

LIVE LIKE YOU MEAN IT

- Keith Harris -

There seems to be an underlying issue for many Christians today — social media. The challenge of displaying a Christ-like spirit applies not only to the way in which we interact face to face. It applies to our cyber-communications as well. I often wonder if we have somehow become convinced that social media isn't "real" life. You can go online, visit any one of these mediums, and find as many opinions about the culture, politics, and society as you find users. What happens too often is those professing to be followers of Christ, speak out in ways that war against their proclamation of faith. Is there a sense in which folks believe that since they are able to hide behind the glow of a screen they are free to say whatever comes into their minds? Maybe ...

The challenge we face is to live what we profess, not just when dealing face to face, but throughout every aspect of our lives. Our words are powerful, whether spoken or written. Jesus calls us to be salt and light in a dark world. The implication from Jesus is that we will have the greatest possible impact on the world around us, not through inciting arguments and cyber-riots, but through a life lived quietly and peaceably. It's the very picture of the lighthouse standing tall on the shoreline. The grand light shines as it rotates constantly, though the sound of its mechanics is silenced by the crashing waves. We must stand firm in our faith in the midst of a thunderous world. And we must be a light for those around us as we seek to live out God's love.

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He does not believe that does not live according to his belief.

Straddling the Fence

- Olden Cook -

When asked his position on a controversial issue, a politician once replied, "Well, I've got friends for it, and I've got friends against it!" Thus, he straddled the fence well.

Many people are like that when it comes to Christianity. They stand against nothing and are for everything popular. They feel that by thus straddling the fence that they can be "on both sides," not realizing that "*friendship with the world is enmity with God.*" Christians should let the world know whose side they are on, and with a solid front, face sin, worldliness and error.

Spiritually, there is no middle ground. Moses asked, "*Who is on the Lord's side?*" (Exodus 32:26). Joshua challenged the people to "*choose ye this day whom you will serve*" (Joshua 24:15).

You cannot straddle the fence! When the church at Laodicea tried, Jesus said that He would spew them out of His mouth (Revelation 3:16).

- *The Voice of Truth International* -

You Can't Fool God

You can fool the hapless public.
You can be a subtle fraud.
You can hide your little meanness,
But you can't fool God.

You can advertise your virtues.
You can self-achievement laud.
You can load yourself with riches,
But you can't fool God.

You can criticize the Bible.
You can be a selfish clod.
You can lie, swear, drink, and gamble,
But you can't fool God.

You can magnify your talent.
You can hear the world applaud.
You can boast yourself as somebody,
But you can't fool God.

- *Author Unknown* -

News & Notes

NEW CONVERT CLASS: Each Sunday a.m. Bible Class in Room 406. This is for those who were baptized in the last 3 years. ALL new converts are encouraged to participate in this class.

FORMER MEMBER DIES: Norman "Pat" Pryor, age 103 has passed away in Florida. He and his wife, Gladys were in a nursing home. They were faithful members here several years ago. Cards may be sent to Gladys Pryor, c/o Latrill Carroll, P.O. Box 987, Callahan, FL 32011.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. All ladies are invited to participate in making small stuffed bears for the hospital.

BIRTHDAY CARDS REQUESTED: For Charles Leroy Burdine (Willard's brother). His birthday is Thursday, Sept. 14th (age 80). His address is: P. O. Box 59, Smithfield, WV 26437.

CARD SHOWER REQUESTED: For Kelly Cooper (brother of Eddie Cooper, preacher at St. Albans, WV). Kelly had a recent heart attack and cancer diagnosis. His address is: 2695 Racetrack Road, New Cumberland, WV 26047.

WEDDING: Saturday, Sept. 23rd at 1:30 p.m. for Don Floding & Judy Shakley at the Brookfield Township (Ohio) Gazebo. All are invited.

LADIES INPIRATION DAYS: Saturday, Sept 30th at Southern Hills Church of Christ. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. "Love is the KEY." Speakers: Tam Raynor, Latisha Brown, and Patty McCullough. Lunch provided. ALSO: Saturday, Oct. 7th at Columbiana Church of Christ, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Speaker: Latisha Brown on "Talents". Lunch provided.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES TO RESUME: Tuesday, Oct. 3rd, 7:00 p.m. (only one hour), and each Tuesday thereafter. All the men are encouraged to participate in this class to learn more about God's Word.

PANTRY: Whole kernel corn.

COLLEGE STUDENTS' ADDRESSES:

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SICK & SHUT-IN: David McCoy, Nancy Hadley, Emma Rine, Linda Wiersbicki, Fred Larrimore, Blondenia Orr, Betty Henthorne, Doris Dunham, Lewis Call (Cindy Miskimen's dad), Tom Wells (ex-husband of Claudette Miller), Rose Higginbotham, Cindy Moore (Pat Allison's cousin), Ruth Wright (Sharon Williams' sister). **FOX NURSING HOME:** Mary Nelson. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller, Jim Mick. **CALCUTTA HEALTH CARE:** Ella Beagle. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

St. Clair Ave., E. Liverpool.....Sept. 17-20 Terry Jones
CHESTER.....Sept. 24-28..... Ed Melott
Lisbon.....Sept. 24-26..... Rico Brown