

“The Light on
the Hill” Matthew 5:14-16



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10:00 AM till 3:00 PM
Monday through Friday

Worship and Bible Study Hours:

SUNDAY

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
Worship 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Golden Ager's Meeting:

2nd & 4th Tuesday—11:00 am.

Ladies Bible Class:

1st Tuesday of the month-11:00 am.

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Today's Sermons and Scripture Reading

A.M.	Excuse Me, Please	Luke 14:15-24
P.M.	“Do You Really Believe (Scott)”	Mark 9:14-29

Be Careful What You Hear

Jesus said, “If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear. Consider carefully what you hear.” (Mark 4:23,24) This admonition followed His explanation of the parable of the soils along with the lamp and the light. (Mark 4:12-22)

It is interesting that He would challenge the people make sure they comprehended what He was saying, then without a pause tell them to be careful what they were hearing. Evidently, there were some things being taught that they should not hear.

The apostle reminds us that Eve was deceived by what she heard maybe more than what she saw. (2 Cor. 11:3) Eve listened to things that seemed important to her. She was promised wisdom and knowledge, something all of us should desire. And she received what was promised. She now could know the difference in good and evil. But, Paul says her mind was corrupted and of course, the result was separation from God and physical death.

On another occasion, Jesus warned the disciples to be more concerned with what came from the heart rather than what went into the body. The debate dwelt with the need to wash the hands before eating, a strong Jewish tradition. He concludes by saying, “Out of the heart proceeds the things that defile a person. (Matt. 15:19,20)

In the Sermon on the Mount, the Lord referred to the heart as the lamb of the body. He says that when the eye or heart is full of darkness, it is impossible to walk in the light. (Matt. 6:21-23)

Each of these passages teaches the importance of being careful what we hear. If we become careless, it is possible that we soon begin believing what we hear, whether it is truth or error. When this happens we become deceived and begin traveling down the road to destruction.

Often error is easier to believe than truth. It can even be more attractive. This is true because truth is restrictive and confining. Eve was given clear instruction as to what she could and could not eat. For some reason, Satan convinced her that God was being too restrictive and prohibited her from the freedom she deserved.

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Remember in Your Prayers

In the Clifton Family:

Terry Harris has officially moved to Mt. Vernon, Ohio. Keep her in your prayers.

Cora Warford has been ill at home.

Others in the Clifton family needing prayers:

Jack Kemp, Debbie Shropshire, Mary Stallworth, Holly Speight, Hope Hamon, Sonny Showes, Lena Mosley, Lillian Roberts.



Please also pray for:

Family and Friends:

Ben Clark (Army) who is serving in Afghanistan.

Jean Bolton, Shelmah's friend with MS.

Maggie Bixler, 2 yr. old with leukemia. Friend of Jack & Jo's daughter.

Mellony Howe (USAF) serving in Haiti.

Sherman Arthur —(Fred & Hope Hamon's friend).

Claudia Hurst—healing from long illness

Katheryn Johnson— physical strength

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord” Psalm 3:12

NEXT GOLDEN AGE MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY, March 9, 2010

Scott Johnson will be teaching. They will going out to eat..

PANCAKE APPRECIATION BREAKFAST The Clifton Youth Group cordially invites the Ministers, Elders & their wives to a pancake breakfast on Saturday, March 20th - 9 am at the building. (Students should be at the church building by 7 am to cook & set up.)

Mt. Dew

The college group plans an outreach on the campus. They need cans of Mt Dew and chips by March 15. See Scott for details.

A lesson in giving

Bob sat on a chair in a garage in a small town far from home. If this was any indication of what the coming year would be like, it was going to be a rough one: This was New Year's Eve and he had more than two hours of driving ahead of him in very bad weather. Beside the weather, the car was leaking oil.

“Looks like your oil pressure gauge is broken,” the mechanic said. “There's an auto parts store down the way, but they're already closed for the holiday. Don't worry, though. Let me see what I can do to get you back on your way.”

Oh, I'm worried all right, Bob thought to himself. This is starting to sound expensive. He had only a few dollars in his pocket and \$50.00 left on his credit card.

About a half hour later, a middle-aged man entered the garage with a new pressure gauge. “Happy New Year!” he cried out to everyone before handing the part over to the mechanic. Then he turned to Bob. “Say, are you the fella in need of the new gauge?”

“Yes.”

“Don't worry son—they'll take good care of you here.” And he left.

A short while alter, the garage owner approached Bob. “All done,” he said.

“It'll be seven forty.”

Bob turned pale.



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Weekly Events:

Worship Sunday Morning—10:30 Sunday Evening —6:00
Bible Classes Sunday Morning — 9:30 Wednesday Evening — 7:00

Golden Agers Meetings every second and fourth Tuesdays — 10:30 A.M.
Regular Elders Meetings: 1st Sunday of each month—4:00 P.M.
3rd Tuesday of each month-7:00 P.M.

