

MINISTER'S NOTES

How Do You Spell Success? (Part 2)

The Apostle Paul didn't have a cell phone or the Internet, yet he took the Gospel into the long-reaching corners of the Roman Empire. Following are seven reasons for his success, three of which we covered in last week's bulletin:

S - Sense of Direction

Paul had a crystal clear sense of direction (Rm. 15:20).

U - Understanding

Paul understood the secret of contentment (Phil. 4:12).

C - Commitment

Paul was committed to finishing what he started (Acts 20:24).

C- Compassion

A fourth reason for Paul's success was his compassion. He put it this way in 1 Cor. 13:1-3: *"If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing."* In short, Paul recognized that without love in your life, nothing else matters. That's why he told the Col. in 3:12b: *"Clothe yourselves with compassion."*

E - Enthusiastic Faith

A fifth reason for Paul's success was his enthusiastic faith. Notice what he said in Rm. 8:31b, *"If God be for us, who can be against us?"* Paul was the eternal optimist. That's why he said in Phil. 4:13, *"I can do everything through him who gives me strength."* If you're going to be successful in ministry, or any-thing else, you've got to have an enthusiastic faith.

S - Service to Others

A sixth reason for Paul's success was his willingness to serve. In order to be effective in ministry, you must be willing to serve the needs of others. Paul's favorite title for himself is *"a servant of the Lord."* (See all of the Pauline epistles.)

S - Staying Power

Last, but not least, Paul was successful because he refused to give up. If you give up at the first sign of trouble, you'll never get anywhere in ministry. Trouble is always around the corner. Paul writes in 2 Cor. 4:8-9, *"We're pressured on every side but we're not crushed. We're perplexed but we're not in despair. We are persecuted but we're not abandoned. We're stuck down but we are not destroyed."* In other words, Paul said, we keep on keeping on. That's what it means to have staying power.

Foreign Mission Matters

When you examine the writings of Paul, they are filled with expressions of thanksgiving. Paul would thank brethren for their prayers, their faith, their love, their financial support and more. He understood that without the efforts of fellow Christians, his work would be futile. He also was aware that the ultimate thanks belonged to God. All of us understand that whatever gifts we possess were given to us by God. When Paul speaks of our being "co-workers" with God in I Corinthians 3, we realize that the Lord is the One Who is truly doing the "heavy lifting." As with Paul, I must say a big "Thank You" to each of you who are involved in supporting this ministry in one way or another.

I call your attention to tracts. They are relatively useless in the States because Americans will not read them. Not so in Cameroon and other parts of Africa. Cameroon is both French and English. We can purchase 5,000 tracts for \$564 in French. Because the English tracts come from South Africa, and we have to pay only postage (nothing for printing) we can get 8,700 for \$185. Of course, the World Bible School lessons cost us nothing, as the congregations in the US pay for them. Please try to keep up the work with the WBS Correspondence lessons as they are a help to us.

In Christ,
Jim Corner

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday

Bible Class	9:30 AM
Worship Service	10:30 AM
Devotional (Knopp #1)	3:30 PM
Singing	5:30 PM
Evening Worship	6:00 PM

Wednesday

Ladies' Bible Class (Sept-May)	10:00 AM
Evening Class	7:00 PM

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A MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

ATTENDANCE REPORT

	Last Week	Last Year
A.M. Classes	86	--
A.M. Assembly	(26 visitors) 143	167
P.M. Assembly	(8 visitors) 79	53
Wed. Discussions	--	--

FINANCIAL REPORT

Need	6000	5800
Contribution	4447	4823
Average	5487	5655
Special Contribution	--	--

IN WORSHIP & PRAISE



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Thank You, Lord! 781

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Shepherd's Prayer Duery Menzies

I Love My Savior, Too 610

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Low in the Grave He Lay 344

The Fellowship of Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving Jerry Durr

