

Mimeographs Are Not Lost Technology!

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With the advances in technology over the last half-a-century, the word “mimeograph” and the whole history of mimeograph technology is being lost as a relic of the past. Before photocopy machines, there were mimeograph systems, which created a stencil through which ink was forced onto paper. Using that stencil, numerous copies could be made over and over, which would match the stencil. Look at the word “mimeograph” and recognize that the copies that were made from a stencil would actually “mimic” (look like) the stencil.

What does all of this have to do with us? The Greek word, from which we get our English words “mimic” and “mimeograph,” is found a handful of times in the New Testament. Keeping in mind the mimicking nature of a mimeograph machine duplicating the original stencil, consider how God uses this word to instruct Christians.

As Christians, we must mimic the Lord! “Therefore be imitators of God” (Eph. 5:1). “Become imitators...of the Lord” (1 Thess. 1:6). He is the stencil; we are the blank sheets of paper onto which His image must be stamped and exhibited! When others look at you, can they see the imprint of the original stencil? Do they recognize whose image you bear?

As Christians, we must mimic the faithful of the past! “Imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises” (Heb. 6:12). Lives of faithful imitators of God are detailed in Scripture “for our learning” (Rom. 15:4) and “as an example” to mimic (1 Cor. 10:11). We must strive to look like them, duplicating their faithfulness in our own lives!

As Christians, we must mimic the faith of our leaders! “Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith” (Heb. 13:7). Look back at the lives of faithful elders and mimic their faith in your own life, as they mimicked the image of Christ!

As Christians, we must mimic good and not evil! As the apostle John contrasted the divisive, self-centered nature of Diotrefes with the proven, faithful character of Demetrius, John urged his readers, “Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. He who does good is of God, but he who does evil has not seen God” (3 John 11). Which stencil are we using—evil or good? One stencil is “of God” and the other has never been in the presence of God! Does your life mimic what is good (to look like God) or what is evil (to look like the world)?

Mimeograph technology may be a thing of the past, but Christians are still called upon to mimic the stencils provided to us by God and the faithful who have gone before us!

NEWSLETTER

May 29, 2022

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Schedule of Services

Our current schedule is:

Sunday Bible Class 10:00 AM

Sunday AM Worship 11:00 AM

La Salle
church of Christ

We Meet At

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We welcome all who are here today.

If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you). We would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in one of the receptacles provided at the front and rear of the auditorium. There will be an opportunity to give but as a visitor it is not expected of you. Thanks.



There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs if you need to care for your infant.



Read God's Word

We offer a **free** Bible Correspondence Course

If you have an announcement or prayer request for the bulletin please contact Wayne Carter before noon on Friday.

Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent. Thank you.

Condolences

to family and friends of Jon R. Snyder who passed away May 18, 2022 in Dunn, NC at the age of 84 from cancer. The Snyders are former members here. The family has chosen to handle his disposition privately.

Condolences

to family and friends of Tommie Lee King. She is Jeffrey Elder's aunt. She passed away May 17, 2022 at the age of 76. Visitation and memorial service were held Friday.

James 5:16

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

Prayers *In our prayers, let's praise God, recognize His greatness, thank Him for His Son and His blessings.*

Please pray as we continue our search for a gospel preacher.

Let's pray for the situation in the Ukraine and surrounding areas.

Let's pray for Christians in both the Ukraine and Russia.

Pray for the victim's families of the mass shooting at TOPS in Buffalo on Saturday May 14.

Pray for the victim's families of the mass shooting at an elementary school in Uvalde, TX. May 24.

Let's pray for Bill & Kris Kinney and all our families struggling with our shut-ins.

Mark Dailey Let's pray for him as he deals with Covid.

Frank Marsden Let's pray for him as he deals with a heart issue and also the recent loss of his sister.

Butts Sumner is scheduled for back surgery June 14 and also June 16.

Anna Brink Let's pray for her for health issues and also dealing with the effects of chemotherapy.

Diane Mellott is dealing with severe arthritis in her right hip causing her difficulty walking. She is scheduled for surgery June 29.

Samantha Mellott is dealing with diabetes.

Darlene Reed is recuperating from surgery she had in March.

Lamont, Louella Hopkin's brother, has two heart aneurysms.

Glen Mueller Let's continue to pray for him and his family. Let's also pray for the Sardinia church of Christ.

Sharon Alcorn, Jessica Alcorn's sister-in-law, has terminal brain cancer.

Marietta McArthur (Ray McArthur's mother) is dealing with health issues.

Janine Galuppo, Ray McArthur's sister near Syracuse, is dealing with multiple health issues.

Sharron Gantt had her first immunotherapy for bladder cancer this past week. Things went well.

Jack Curnew is dealing with eye issues.

Bruce Brink's aunt is having vision problems after having cataract surgery.

Wilma Patterson Let's pray for her for health reasons.

Goldie Crow had eye surgery recently.

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

May 30 Memorial Day

Jun. 12 Men's Business Meeting

Jun. 14 Flag Day

Jun 19 Father's Day also Juneteenth Day

Weekly Budget Amount \$1,843.00

Contribution Last Sunday \$3,193.86

Attendance Last Sunday 49

Financial Reports and Meeting Minutes are posted in the back.



Teens

Bible class for teens will begin next Sunday at 10 AM in the basement.

Mission Info Please check the *Mission Board* in the back.

Ukraine Relief:

John Kachelman, Jr. Cell (901) 626-4538 john@kachelman.com <https://kachelman.com>

For updated reports go to John's website and click on the tab for Mission Work.

Philippines: We support Caleb & Vanessa Callari doing mission work in the Philippines.

Caleb Callari's Radio Program - "Everyday Follower"

Do a search on YouTube for

Everyday Follower, School of National Evangelism - Philippines

June Birthdays

03 Darlene Reed 15 Nancy Schul

09 Butts Sumner 27 Bill Kinney

09 Candi Butcher 30 Joan Campbell-Cook



June Anniversaries

22 Wayne & Sherry Carter

24 Ron & Jean Cameron

24 Ray & Bev McArthur

30 Butts & Edie Sumner