pastors" marriages will end in divorce.

Eighty percent of "pastors" and eighty-four percent of their spouses feel unqualified and discouraged in their role as "pastors."

Fifty percent of "pastors" are so discouraged that they would leave the ministry if they could, but have no other way of making a living.

Eighty percent of seminary and Bible school graduates who enter the ministry will leave the ministry within the first five years.

Seventy percent of "pastors" constantly fight depression.

Almost forty percent polled said they have had an extra-marital affair since beginning their ministry.

Seventy percent said the only time they spend studying the Word is when they are preparing their sermons.

I got depressed just reading the survey. I'm beginning to wonder about my own approach to ministry since I'm not discouraged in it, never had an illicit affair, enjoy studying the Word, and have remained in the work for more than thirty five years. Sure, there have been times when I was discouraged and thought about quitting, but these were few and far between. I've had to make adjustments now and then to keep focused... changing my schedule, beginning exercise routines, taking time off once in awhile... but fortunately the Lord has blessed me with good vision as to my purpose. Yet, the survey does remind us of the constant need to properly train preachers, preparing them for the ups and downs of ministry. One of the things I emphasize in my training is... preaching ain't for sissys!

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Announcements

Labels-Remember the labels we are saving

Food Pantry-Remember the Pantry as you shop

Change Jar-proceeds go to the Thanksgiving Appeal for Georgia AGAPE.

Cans-save cans – we are trying to buy bicycles for the missionaries in India

Medicine Bottles-Remember to save prescription bottles for African

Christian Hospitals.

Social- not this Wednesday but a week from Wednesday

Meetings-our ladies and men will be meeting tonight after evening services