Times of Worship
Sunday
10:00 a.m. (Bible Study) Classes Available
10:45 a.m. (Worship)
6:00 p.m. (Worship)

Wednesday
7:00 p.m. (Bible Study) Classes Available

3rd Tuesday of the Month
7:00 p.m. (Ladies Bible Study)

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The Lamplight

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What About Paul?

I had someone say to me once, "You folks in the church of Christ sure place a great store in the apostle Paul." I was not sure if that was just an observation or a criticism. I have considered that remark a few times since. I realize that some folks do not give much weight to anything said in the New Testament if Jesus Christ does not say it. To these folks the history of Acts and the letters of any of the apostles are matters of little consequence. It may be that the one whom I mentioned in the beginning of this article may have been of that persuasion.

I must confess that it would seem odd to me to pay little attention and/or give no weight to the most prolific writer in the New Testament. Of the twenty-seven books of the New Testament, Paul wrote almost half of them (thirteen for sure, maybe Hebrews). Was what he had to say important or was it just filler? You know, something to "flesh out" the rest of the space.

Of course, we do not place Paul in a position of worship. We are well aware of what he had to say in 1 Corinthians 4:6, "Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively transferred to myself and Apollos for your sakes, that you may learn in us not to think beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up on behalf of one against the other." That applies to the author as much as it applies to anyone else. So we should not go to an extreme in our honor of Paul. We should remember that he said to "Imitate me, just as I imitate Christ" (1 Cor. 11:1). Paul wanted to insure that the Corinthians did not overdo it when it came to the work done by he or others. He wrote, "Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but minis-

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOSE THAT ARE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

Joan Carroll's Family
Edie Burgess's sister
Eileen's Sister
Harold Reynolds two Nieces
Beth Morehouse
Justina Sanders
Amber Marshall
Shirley Dunn's Daughter
Jason Workman
Esther Adams
Wilbur Bland Multiple Health Issues
Rhonda Hess
Shannon (Judy's Step Grandaughter) and Children
Marlene McCullough
Vera Snow
Golda Cline
Bob Buckland
Bill Weigle
Justina Sanders Grandmother

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jason Workman is in military

Please pray for Harold's Nieces one has been diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease and the other has a spot on her neck that is a concern

Marlene McCullough is continuing to recover

Justina's Grandmother has a fractured spine and is rehabbing

Remember our expecting mother's Amber , Beth Morehouse, and Justina

John and Rose Smetzer is needing our continued prayers

CD's available upon request

If you have someone who may like to receive a bulletin please write down information and give it to Daniel

ORDER OF SERVICES

MORNING SERVICES

Announcements: Eldred Hess

Song Leader: Daniel Sanders

Opening Prayer: Jim Scarpino

Heading Lord's Table: Tony Scarpino

Speaker: Daniel Sanders

Closing Prayer: Eldred Hess

EVENING SERVICES

Song Leader: Daniel Sanders

Opening Prayer: Jim Cline

Lord's Table: Tony Scarpino

Speaker: Daniel Sanders

Closing Prayer: Josh Marshall

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES

Announcements: Eldred Hess

Song Leader: Daniel Sanders

Opening Prayer: Eldred Hess

Invitation: Daniel Sanders

Closing Prayer: Harold Reynolds

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO COME TO SERVICES AND YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO DO PLEASE LET SOMEONE KNOW!

ters through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase." (1 Cor. 3:5-7). When Paul and Barnabas were in Lystra they performed a notable miracle (Acts 14:8-10). The people of the city were so impressed that they decided to worship Paul, thinking they were the pagan gods Zeus (Jupiter) and Hermes (Mercury) (Acts 14:11-13). Paul and Barnabas were appalled at this and did everything they could to prevent themselves from being worshipped (Acts 14:14-18). It is the same today when it comes to worshipping. We must worship only God, not men; even a man as great as the apostle Paul.

What about the things that Paul wrote? It is easy to point out that the things written by Paul were not his own. They were the commandments of the Lord, (1 Cor. 14:37). I also recall something that Jesus said. He said, "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matt. 28:20). If what Paul wrote are the commandments of the Lord, then Jesus said I ought to give them equal weight. If not, why not?

I suppose that if someone today were to say to me, "You folks in the church of Christ sure place a great store in the apostle Paul," I would reply, "Yes, all the commandments of the Lord are important to me. I hope that they are important to you also.

~Terry~

Sunday Morning Sermon Note Taking
Approved Workers of God

Sunday Evening Sermon Note Taking
The Work of Elders and Discipline