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**VISIT US SOON!**

**Sunday:**

Bible Study..... 9:30 A.M.  
Morning Worship.....10:30 A.M.  
Evening Worship..... 6:00 P.M.

**Wednesday:**

Bible Study .....7:00 P.M.

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**EXPRESSIONS LEAVE IMPRESSIONS**

While there is a sense in which Christians are not to be people pleasers (Gal. 1:10), there is no doubt that God's people should consider the impact of their actions on others. After all, Jesus did say people would "see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" (Mat. 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; Heb. 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?
3. Do we reflect a sense of preparation and zeal in our worship, or do we give the sense of being unprepared and lethargic? (Rom. 12:11-12; Eph. 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." (Heb. 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? (Pro. 17:17; Pro. 18:24; Phi. 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? (Mat. 13:21-22; 1 John 2:15-17)
7. Do the sounds of Bible pages 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 Tim. 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? (Pro. 22:6; Eph. 6:1-4; Deu. 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 importantly, how do they impress the Lord? After all, He is a faithful guest to every assembly of the saints (Mat. 18:20).

**KEYS TO A BETTER BIBLE CLASS**

1. ATTEND PROMPTLY AND REGULARLY!  
Missing shows a weak faith, and it discourages others.
2. BRING YOUR BIBLE!  
It shows readiness to study.
3. PARTICIPATE IN CLASS!  
We learn by sharing our understanding of God's Word.
4. SAY "AMEN!"  
Don't be bashful. If you believe something is well said, let the class know it.
5. TAKE NOTES!  
You will encourage the teacher, set a good example, and have a record for later study.
6. STUDY AT HOME!  
You will learn more and be able to contribute more to the class.
7. SHOW THE TEACHER APPRECIATION  
A good word or perhaps a note will encourage him and inspire him to do even better.
8. DISAGREE SWEETLY!  
Others will at least know you are listening, and your attitude will make it easier for them to see your point of view and profit from it.
9. TALK THE CLASS UP!  
Show excitement and tell someone else what you have gained. They too will become excited.
10. CHANGE!  
This is the most difficult part, but a class is of little value if principles are not applied to life.

*"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15).*

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**ADULT CLASSES  
FALL QUARTER 2006**

| <u>Location</u>               | <u>Teacher</u> | <u>Topic</u>                              |
|-------------------------------|----------------|---|
| <b><u>SUNDAY MORNING</u></b>  |                |   |
| Auditorium (A)                | Dennis Woods   | The United Kingdom                        |
| Chapel Hall (E)               | Greg Mangrum   | The Acts of the Apostles                  |
| <b><u>WEDNESDAY NIGHT</u></b> |                |   |
| Auditorium (A)                | Curtis Cates   | The Minor Prophets                        |
| Chapel Hall (E)               | Barry Grider   | <u>Great Chapters of the Bible</u>        |
| 1st Yr Lecture Hall           | Carol Mangrum  | <u>Do You Know the Lord Jesus Christ?</u> |

**TUESDAY MORNING**

|                      |                |                         |
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| Ladies Classroom (A) | Celicia Grider | <u>Special Delivery</u> |
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A-Auditorium Building/E-Education Building

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**WORK TEAM REORGANIZATION DINNER**  
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**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2006**  
**6:30 P.M.**  
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**FOREST HILL FELLOWSHIP HALL**  
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 This will also be an opportunity to meet all the new students at the Memphis School of Preaching.  
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| <b>"WORDS FROM THE MASTER"</b><br>Forest Hill Church of Christ<br>Wednesdays: 5:00-5:30 P.M.<br>Time Warner Cable - Channel 17 |
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## WHOSE LAW AM I BREAKING? (part 3)

Matthew Martin

Recall that Job celebrated his birthday (Job 1:4; Job 3:1). He even had all his family join him in the celebration. There was nothing wrong for him to enjoy his “holy day,” likewise, there is nothing wrong for us to do so as well.

Now some may argue: Did not Paul condemn those that celebrated “holy days” (Col 2:16)? Paul, in writing to the Colossian brethren said:

Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, **or in respect of an holyday**, or of the new moon, or of the Sabbath days (Col. 2:16).

One must remember the context of Paul’s writings. The church at Colossae had been overtaken in false teaching. Heretics had been telling the Christians that they needed to incorporate aspects of other philosophies (Greek, Jewish, Phrygian, mysticism, etc.) in order for their religion to be complete.

Therefore, when a faithful Christian would refuse to incorporate such false ideas, the heretics would accuse him and judge him.

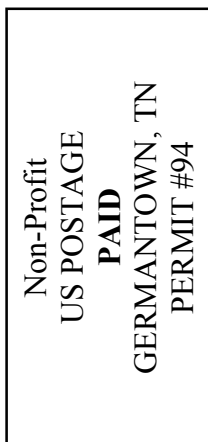
Paul exhorts his brethren to stay faithful, and not let anyone judge them because they don’t observe a holyday, or a new moon, or any other customs that were being pushed as law.

This is a case of someone **loosing** God’s law, and encouraging people to do **more** than God wants. They are then encouraged to stay true to God by **not** partaking in certain customs.

This is in contrast to those who would **bind** God’s law by encouraging people **not** to do something that is okay.

In other words, if there is a false doctrine in your congregation where it is seen as paganistic to celebrate a birthday, don’t celebrate it. At least not in a public way (1 Cor. 8:13). Remember what the Apostle Paul said, concerning matters of opinion.

One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind (Rom. 14:5).



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