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"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things." Philippians 4:8 (NASB-U)

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Two Years and Running

By: Timothy R. Henderson

With this edition of the bulletin, we have reached the beginning of our third year here. To say it has been an enjoyable two years so far would be an understatement. It has been a pleasure to work with so many brothers and sisters in Christ who have a desire to work together in the avenues of preaching and teaching the word of God.

I believe much good has been accomplished in the past two years, and hope that it will spur us on to more in the future. In spiritual growth, we have had several baptisms and restorations. A true sign of the efforts of the members of the congregation in encouraging one another and being a group that welcomes new members. Too many so-called "churches of Christ" are not very welcoming to new members, they are too interested in the status quo, but the congregation here at Wellsburg has shown time and again their belief that "the blessed Gospel is for all." Nothing is more encouraging to a preacher of the Gospel, than to know that the congregation with which he works is accepting of others and willing to work with them and encourage them. Local congregational growth does not come through the efforts of the preacher alone, but by the continual encouragement and teaching that is done by all of the members. I have said multiple times that "this congregation will not grow to its full potential until all members are working to their full potential." It has become evident that many of the members here have increased in their efforts, and I believe that the congregation will continue to grow, spiritually and numerically.

Another encouraging factor of this congregation is its desire to see the younger members grow in their abilities. With the willingness to allow the younger men to preach the last Sunday evening of the month, and the opening of opportunities for the younger women to step in and help teach the younger children, we are building a firm

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TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

**Bible Classes* 10:00 AM
AM Worship 10:45 AM
PM Worship 6:30 PM**

WEDNESDAY

**Bible Classes* 7:00 PM
(* Bible Classes for All Ages)**

foundation upon which this congregation will continue to stand for many years to come. Let us not neglect the youth of our congregation, but continue to encourage them and help them to grow all the more in their work and labor with the Lord. They are in truth not just the future of the church, but the NOW. Perhaps we can find more ways we can help them in their spiritual growth and in the increase of their abilities.

The congregation has had four very effective meetings over the past two years. With men such as Don Bunting, Jarrod Jacobs and Jeff Henderson we have had excellent lessons presented and many CD's have been passed out as a result of these meetings, allowing these lessons to be heard beyond the auditorium. Along that line, all of the lessons that have been presented here over the past two years (well over 200 sermons) have been placed upon the World Wide Web (along with the accompanying PowerPoint Presentations and outlines), giving this congregation the ability to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ not only in this area, but throughout the entire world at very little cost. Much appreciation is given to Chuck Isinghood in his continual efforts to provide the congregation with the equipment and the constant updating of the website. He also is responsible for the recording (as long as I turn on the mic) of all the sermons and putting them on CD's. The congregation increased in their ability in providing CD's by purchasing a CD burner to help Chuck in his efforts and to be able to provide CD's faster to those who desire them.

In addition to our Gospel Meetings we have had two Vacation Bible Schools. Many members have put forth efforts in preparing materials for the classes, putting together a fantastic day of encouragement to the youth of our congregation and the community. I personally want to say thank you to all of the teachers who have taken part of this effort each year and pray that more will help in the years to come.

This congregation has also taken part in the local county fair by having a booth located on the fairway. This provides the congregation with a "face" to be seen by the local residents of Brooke County. To help facilitate this endeavor, the congregation purchased it's own tent before the last fair. This will save the congregation over \$150.00 each year, money that can be invested in other methods of evangelism. Much help is needed in preparing for the fair, from setting up the booth, ideas for signs or other ways to get interaction with those passing by, and the all important—manning the booth. While several members have offered their time in the past, we can always use more to pass out invitations to our services, pens, or other materials. If you can devote any time to manning the booth or preparation for the fair, please contact Tim Henderson.

This congregation has been through a lot over the past several years, but has shown through its efforts, that we are a congregation of God's people with a desire to do the work set before us with an attitude of love and concern for one another. May we continue as Paul encouraged the church in Thessalonica "*to excel still more.*" (1 Thessalonians 4:10)

There is much work to be done in the future. Our fall meeting with Dan Reugg is scheduled for October 5-10. We need to be making our schedules clear so that nothing will interfere with our ability to attend the meeting ourselves. We also need to our friends and neighbors, co-workers and those we meet daily about the meeting and invite them to come and join us as we spend a week of studying from God's work. Begin now praying for the efforts that are to be set forth for that week. Pray for Dan Reugg as he studies and prepares his lessons. Pray for his ability to speak the word with boldness and love. Pray for those whom you invite. Pray that their heart will be stirred to hear God's word. Pray that their minds will be open to listen to what is presented, to study it, and to be obedient to the truth of God's Word. Pray for the congregation, that we will be as we should, a loving, open congregation, with a desire for the lost of the world to come to the truth of God's Word.

Today's Sermon:

Finally Brethren

The years to come offer so much promise for us. In the continuing of the works that we currently do, and the hope of increasing in our labors. May the congregation continue to grow in such a way that we can increase in our labors. Whether it be in articles in the local paper, a radio program, a TV program, or additional Gospel Meetings. Let us all pray that the efforts being set forth by this small congregation of saints will continue and increase in whatever way the Lord blesses us in.

In all things, let us pray for one another. Let us spend more time together. May we in the upcoming years have more singings, more Bible Studies, more efforts to preach the Gospel to the lost of our area. May we spend more time with one another in a purely social way. May we have more get-togethers, whether they be in one another's homes, or renting a pavilion at the park and spending the day together. Efforts such as these will only increase our closeness that we have with one another and can only help us to become a stronger force for God in this area.

Once again brothers and sisters in Christ let us in all things pray for the furtherance of the work of God in this area, and continue to pray for one another. May the Lord our God bless us in all of our works. *TRH*

“Finally, brethren, rejoice, be made complete, be comforted, be like-minded, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.”
2 Corinthians 13:11

News N Notes

Remember these in your prayers:

- Joyce Coen as she recovers from her knee surgery.
- Mary Jane Myers has been in the hospital for the past week
- Terry Smith
- Earl Miller
- Trudell Tennant
- Lucille Harless, Dave Harless' mother
- Blake Headen, Alberta's husband.
- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother
- Blake Swanson, Dorothy Lancaster's grandson
- Bud and Merl Frey
- Tammy Garrison, Zeda Goddard's daughter
- Audrio Gaudio, Nancy Morris' great-granddaughter
- Marie Roberts, & Ed's father, Jim Roberts.
- Ila Marshall, Harold Marshall's mother
- Cary & Grace Lancaster

Nursing Home:

- Pauline Sellers
- Ethel Mahan

Shut-ins:

- Josephine Clow
- Mabel Fleming
- Pauline Midcap