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More Third-Class People Needed

Today when you board a plane or book your tickets, you are asked if you are flying “coach” or “First Class.” Classification is a status symbol for many folks. I have only flown “First Class” one time in my life and that is only because they upgraded my flight, plus it was only a one-hour flight. We often think of first-second-third-class people when you think of being a passenger of a ship, like the Titanic. However, did you know that back when people traveled by stagecoach, there were three classes. You had first-second-third-class passengers.

Now a stagecoach only had two seats or benches that faced each other. So, there was no difference in seating like we think of today due to classification. The only difference was required if the stage got in trouble. If a stage got stuck in mud or came to a steep hill, first-class would stay in their seats. Second-class would get out and walk. Third-class would get out and push. Might make you think when you bought your ticket... wouldn't it?

Today, when it comes to the Church, far too many members are first-class members. Most see their membership as consisting of not much more than attending the services and sitting in the pew. The average Church has more than its share of first-class members.

What our churches need more of is the third-class members. The workers, the ones willing to push if needed. I don't mean that “third class” speaks of value, but rather of activity. The Apostle Paul told the Corinthian church in 1 Corinthians 1:26-28, “²⁶ For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: ²⁷ But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; ²⁸ And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are.”

My point of this article is that our churches are needing “Lay Speakers” to fill the shortages of pastors in our churches. We are looking for men who feel gifted in teaching, to explain God's word, and to stand in the gap for churches without pastors. If you would be interested or would like to know about supplying speaking, please call the Little River Baptist Center office to let us know. We have plans to offer a training class for supply speaking (lay speaking) in September. This class will teach how to prepare a message, bible study and even how to lead a church through the calling of a pastor.

Our churches are searching for some “Third-Class” leaders that help get out and push. Please pray about being involved.

In Christ,
Bro. Bobby

June Calendar of Events



- 1– Mission Board Meeting
- 4– Independence Day (Office Closed) Happy 4th
- 8– Revival Services, Wallonia BC
- 8– Ham Festival Meeting, 6:00 p.m. (Baptist Center)
- 8-12– Liberty Point BC Sports Camp, 6:00-8:30 p.m.
- 11– Prayer Vigil at Rocky Ridge BC, 6:30 p.m.
- 24-27– VBS, New Hope BC, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- 25– Executive Team Calendar & Budget Planning, 6 p.m.



Ham Festival Meeting (Ham & Biscuit Preparation)

Little River Association is partnering with “The Way” to take on the preparation of the giant ham and biscuit at the Trigg County Ham Festival. Volunteers are greatly needed. A meeting will be held Monday, July 8th for all interested, or if you just need more information. We will set-up, prepare and sell the ham & biscuits. All proceeds will go to The Way. Please come and hear what you can do to be a part of this unique ministry!

If My People...

Prayer Vigil to pray for our nation

Thursday, July 11th

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Rocky Ridge Baptist Church

Call (270) 522-6907 for more information

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JUNE

Church	Regular	Special
Bethany	0	
Blue Spring	2,335.52	
Buffalo	0	
Cadiz	0	
Canton	787.85	300.00
Cerulean	423.00	
Crossroads	200.00	
Delmont	241.30	500.00
Donaldson Creek	426.85	
East Cadiz	506.98	420.00
Hurricane	400.00	1,690.00
Liberty Point	576.87	
Locust Grove	785.00	1,000.00
Maple Grove	350.00	300.00
New Hope	156.60	
New Jerusalem	0	
New Light	50.00	
Oak Grove	380.00	
Ponderosa	461.93	2,445.00
Rock Front	0	
Rocky Ridge	252.00	
South Union	195.55	
Wallonia	0	1,430.00
Misc. Income	200.00	3,140.00
Total	8,729.45	11,225.00
		19,954.45

Interest NOW Acc.	2.46	
Deaf Ministry		250.00
Mev Fredenburg Fund		10,975.00

Subtotals 8,731.91 11,225.00

Total income **\$19,956.91**
Monthly expense \$15,711.23

Regular Fund	
Beginning Balance	28,475.48
Interest Received	2.46
Gifts	8,950.45
Trans– Contingency Fund	(100.00)
Trans– Van Replacement Fund	
Trans– Building Maintenance Fund	(100.00)
Trans– Mev Fredenburg Fund	
Expense Checks Written	(11,456.44)
Ending Balance	\$25,771.95

Treasurer: Louise Fuller 6/25/24

Happy Birthday

Teresa Smith– 7/15

Ann Schisler– 7/19