The Privilege of Giving

Wonderful Words of Life 543

AM Sermon Tommy LeFan
Jesus & Stress

Without Him 544

Where Peace Like a River 455

Closing Prayer Zach Kirkland

PM Sermon – Jon Adams

Our mission is to love God, promote the spiritual health of our members and plant the Gospel throughout the world while sharing the abundance of God's physical blessings. In all things, we will strive to bring as many as possible to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

FAMILY NEWS & NOTES

Pray For:

• **Rest Home Residents**—Genevieve Jones, Janice Lofland, Hugh & Margaret Savage, Ione Cheshier, LaJean Ramey & Clyde & Charlotte Cox

• **Our members & relatives in the military**

Those Struggling With Health Problems:

Prayer List Address – <http://prayer.fbgtxchurchofchrist.org/>

- **Glenda Johnston** has been moved to St. David's Medical Center in Austin. She will undergo another surgery on Monday to insert a shunt to help relieve pressure on her brain. The family has requested no visitors until further notice. Her address is on the bulletin board.
- **Pat Brown** has another doctor's appointment on Tuesday. They are still exploring treatment options.
- **Gary Tabor** will have a heart catheter procedure tomorrow at HCMH.
- **Jacquelyn Knapp** stopped by the office on Thursday to say thank you for all the prayers on her behalf. After months of doctor appointments and tests, she received a pacemaker and has no more problems. The diagnosis of toxic encephalopathy was incorrect.
- **Ray Woods**, a gentleman from Junction who as moved to Knopp Retirement Ctr. was taken to the ER on Friday morning.
- **Those struggling with cancer or long-term illness:** J.T. Abshier, Ione Cheshier, Shelby Beer, Jessica Cox, Greta Campbell, C.D. Pruett, Stephen Rodgers, Glenda Woods, Caleb Akins, H.A. Dobbs, Eleanor Ottmers, Lana Albers, Nan Kuse, Gretchen Seal, Ricky Wright, Mike Reeves, Janice Stevenson, Jason Rodgers, Susan Dodson & John Krugh

We will host a baby shower for Jeff & Marcie Lawrence on March 21st following evening service. She is registered at babies"r"us.com, target.com and babysupermall.com. They are expecting a girl, Emily Kate, and the room colors are: salmon red, off-white, sage green, black & white gingham check bedding that has butterflies and dragonflies on it. This will be in conjunct-tion with Third Sunday Fellowship so remember to bring your favorite finger food and/or dessert.

The new pictorial directories are on the table in the foyer. They are also posted on our website but only accessible to members.

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour next Saturday night.

March Worship Assignments are on the table in the foyer as well as monthly calendar and prayer list.

The first Sunday in April, we will retune to the 6 o'clock start time for our evening worship.

YOUTH MINISTER'S NOTES

LTC Practice today at 4:00pm.

Forsaking the Assembly

This is a letter I wrote to a fellow minister about the problem of members forsaking the assembly.

There is nothing more vital to the health of a fellowship than having members that long to come together and encourage one another. However, telling people that they have to come to church whenever the elders deem it necessary isn't going to get it done. Coming together because we are ordered to come together is useless.

Can you think of anything less uplifting and encouraging than being with a bunch of people who don't really want to **be a church**; they are just **at church**? They usually spend their time looking around and finding things to complain about. As important as the assembly is, it has to come from the hearts of the members of your fellowship.

The answer to all of the problems in a fellowship, of course, is love, patience, and perseverance. When people receive encouragement and love from their church family, (which of course comes from their relationship with God), then they develop the desire to get together with their church family. God sees the heart. Coming together when your heart is not in it is of little value.

There has to be enough of God's love flowing from your church to change the hearts of those who are withdrawn.

Matthew 15:8-9, "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men."

May God bless you in your efforts to strengthen the hearts of your fellowship!

Jon Adams

(May God bless us as well!)

Thank you to Bob Grinslade for all the work he did on putting together the new pictorial directory. *It looks great!!*