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From Paul's Pen

"What is your position?" part two

My position on worship is "straight out of the book". God said he expects us to worship him from a sincere heart according to his word (Jn. 4:24). The first century church met on each Lord's day and worshipped through preaching and teaching God's word, giving of their means, observing the Lord's Supper, prayer, and singing (Acts 2:42, 20:7; I Cor. 16:2; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16). We should do likewise. Little question is raised about preaching, prayer, and giving. But there is often controversy regarding the Lord's Supper and singing. We observe the Lord's Supper each first day of the week because of an approved, Apostolic example (Acts 20:7). The emblems representing the body and blood of our Savior are unleavened bread and the fruit of the vine because this is what Jesus instituted (Mt. 26:26-29; I Cor. 11:23-26). There is no authority in scripture for instrumental music in worship. Therefore my position on music in worship is to have only a cappella (without instruments) congregational singing because that is authorized in scripture (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16).

My position regarding church leadership is that the church should have qualified elders who tend the flock of God. Elders must meet the qualifications found in the New Testament (I Tim. 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9). Elders are to oversee all the work of the church (Acts 20:28; I Pet. 5:2-3). The congregation must submit to the authority of the elders and obey them (Heb. 13:17). The authority of elders is limited to that which is authorized in the New Testament.

Let me share my position on a few other matters. Regarding some moral issues, Christians are to keep from any kind of evil (I Thess. 5:22). My position on dancing is Christians ought not participate because it is a form of lasciviousness ("lewdness", NKJ; "sensuality", ESV) which is condemned in scripture (Gal. 5:19). This word means "indecent bodily movements; unchaste handling of others". My position on drinking intoxicating beverages is I believe it is wrong and evidently so does God (cf. Prov. 20:1, 23:29-31; Rom. 13:13; I Cor. 6:10). My position on pornography is that no righteous one can have any part in it because it is evil, worldly, degrading, and sinful from every aspect. Pornography and these other moral issues would be included in the Christian's responsibility to keep themselves "unspotted from the world" (James 1:27). Things in the world include "the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes" (I Jn. 2:16).

My position regarding marriage is that marriage is for one man and one woman for life. The only exception that would allow divorce and remarriage is the sin of fornication (Mt. 5:32, 19:9). The wife is to be subject unto her husband as unto the Lord. The husband is to be worthy of her respect and submission and is to love his wife as Christ loved the church (Eph. 5:22-25).

My position regarding proper attire is that what we wear ought always to be decent and becoming to a Christian whether male or female, especially when we gather for worship. Unfortunately, some let the world set their standards instead of the word of God. God's word is clear in this matter. Women are to wear "modest" (respectful, orderly, decent) apparel with "shamefacedness" (propriety [NKJ], bashfulness, a sense of shame) and "sobriety" (moderation [NKJ], self-control, sound judgment) - I Tim. 2:9-10. We ought to all wear only that which is proper for one professing godliness (devotion, piety, and reverence toward God). This would require we eliminate clothes that are too tight, skirts that are too short, shorts that bare more than a modest skirt, tops that are too tight or too revealing, etc. Use good judgment. If in doubt, mimic the dignified Christian ladies with class who constantly set a good example for all.

Paul Clements

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Farley Family Special Concerns

CONTINUING PRAYER LIST

Carol Chandler, Gertrude Barnard, Inez Burnett, Asilee Mallard, Gene and Mary Burroughs, Murril Martin, Pearline Montgomery, Wayne & Bobbie Ikard, Jimmy Lodge, Charles Merrell

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

Bertha Sullivan (LeAnne's grandmother), **Marguerite Sanders** (Cogburn Health & Rehab), **Edith Mitchell** (Bobbie Ikard's mother), **Amanda Caldwell** (Tina Sheppard's niece), **Michael Smith** (Shirley Merrell's brother), **Doris Adams** (Gladys Clements' mother), **Silas Brewer** (Sharon Smith's father), **Bill Brinson** (Karen Artis' father), **Amy Lemley** (Dorothy Martin's sister), **Lisa Merrell**

REMEMBER OUR SICK AND SHUT IN

Sermon Notes

Why are we here?

To _____ God (I Pet. 4:11).
To prepare to meet _____ (Amos 4:12).

What are we to do?

We are to _____ the Lord our God (Mt. 22:37).
We are to walk in his _____ (II Jn. 6).

Where will we go?

There are only two choices, _____ or _____.
Heaven is a prepared place for a _____ people (Jn. 14:2).
Hell is _____ punishment for the unrighteous (Mt. 25:46).

