

IMPORTANT INFO

- We are thankful to God for this new Lord's Day. It is the day we honor His Son and the Love that He has shown us through Him. Let us worship in spirit and in truth!
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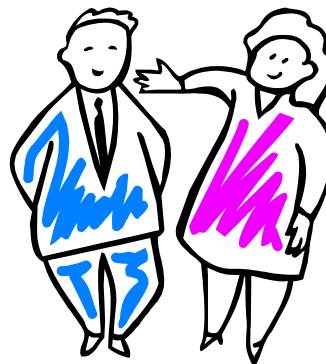
Expressions Leave Impressions

While there is certainly a sense in which Christians are not to be people pleasers (Galatians 1:10), there is no doubt that the actions of God's people leave an impact on others. After all, Jesus did say people would "see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matt. 5:16). Our expressions of worship and service as Christians do leave impressions! How do your expressions impress? How are our guests affected when they worship with us? Consider the following:

1. Do we try to pay attention while the preacher preaches, maybe even by taking notes on the sermon, or do our actions reveal that our attention is far removed from the study of God's Word? (Mark 4:24; Luke 8:18; Hebrews 5:11-14).
2. Do we sing praise with enthusiasm and thoughtfulness, or do we sit silently without any real reason for our non-participation as hymns are being sung to God? (I Corinthians 14:15; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16).
3. Do we reflect a sense of preparation and zeal in our worship, or do we give the sense of being unprepared

and lethargic? (Romans 12:11-12; Ephesians 5:16).

4. Do we try to sit near the front, so as to provide an atmosphere of closeness, warmth and fellowship, or does a "great chasm" exist between the pulpit area and where the people are sitting in the pews? Brethren might assemble together in the same building without really being "together" (Hebrews 10:25). Evidently some brethren hold to a form of



the "gap" theory when it comes to being near one another in public worship? Yes, even where we sit in congregational worship leaves an impression on others.

5. Do we exude a spirit of love, friendliness and concern, or do others feel a spirit of aloofness and coldness on the part of members? (Proverbs 17:17; 18:24; Philipians 2:19-23).

6. Do we actually appear to enjoy being together to worship God, or do the concerns of the world reign supreme, causing us to feel disinterested and rushed? (Matt. 13:21 - 22; 1 John 2:15-17).

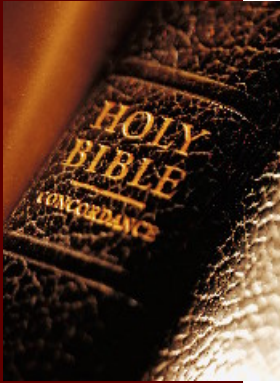
7. Do the sounds of Bible pages being turned, as people look up references, serve as the backdrop for the sermon while it is being delivered, or are the scriptures seldom opened? (Acts 17:11; 2 Timothy 3:15-17).

8. Does one hear the sounds of young moms and dads training their small children how to behave in the assembly, thus reflecting life and vigor in the congregation, or is it as silent as the tomb (Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 6:1-4; Deuteronomy 6:4-9)? Reverence is a must in worship, but there is nothing scriptural or desirable about lifelessness!

How do our expressions impress others? Even more important, how do they impress the Lord? After all, He is a faithful guest to every assembly of the saints (Matthew 18:20).

—Author Unknown

Bible Studies for the Week of May 7th, 2006



AM Sermon.....	Real Liberty
Scripture Reading	Galatians 4:28-5:1
PM Sermon	The Doctrines of Gnosticism
Scripture Reading	Jude 1:3-5
Sunday Class	The Book of Matthew
Wednesday Class	Minor Prophets: Zechariah
Ladies Bible Class	The Book of 2 Timothy
Nursing Home Bible Study.....	The Book of Luke

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“The Da Vinci Code”— Don’t Be Taken In

Many of us have heard about or read Dan Brown’s popular novel, “The Da Vinci Code.” If not, you may soon be treated to the movie version (due out in May, 2006). This fiction novel asserts the wild theory that Jesus is not the person you thought he was. Instead, he was a normal guy, who loved Mary Magdalene like a man loves a woman and had children with her, and their offspring are still around today. Not only that, but Brown’s novel suggests that Mary Magdalene, not John, was “the disciple whom Jesus loved” who sat next to Jesus at the last supper. The supposed justification for all of this rests with the “secret gospels” that have been hidden from the public by a grand ecclesiastical

conspiracy. To the uninformed it sounds convincing.

These “secret gospels” to which the novel refers are actually the writings of an ancient Gnostic sect that were discovered in December 1945 at a place called Nag Hammadi in Egypt. The manuscripts were in the Coptic language and dated from the fourth or fifth centuries. The group that authored them was an heretical group known today as Gnostics. Many of their ideas were pagan. They believed in two different gods, one an evil, vengeful god that created the natural world, and another good, gracious god that sent Christ to the world. They denied Jesus’ incarnation. They said that what the body does is inconsequen-

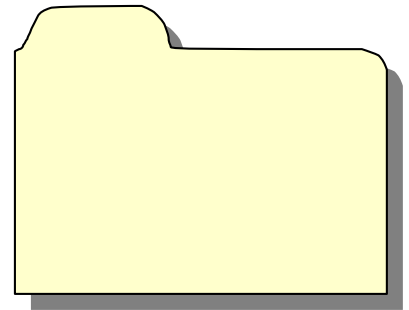
tial as long as the soul is united with God. They borrowed the names of biblical characters like Peter, Thomas, Phillip and others as pen names when they wrote. The ancient Christians never accepted their writings because not only did they contradict the teachings of Jesus and the apostles, but they were written a century or more after the apostles died.

