

This attitude has also come into the church. Years ago when children began getting older and were leaving the church, parents started demanding that we do something about it. We heard, "Do something for our young people." So, congregations began trying to do something for the youth. They developed youth programs along with youth directors. The youth directors began setting up programs to entertain the youth and to keep them busy. Few seemed to care about Bible authority for the things taking place. Like-wise, few seemed to care that it was the parents' responsibility to raise children. The thoughts of Paul when he wrote: "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4), were ignored. Parents demanded that the church do something, do anything. The parents did not want their children leaving the church as they grew up, so it became the church's responsibility to keep the children.

With this thinking entrenched in brethren, now when someone moves into a town with several congregations, they begin to call and often the only question (asked in various ways) they ask is: "What programs do you have for my children?" Unless they get a response that lists multiple activities and entertainment for their children, they call someplace else. They continue to call till they receive the type of answer they desire. If they should hear a Biblical response such as, "We will teach them the Gospel of Jesus Christ and provide service opportunities for them to serve others, just like everyone else," those parents would be aghast because they have been conditioned to think that the church must do something for the children. They refuse to consider the example that Jesus gave, when He said, "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Mat. 20:28). They have learned wrongly that the church is designed to do something for them instead of them serving others.

Preachers have lost jobs over this erroneous type of thinking. A congregation is not growing numerically like some carnal-minded brethren think it should. Thus, they start clamoring that the preacher needs to do something. To them, it is obvious that if the congregation does not grow numerically (spiritual growth does not matter to these carnal-minded brethren), then it is the preacher's fault. They start demanding that something needs to be done, programs need to be started (it doesn't matter if they will work or if anyone else will be involved in it, just start them). Then when those programs do not work, modify them or start other ones. Just make sure the programs that your preacher starts are better than the programs at other congregations so you can draw members from those congregations and thus have a *growing church*. It does not matter if the *growth* is simply members moving from one congregation to another, the numbers are increasing and that is all these carnal-minded brethren are concerned with. What if the preacher does not come up with these fantastic programs and entertainment to draw members from other congregations? Then it is time to get rid of that *worthless* preacher. They must get a preacher in that will draw members from other congregations (and/or the denominations) and *grow their church*. With these brethren the truth of God's Word is secondary to the numerical growth. We need to remember the words of Paul when he wrote by inspiration of God: "Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour" (1 Cor. 3:5-8).

We need to get back to simply preaching the pure and simple Gospel of Christ and not worry about numerical growth.

NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

Our current schedule is:

Sunday Bible Class	10:00 AM
Sunday AM Worship	11:00 AM

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This bulletin can also
be found on our website.

We seek to be a place of healing and worship.



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

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

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 keep the following in our prayers...

Roger Mapes, Marge Reed, Jessica Alcorn, Bill Kinney, and Frank Marsden.

Denise Garlitz is recuperating from a fractured tibia. She started rehab on Monday.

Michael & Hope Rice Let's pray for them as they deal with struggles in their life, and also Hope's mom.

Carlos & Shawna Martinez Let's pray for them as they deal with struggles in their life.

Conner Orton (Erin's Orton's oldest son) Let's pray for him as he works through have a good relationship with his father.

Lamont, Louella Hopkins' brother, had surgery May 26th involving a tumor on his kidney.

Lauren, Denis Garlitz' granddaughter, will be undergoing tests because of passing out again at school recently.

Johnny Martinez, brother of Carlos Martinez, suffered a stroke May 4th. He was in a medically induced coma. Let's keep him and his loved ones in our prayers.

Dan Callari, from Amherst congregation, is dealing with some health issues.

Marietta McArthur (Ray McArthur's mother). Let's keep her in our prayers as she deals with health issues.

Peter, husband of Denise Garlitz' niece, has colon cancer and is awaiting surgery.

Miranda, Louella Hopkins' granddaughter, is expecting and is due in July. She is Type-1 diabetic and is having problems with her sugar and blood pressure. She is wearing monitors. She has pre-eclampsia and gestational hypertension. There is an 80% chance she will deliver by cesarean.

Lisa, Richard Wheeler's sister, is now in a rehab facility in Newfane.

Cheryl, Bruce Brink's future mother in law is facing hip replacement surgery.

Mary Lou, Bruce Brink's aunt, is experiencing memory loss issues.

Tests have been done but a cause has not been determined yet.

Friends of Bruce Brink are in need of prayers as they deal with cancer and grief.

John, a friend of Maria Swindlehurst, recently had a biopsy and is anxiously awaiting the results.

Patricia Cassick, a friend of Maria Swindlehurst, is waiting on biopsy results.

Julie Grubbs, Wayne & Sherry Carter's daughter, is having some medical issues.

Her recent CAT scan came back normal.

Mary (John Nowak's sister) It was announced last Sunday that she has cancer.

April (a young woman in Texas that had a phone conversation with one of our sisters here).

Let's pray she finds a congregation of the Lord's church in her search for the truth.

Linda, Marge and Nancy's sister in GA, has multiple health issues and recently fell and broke her shoulder.

Glen Mueller He is the preacher at the Sardinia church of Christ. Let's keep him and Edna in our prayers.

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

May 29 Memorial Day

Jun. 11 Men's Business Meeting

Jun. 14 Flag Day

Jun. 18 Father's Day

Jun. 19 Juneteenth Day

Weekly Budget Amount \$1,843.00

Contribution Last Sunday \$1,432.00

Attendance Last Sunday 45

Financial Reports and Meeting Minutes are posted in the back.

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

Caleb Callari with his wife Vanessa and family are doing mission work in the Philippines.

Caleb & Vanessa Callari *Email Address:* callari.mission@gmail.com

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Radio Program "Everyday Follower" can be found on YouTube.

Do a search on youtube.com for "School of National Evangelism Philippines."

Zambia

The LaSalle congregation has been involved in the Zambia mission work for many years.

If you would like to help support the Zambian Mission, please place funds in the offering basket marked for Zambia. More information may be found at www.zambiamission.org

Matthew 19:14

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

June Birthdays

03 Darlene Reed

09 Butts Sumner

09 Candi Butcher

15 Nancy Schul

27 Bill Kinney

30 Joan Campbell-Cook



June Anniversaries

22 Wayne & Sherry Carter

24 Ron & Jean Cameron

24 Ray & Bev McArthur

30 Butts & Edie Sumner

Do Something

Michael Hatcher *Bellview church of Christ / Pensacola, FL*

One of the problems in our nation at this time is the give-me mentality. That is, give me something or provide for me. Through the years this nation has taught many of its citizens to be a do something for me citizenry. The idea presented in Pres-ident Kennedy's Inaugural Address in 1961, "Ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country" has long been forgotten by many, if not most. Our nation has become a welfare society where so many are receiving hand-outs from the government and thus dependent upon the government for their livelihood. Many have warned our nation that it cannot sustain this give-me status. Those making the money tire of having their money taken from them and given to those who refuse to work and make their own money. Additionally, it reaches a point when there are so many takers that the givers cannot sustain them and the government collapses.

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