

The Oologah Informer
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How's Your Fire?
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Service Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.

Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

Preacher:

Russ Earl

AM Sermon:

Asset or Liability (Rev 2:4)

PM Sermon:

Alcohol (Pro 23:29-35)

Sunday AM Bible Class:

The Book of Job

Wednesday Bible Class:

Summer Series:

Challenges Facing the Christian

This week's lesson:

**"What does a sound Christian
College/School do?"**

Ted Thrasher

... I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay. (Jeremiah 20:9)

The other day I heard someone say it again... "I don't talk about religion."

This was from one who was living worldly and to be honest about it if I was living as he I wouldn't want to bring up the things of God either! While such attitudes ought to bother us, there is one that should bother us much more — how many Christians have come to the decision that we will no longer "make mention of Him" or "speak any more in His name?" Now some may be saying that there are no Christians who have made such a decision, but ask yourself,

- Have I invited anyone to our services?
- What about our Saturday Seminar, Gospel Meeting or Youth Rally?
- When was the last time I told another I was concerned about their soul?
- When was the last time I tried to encourage one who had gone astray?

If you have begun to realize that YOU have not done such you are probably thinking of all the reasons right now... "I work a lot of hours... I am busy with my family... I don't know as much as others... I am shy... I have done my part in times past..." My! There are lot's of reasons we can think of, aren't there?! But it still comes down to one simple fact – If I am not doing these things, if I am not "talking about religion," then the fire in my heart has begun to flicker. It really doesn't matter what the "reason" is, for God will not accept any.

Jeremiah made a terrible decision not to speak, but the fire within him could not let him keep silent. What is that fire? Jeremiah notes that "His Word was in mine heart." If you have become a "watcher" instead of a "worker" why not take the time to stoke the fire within you by returning His Word to your heart? The Lord needs workers who are "weary with forbearing" and cannot keep silent about the wonderful way of salvation He has provided. Ask yourself, "How's my fire?"

If Biblical Headlines were written by Today's Liberal Media:

On Red Sea crossing:
WETLANDS TRAMPLED IN LABOR STRIKE
Pursuing Environmentalists Killed

On David vs. Goliath:
HATE CRIME KILLS BELOVED CHAMPION
Psychologist Questions Influence of Rock

On Elijah on Mt. Carmel:
FIRE SENDS RELIGIOUS RIGHT EXTREMIST INTO FRENZY
400 Killed

On the birth of Christ:

HOTELS FULL, ANIMALS LEFT HOMELESS
Animal Rights Activists Enraged by Insensitive Couple

On feeding the 5,000:
PREACHER STEALS CHILD'S LUNCH
Disciples Mystified Over Behavior

On healing the 10 lepers:
LOCAL DOCTOR'S PRACTICE RUINED
"Faith Healer" Causes Bankruptcy

On healing of the Gadarene demoniac:
MADMAN'S FRIEND CAUSES STAMPEDE
Local Farmer's Investment Lost

On raising Lazarus from the dead:
FUNDAMENTALIST PREACHER RAISES A STINK
Reading of Will to be Delayed

I believe that one of the reasons our world is in its present horrible shape is because of the liberal media around us. They seem to always focus on the bad and try to find evil in every good. Have you noticed how the bad news always out weighs the good? Truly we are living in a time when the media calls "evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!" (Isa. 5:20-21).

Beware! Do not believe everything you read - unless it is the Bible (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

Taken from "The Preachers PC" by Tom Moore of the Park Heights church of Christ, Hamilton, Texas

Announcements

Summer Series

Our Summer Series speaker this week will be Ted Thrasher. His topic is "What does a sound Christian College/School do?"

Clothing Donations

We are no longer accepting donated clothing. Thank you

Recent Prayer Requests

Jerry Watson – is undergoing Chemotherapy for throat cancer.

Joyce Cash – recovering from knee surgery.

Roy Daniel – is taking steroids for the fungus in his lungs

Barbara Coats – is still having pain in her arms.

Daphne Miller – continues to have health problems.

Kenny (Patty Payne's husband) – has a lesion on his kidney that could be cancerous.

Please keep all of these in your prayers.

Please keep the following in the prayers.

Ed & Barbara Coats

Allen & Joyce Cash

Mary Ann Haugh

Emma, Ruth and Shirley (Darla Smith's sisters)

John Babb

Family & Friends of William Claxton

Kennedy Cox

Velva Hallman

Larry Brown

Assignment Schedule – AM

Announcements – R. Earl
Singing – Jackson
Opening Prayer – G. Carns
Lord's Table – W.D. Jackson & C. Nelson
Lord's Table Speaker – Swearingen
Scripture Reading – E. Coats
Sermon – R. Earl
Closing Prayer – A. Cash

Assignment Schedule - PM

Announcements – R. Earl
Singing – Swearingen
Opening Prayer – W.D. Jackson
Lord's Table – Swearingen
Sermon – R. Earl
Closing Prayer – E. Coats

Wednesday – PM

Announcements – R. Earl
Singing – D. Jackson
Opening Prayer – G. Carns
Closing Prayer – V. Smith