Don’t be taken in by “The Da Vinci Code.” It is pure fiction, and its theories are very loosely based on the writings of a strange semi-pagan sect of the second or third century that had very little in common with Christianity.

Dan R. Owen
via Crieve Hall bulletin

For The Files: April 30th, 2006

Sunday Bible Class.....	53
Sunday AM Worship	67
Sunday PM Worship	50
Wednesday Night Study	47
Contribution.....	\$1574.75
Budget.....	\$1743.39



Kevin's Korner

“**A**nd then it rained...” I was reading a western story this past week and it ended with a line similar to that. That could very well describe what we have been experiencing here the past several weeks. I continue, however, to be stubbornly thankful for the rain because the land and the lakes need it so bad. It's also handy to be able to get in the back yard and burn brush and other similar things.

Speaking of burning things, we had our youth devotional this past Friday night and burned a few hotdogs. I believe all of the kids who came really had a good time running around and playing and in that regard, it was really good for them to get together. We also had some really yummy food that several brought (and I thank you so much for bringing it). We had several guests as well; some came from Missouri and some were local. We were thankful

for all that came. We attempted to watch a movie, but things just didn't work out like they did the last time we did this and several had to leave before the movie had finished. Nevertheless, we had a few hang on and we ended up roasting marshmallows on the fire after it got dark. That was a lot of fun.

I continued to hold several Bible studies this past week with the new DVD that I mentioned in the bulletin last Sunday. The studies are ongoing and I am very thankful for these opportunities. In that regard, it is important for us to reach out to anyone who comes to visit as a result of these studies regardless of who has them. We need to make an effort to talk to our visitors and let them know that they are each one appreciated and welcome. I know that each of us has done this to some extent and that we can do it; let's just remember

that a little consistency in caring goes a long way!

So, continue to remember our upcoming events! Family and friends day is on June 4th, 2006. This is our FIFTH ANNUAL Family and Friends day and I am quite excited about how successful this has been. We still have a lot of flyers in the back; we need to get those out. Any public bulletin boards that you can think of will accept them. Also remember to tell your Family and Friends about this event. We need to invite, invite, invite!

Our VBS is coming up also in June (21st-23rd). We will have classes for all ages, so we want EVERYONE to come this year AND we want everyone to invite someone as well. There are a lot of kids in our community that need some spiritual instruction. Let's get the word out regarding this event as well!

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Announcements

- Please remember in prayer: Pete Armstrong, Tyanna Doss, Vaughn Farmer, Wayne Henderson, Wilene McCullough, Autumn Roller.
- Opal Hull has been unable to attend. Please remember her in your prayers as well.
- This morning after worship there is a brief VBS meeting. Please come to the front.
- Today is the last day to submit recipes into the basket. Please get them in before tonight!
- Our month elders and deacons meeting will be held tonight after services. If you have any matters to be attended to, please see one of these men.
- This coming Saturday is our monthly men's breakfast. We skipped a month and so it's time to make up! We'll see you there!
- Assignments for this month are: Announcements, Ken Smith; Worship Coordinator, Bruce Foster; Communion Prep, Pat and Trish Foster; Communion Carry, Leon and Ray Duncan; Outreach Coordinator, Bruce Foster and Rusty Windle.
- Our pantry item is: Cream of Mushroom soup.

God's Salvation Plan

1. **Hear** the Gospel—Romans 10:17
2. **Believe** on the Lord & His Word—Mark 16:16; John 8:24
3. **Repent** of your sins—Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30
4. **Confess** Christ—Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9
5. **Be Baptized** for the remission of sins—Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27
6. Live a **faithful**, dedicated life—Revelation 2:10; 2 Peter 1:5-10

Welcome!

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Times for Worship and Study

Sunday Morning Bible Class:	9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship:.....	10:20 AM
Sunday Evening Worship:	6:00 PM
Wed. Ladies Bible Class:	10:30 AM
Wed. Evening Bible Class:	7:00 PM

Serving Each Other

May 7th, 2006

May 14th, 2006

Sunday Morning

Songs:

Barrett Brown

Bill Fort

Preaching:

Kevin Cauley

Kevin Cauley

Opening Prayer:

Dan Hand

Rusty Windle

Scripture Reading:

George Eddings

Brent Moore

Lord's Table

Clay Bozarth

John Gass

(assist)

Glenn Quigley

Bruce Foster

Perry Foster

Ray Duncan

George Eddings

Brandon Foster

Closing Prayer

John Gass

Bob Moore

Sunday Evening

Songs:

Clay Bozarth

Bruce Foster

Preaching:

Kevin Cauley

Kevin Cauley

Opening Prayer:

Ervin Hand

Dan Hand

Scripture Reading:

Dale Pinkley

Perry Foster

Lord's Table

Bruce Foster

Dale Pinkley

Jack Gentry

Benjamin Windle

Closing Prayer

Dan Hand

John Gass

Wednesday

Songs:

Kevin Cauley

Clay Bozarth

Opening Prayer:

Dale Pinkley

Bruce Foster

Invitation:

Bill Fort

Dale Pinkley

Closing Prayer:

Michael Morrell

Leon Duncan

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