

BLODGETT CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Time of Services:

Sunday: 10:00 A.M. class, 11:00 A.M. worship, and 6:00 P.M. worship Wednesday: 7:00 P.M. class

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Black & White?

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Things are not always as clear-cut as black and white. Pat Morris wrote the following story about two youngsters who needed to learn this lesson. I have used it before, but I have included it again because some of us adults need to learn the lesson as well. ~Larry

As much as I'd like it to be true, things aren't always black and white. It reminds me of a story I recently read.

Seems there were two elementary school kids, one a girl and the other one a boy, who got into an argument. It was a very heated argument where the girl knew she was right and the boy wrong, and the boy felt as though he was right and she was wrong.

The disagreement was beginning to disrupt the class when the teacher stepped in to settle the matter. She brought them up to the front of the class and placed the girl on her side of the desk and the boy on the opposite side of the desk. In the middle of her desk was a large, round object. The teacher asked the young boy, "What color is the object on my desk?" "White," he answered. The girl couldn't believe her ears. The object was clearly black and another heated argument followed, this time about the color of the ball on the teacher's desk. After a brief moment, the teacher asked the boy to stand where the girl was standing and vice versa. The teacher then asked the young girl, "What color is the object?" "White," she humbly had to say. The ball had two differently colored sides. From his viewpoint, it was white while from hers it was black.

The lesson the teacher was trying to point out is you must stand in another person's shoes and look at a situation through their eyes to understand their

perspective.

The same goes for us as Christians when spreading the gospel. While scripture may seem to be black and white to us, we need to see things through another's eyes to gain their perspective. Only then can we approach others in love to share the gospel. Isn't that what Paul did on Mars Hill? He didn't start with "Your gods are inanimate objects." Or "You fools, there is only one true living God." Instead, he started with, "I see you are religious ... let me tell you about this unknown god." Only then could he begin to teach the truth.

Some Christians are young in their faith, and other people may have been taught a certain doctrine all their life. Let us approach each in love and patience as we open up the scriptures to share God's truth. Pat Morris, Valley Creek church of Christ

Eph 4:1-3 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, (2) With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; (3) Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

WORDS SAY A LOT

The story is told about a bus driver who had a bus load of passengers toward the end of a long hot miserable day. As he looked into his rear view mirror, he saw a young lady stand up for some unknown reason and in a loud voice she began to shout a long line of profane and explicit words that seemed to shock all those around her. As the bus approached and made its next stop, the young lady got up to get off. Just as she was getting off the driver said, "Young lady, you are leaving something." She stopped and looked back toward the back of the bus as she asked, "What is it?" To which the driver said, "A very bad impression of who you are."

James 1:26 If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.

Family News

- We are saddened and extend our condolences to the **Linda** "V" (Valenta) family. Linda passed away suddenly last week and will be greatly missed here at Blodgett.
- Vicki Dodson continues to need prayer regarding her health.
- Sharon Fields is scheduled for heart surgery on Tuesday, October 7 in Tyler.
- Jacky Hughes has been diagnosed with hepatitis C.
- Heath Hines uncle cancer has reoccured.
- Vanessa Wharton, Susan Dennis' sister-in-law, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.
- Today we have our monthly covered-dish luncheon. All are invited with a special invitation to our guests.
- We are to host the devotional at the Mt. Vernon House at 2:00 p.m. next Sun., October 12.
- Today we have our monthly covered-dish luncheon following the morning service.
- HRR pantry item for October is canned chili without beans.

Some people have only three occasions for attending church--when they are HATCHED, MATCHED and DISPATCHED.

Fall Is Here!

Fall weather is in the air and activity is buzzing. It's during this time of year that so many things are ongoing. Many towns in the area have fall festivals where you can go and enjoy family activities that include local entertainment, cook-offs, craft booths, etc. In addition, this time of year is filled with football enthusiasm. Friday night stands are filled with fans rooting for their home team. Not only that but also the woods are filled with squirrel hunters and/or deer hunters getting their stands ready for opening day. A lot is happening during the fall. One of the highlights of fall activities for the Blodgett church family is the Thanksgiving meal in November. This is a time we reach out to the community and invite those who have no previous plans to join us for a Thanksgiving meal together. While the effort is put forth to extend an invitation, let us not wait until the fourth week in November to invite someone to Blodgett. While Thanksgiving is a time to fill them physically, now is a time Blodgett can feed them spiritually. So let's begin this week thinking about who we can invite to services next week.