If you wish to send a **thank you note** to any or all of the speakers for our revival last week, here are their addresses:

Steve Ferguson
23678 E. Clearmont Dr.
Elkmont, AL 35620

Nicky Pressnell
2301 Shady Grove Lane SW
Decatur, AL 35603

Stanley Ryan
2111 Peach Orchard Dr. NW
Hartselle, AL 35640

Rick Finch
c/o New Hope church of Christ
238 College Av.
P. O. Box 425
New Hope, AL 35760



Farley News & Events

Future Events

Elders meet Tuesday, May 1st at 10 a.m.

Pacesetters meet Wednesday, May 2nd at 10 a.m.

Singing workshop/song leader clinic (June?) - **VBS** (July 22-26)

Area Events

Singing at Swearingin May 4th at 7 pm

Gospel Meeting at Maysville May 6-9

W. Huntsville church - Singing, May 18 - Family Seminar, May 19-20

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

2 - Noah Carlton

3 - Brandon Artis

13 - Adam Sheppard

15 - Jacob Key

15 - Faye Corum

23 - Pearline Montgomery

2 - Tim and Heather
Bergstresser

Presenting the Word

TV - "**Getting to Know your Bible**" is on DIRECTV, Mon.-Fri. at 9:30 p.m. & 3:30 a.m., channel 377 and on Comcast-Huntsville, Wed. at 8 p.m., channel 3. Each Sunday you can see "**In Search of the Lord's Way**" at 7:30 a.m. and "**Good News Today**" at 8 am on Fox channel 54. **The Gospel of Christ** is on Dish Network Thursdays at 6 pm and on WAAY Sat. 11 am.

Radio - On Sunday mornings at 7 O'clock listen to "**International Gospel Hour**" with Winford Claiborne on WVNN 770 AM.

Internet - There is a Free Online Bible Study... **Truth For The World** has a website anyone may go to for a free Bible Study course... tftw.org.

GBN - View the Gospel Broadcasting Network on the internet at gbntv.org to see the programs available via satellite. GBN airs on New Hope Telephone Coop. channel 68. Good News Today is on both Dish Network ch. 259 and DIRECTV ch. 364 Sunday, 7 a.m. ET.

VISITORS 

WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE TODAY. WE HOPE YOU WILL FIND THE WORSHIP TO BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WORD OF GOD. FOR THOSE IN NEED OF A NURSERY, OURS IS LOCATED IN ROOM 4. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO ASK QUESTIONS AND COME BACK AND BE WITH US ANYTIME YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY. WE HAVE BIBLE CLASSES FOR ALL AGES.

Sunday Morning Worship

Song Leader.....Steve Carlton
Opening Prayer.....John Carlton
Comments.....Lindell Smith
Communion.....M. Maples, C. McCutcheon
Chris Bell, Bernard Meeks
Bible Reading.....Wesley Key
Sermon.....Paul Clements
Closing Prayer.....Tim Bergstresser
Greeters.....Lindell Smith & Charles Merrell
Visitor Cards.....Micah & Noah Carlton
Audio Visual.....Mike Artis

Sunday Evening Worship

Song Leader.....Steve Carlton
Opening Prayer.....Sean Gough
Sermon.....Paul Clements
Closing Prayer.....Steve Carlton

Wednesday Evening Worship

Song Leader.....Sean Gough
Invitation.....Paul Clements
Closing Prayer.....Wayne Ikard

Redstone Village Service

Speaker.....Steve Carlton

Grandview Gardens Service

Speaker.....Steve Carlton

Elmcroft Service

SpeakerSean Gough

Those Serving in May

Communion Preparation.....Faye Corum
Building Lock-up.....Carltons

Regular Schedule of Services

AM Bible Class.....9:00
AM Worship.....10:00
PM Worship.....5:00
first Wednesday morning of the month
Pacesetters (55+) 10:00
Wednesday Evening Class.....7:00

Staff

(Elder) Paul Clements.....736-3995
(Elder) Ernie Lawson.....882-9641
(Elder) Lindell Smith.....585-2244
(Youth) Steve Carlton.....880-0294
(Deacon) Mike Artis.....883-6573
(Deacon) Sean Gough.....498-0539

Our Record

for week of
 April 22, 2012

Sunday School.....43
Morning Worship.....59
Evening Worship.....46
Offering.....\$1823
Budget.....\$2034
Wednesday Classes.....60

Responses

for 2012

Baptisms.....2
Restorations.....0
Placed Membership.....0
Responses.....2
Children Added.....1
Totals.....5