Cassette tapes are available of every sermon.
See Jack Kemp for info.

Sermons and bulletins are also available on the web.

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For the Record– February 28

Attendance		Contribution	Budget
Sunday A.M 102	Sunday P.M. 55	\$ 4,737.85	\$3,640.00
Wednesday P.M 49	Average Weekly Contribution in 2010: \$3,174.13		

What you hear continued:

Being exposed to this bad advice she (I am sure slowly) began to listen and we know the result.

The admonition remains. “Be careful what you hear”. It may be false. It may sound good and reasonable. It may even appear true, but with further investigation you will learn the error. If it is false, it will cost you your soul.

Bill

FORT HILL CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP

Current monthly bulletins are in the mail this week. Information and registration forms will soon to out. We encourage everyone to take advantage of the events the camp offers. The cost for regular camp weeks is \$120.00 (\$110.00 if postmarked by May 1).

SATURDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE CLASS;

Beginning April 3 from 10:30 am until noon at the building. This class will meet every 1st Saturday morning in 2010. The theme will be “Older Women Teaching the Younger Women” Hazel Powell will be speaking on April 3. There will also be prayers, singing and fellowship. All the ladies of the congregation are cordially encouraged to come and bring a friend. Please bring a “brown bag” lunch. See Shalmah Prince for more information.

WOMEN’S BIBLE CLASS MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 11:00 AM.
See Marilyn Seward for information.

Giving continued:

“Seven dollars and forty cents,” the manager grinned. “I’ve got to charge you for the parts.”

Bob laughed and shook his head in disbelief as he pulled the money from his pocket. “Are you sure that’s all?”

“Happy New Year!” said the garage owner. “Just be careful and get home safely.”

“Thank you—thank you so much! And Happy New Years to you too!”

Never before had Bob been at the mercy of a stranger like this and experienced such kindness. That day, Bob understood the meaning of charity.

Jerri Barrett

P.S. Do you think this garage owner was named Charlie?

We can do only what we think we can do. We can be only what we think we can be. We can have only what we think we can have. What we do, what we are, what we have, all depends upon what we think.

Robert Collier

SCHEDULED TO SERVE

AM WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

READ SCRIPTURE

LEAD PRAYER

LEAD COMMUNION

LEAD SINGING

March 7

Tim Speight

Charles Surber

Michael Downing

Scott Johnson

Jack Kemp

March 14

Tim Speight

Richard Prince

Jeff Casey

Wayne McCray

Jack Kemp

PM WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

READ SCRIPTURE

LEAD PRAYER

LEAD COMMUNION

LEAD SINGING

Tim Speight

Ryan Davis

Fred Hamon

R. Harris/T. Thompson

Jack Kemp

Tim Speight

Brent Sexton

Larry Seward

J. McDonough/R. Davis

Jack Kemp

WEDNESDAY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEAD PRAYER

LEAD SINGING

March 10

Tim Speight

Fred Hamon

Jack Kemp

March 17

Tim Speight

Scott Johnson

Jack Kemp

COUNT & RECORD ATTENDANCE: Charles Surber/ Fred Hamon

LOCK BUILDING: Fred Hamon

GREETERS: Joy Carstens/ Teresa McDonough

Words of inspiration

Certain Days

Certain days are special

in life's eternal plan,

Special in the eyes of God,

as in the eyes of man.

These days mark beginnings

lessons taught and learned,

Milestones reached along life's

way,

achievements sought and

earned.

And there's an extra beauty

that sets these days apart

And brings a lovely happiness

to light the soul and heart.

Karen Ravin

This cannot be solved during the Bible Class period!

Parents may help the younger children.

Even though you do not get all correct, the first child who gets the most correct will receive the prize.

Read the text for the day, Luke 14:16-24 and fill in the blanks. The text will be taken from the New King James Version.

¹⁶Then He said to him, "A _____ man gave a great _____ and invited _____, ¹⁷and sent his _____ at _____ time to say to those who were _____ 'Come, for all _____ are now _____.'

¹⁸But they all with one _____ began to make _____. The first said to him, 'I have _____ a piece of _____, and I must go and _____ it. I ask you to have me _____,' ¹⁹And another said, 'I have _____ five _____ of _____, and I am going to _____ them. I _____ you to have me excused.' _____ said, 'I have _____ a _____, and therefore I _____ come.' ²¹So that servant came and _____ these things to his _____. Then the master of the house, being _____, said to his servant, 'Go out _____ into the _____ and _____ of the _____, and bring in here *the* _____ and *the* _____ and *the* _____ and *the* _____.' ²²And the servant said, 'Master, it is _____ as you _____, and still there is _____.' ²³Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the _____ and _____, and _____ *them* to come in, that my _____ may be _____. ²⁴For I say to you that _____ of those men who were invited shall _____ my _____.'"