

Heaven

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"In my Father's house are many dwelling places... I go to prepare a place for

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Charlestown Road Church of Christ

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Our Services

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 am
Worship: 10:20 am
Evening: 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Our motto for 2010:

"Do you
know my
Jesus?"



Gospel Meeting

April 18-21

Sunday Morning 9:30 AM
Sunday Evening 5:00 PM
Monday – Wednesday 7:00 PM



Rick Lanning
Preaching

***God's story of love: A Tour
through the Bible***

Sun Class: An overview of the Bible: Telling the world of God's love
Sun AM: Part 1 Adam to Joseph (Genesis)
Sun PM: Part 2 Moses to Samuel (Exodus– Judges)
Mon PM: Part 3 Saul to David (Kings– Prophets)
Tues PM: Part 4 Nehemiah to Christ (Gospels)
Wed PM: Part 5 Apostles and church (Acts—Revelation)

**Come join us for these special lessons from
the Bible!**

Good Churches Have Problems

"No internal problems," the man said. And our first reaction was that of admiration for this "ideal" church that knew no problems. But with further observation our thinking changed.

The Bible speaks of a church that had "no problems." The church at Laodicea was "rich, and increased with goods, and had need of nothing" (Rev. 3:17). On the other hand, the Jerusalem church was faced with several problems. They had to witness the death of a hypocritical, lying couple (Acts 5:1-11). There was murmuring because of neglect of the Grecian widows (6:1-7). There were doctrinal problems over the question of circumcision (11:1-8; 15:4-5). Jerusalem had its problems while Laodicea was "free of problems" - yet every Bible student knows that Jerusalem was the approved church while Laodicea was nauseating to the Lord.

Further, when one observes the problems of the Jerusalem church, he recognizes that the problems were a direct outgrowth of the work and activity of that congregation. Had there not been the spirit of benevolence that prevailed among its members, there would have been no occasion for Ananias' and Sapphira's lie or for the murmuring over neglect. Had there been no evangelization among Gentiles there would have been no problems. And it may well be that Laodicea's absence of problems was a direct outgrowth of its *lukewarmness* and lack of vitality.

We conclude that a lazy, "do nothing" church may well be free of problems, but an active, working church can expect certain problems. A church that succeeds in converting alcoholics, drug addicts, divorcees; that seeks a "Samaritan woman" of our day, or a "Simon the sorcerer," or a "Mary Magdalene" can anticipate some problems. But, that church which chooses the alternative, preaching to and converting only the morally good who fit well into their own social and economic circles, while avoiding some problems, faces the greatest problem of all in their failure to obey the commandment of the Lord (Mk. 16:15) and to follow His own personal example. A church that develops thinking people who objectively study every Bible question for themselves can expect some differences to arise in their earnest search for the truth. A hospitable church must be prepared for charges of neglect in their show of hospitality. True zeal for the Lord will beget problems, but woe to that church that neglects the Lord's work in order to avoid problems.

It's not the existence or nonexistence of problems, then, that determines the strength of a church, but how the church deals with its problems. Love for one another, mutual concern, long-suffering, humility, love for truth, determination to do God's will - these are the qualities that make for a strong church. They cannot stop problems from developing, but they can enable a church to bring its problems to God-approved solutions.

Bill Hall



Family Connections

News for You

- Just a reminder that **all** Sunday adult classes meet in the auditorium this quarter.
- Our Gospel meeting starts NEXT WEEK. It's time to again invite family and friends. Announcement flyers are on the table.
- This evening we begin a PM series on "Getting to Know God."
- The April issue of **Biblical Insights** are available. This is a special issue containing timely articles about many moral issues such as drinking, dancing and modesty. This is a must read. Copy articles and send them to others. Mark McCrary's article on "Got Skin" (page 5) about brides and modesty at weddings is great. Mark is one of our speakers scheduled for our summer lectures in August. Be sure and read that article.

For your Prayers:

- Remember in your prayers: **Sharon Gardner, Eva Floyd, Steve Kirchgessner, The Mann's, Dauphus Crase, Rex Hauger, Gene Fleming, Gail Stein, Paul Smith, Louise Morris, Dick Dewhirst.**

- **Group # 9 meets after AM @ Corley's**
- **Group # 8 meets after PM @ Shouse house**

