

Choosing What You Know Is Good (cont.)

The same process is true in growing to spiritual maturity. This is essentially what Paul said to the Thessalonians: “*Test everything. Hold on to the good. Avoid every kind of evil*” (1 *Thessalonians 5:21-22*). The mature Christian has learned to choose what is good more often than he used to. The immature Christian is still trying to learn what the good choices are. You see this in the way people struggle in living consistently for the Lord.

For example, it is always a good choice to attend *all* the worship and Bible classes faithfully. Those who choose to do so usually grow to Christian maturity. Not only do they receive strength from being in the presence of God, they also receive the instruction and encouragement they need from their fellow Christians to make better choices when they are not assembled with the church.

Most Christians *know* this, but far too many fail to make this one simple choice that would enrich their whole lives. Instead, they let other things interfere with choosing what is better, especially the evening assemblies (*things like TV shows, kids’ sporting activities, yard work, company, and simply just preferring to stay home*). Church attendance does not guarantee spiritual maturity, but it does give you the opportunity to learn how to grow to maturity. As it says in *Hebrews 10:24*: “*Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.*” We all need the encouragement from fellow Christians to keep on loving and keep on serving the Lord. It’s not just a coincidence that the very next verse is the one that instructs us to be consistent in church attendance: “*Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another*” (*Hebrews 10:25*). You just multiply the difficulty of growing in love and service to the Lord, of growing to spiritual maturity, when you do not choose to do what you know is good – to meet often with the church. There’s a reason why in-person worship and study is better than virtual worship and study. God blesses those who make good

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SPIRITUAL FOOD SOURCES

TV Programs

“In Search of the Lord’s Way” with Phil Sanders at 7:00 a.m. Sundays
“Good News Today” at 7:30 a.m. Sundays - WDKA-TV 49, MyNetwork
“A Bible Answer” at 8:00 a.m. Sundays – WQWQ-CW
“Have a Bible Question” at 8:00 a.m. Sundays – WDKA-TV 49, MyNetwork

Internet

Capechurchofchrist.org (<https://www.facebook.com/CapeChurchofChrist/>)
Sundays at 10:00 a.m., Sundays at 5:00 p.m. and Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

From Harding University: Collegechurchofchrist.org
(<https://www.facebook.com/CollegeChurchofChrist/>) Sundays at 8 a.m.

DOLLARS FOR CAMP:

If you would like to donate funds to Bootheel Youth Camp, please give your donation to Larry or Karen Tanner. If you need information regarding this camp, just ask the Tanners.

UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORIES:

Update your directories with our new college students' contact information:
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WORSHIP LEADERS CONFERENCE AND TEXAS NORMAL SINGING SCHOOL

The worship conference will be July 16-17; The Singing School ncludes worship leading, song-writing and a cappella singing workshops and will take place July 18-23 in Abilene, TX. If you need more information, you can call 806.777.8417.

CHILDREN'S HOME

The new list of items includes Chocolate Chips, Instant Potatoes, Canned Mushrooms, Powdered Sugar, Snack Crackers and Rotel. The next pick up will be in April.

NEW WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS

Barney Hartline is leading a class on onlin bible study tools. Send Barney an email if you would like to join. If you have not been getting Barney's classes via email, they are inspirational and valuable. He says the class will require an hour of homework per week.

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries in March	
Mar. 12 – Richard Volkerding	Mar. 30 – Ilene Evans
Mar. 14 – Sam Jarrell	Mar. 30 – Joyce Blechle
Mar. 19 – Brock O'Neal	Mar. 31 – Dennis Catlow
Mar. 27 – Sam & Jan Jarrell anniv.	Mar. 31 – Lynn O'Neal

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Pat Smart is now home. She was able to eat a little bit and was feeling better so the hospital cut her loose. Please keep her in your prayers.

Continue to remember Mark McAllister, all of our shut-ins and those who are not yet congregating because of COVID-19.

<u>OUR MEMBERS</u>	<u>FAMILY & FRIENDS</u>	<u>WEEKLY REPORT</u>
Jennis Benefield	Betty Allen (hospice)	Sunday a.m. Worship: 56
Helen Coburn	Donna Barnes (cancer)	Contributions: \$2,532.00
Joan England (Life Care Ctr)	Tom & Mary Bollman	Budget: \$3,059.12
David Mattingly (rm 308 Life Care Ctr)	Michele Campbell (back)	Family First: \$0
Mark McAllister (glioblastoma)	Angie Northern Fabing	
Pat Smart (stroke/fall)	Scott Hartline	
Betty Tanner (shut-in)	Karen Hubbs (brain cancer)	Please remember to leave
Richard & Jane Volkerding (shut-in)	Chris Hutson	your contribution in the tray
	Suzanne Meert (cancer)	on the table at the back of the
	Kevin Plemons (brain tumor)	auditorium.
	Barry Tate (stroke)	
	Scott Taylor (cancer)	
	Donna Thieman (cancer)	
	Tony Wells	

Choosing What You Know Is Good

Learning isn't easy. It involves thinking, exploring, and experimenting. Along the way you will have successes and failures. You'll learn what works and what doesn't. You'll experience some good things and some not so good things. But the goal of learning is to start making better choices in life.

Some lessons you can learn rather quickly. Usually touching a hot stove one time is enough to teach you not to do it again. Sticking the tweezers in an electrical outlet one time is usually enough to learn that lesson, too! On the other hand, learning to choose good friends or to always tell the truth may take a bit longer. But again, the goal of learning is to eliminate the pain and hardships of life and to replace them with things that are pleasant and beneficial. Growing up is learning to consistently make good choices.

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