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II Timothy 3:4, “. . . *lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God.*”

Paul wrote the above words in telling Timothy the type of people that would come in the last times. One type of person listed are those who love pleasure more than God.

Last Sunday evening after getting home from evening services I turned on the weekly Sunday night baseball game. A regular game typically lasts about three hours. By the time I went to bed about 10:30 or a little after, the game was in the 13th inning.

When I awakened Monday morning I found out the game had gone 18 innings and ended at 2:15 a.m. When I last saw the game there were many people there. Not only were they willing to sit out until the early hours of the morning, but it was cold. The temperature early in the game was 42. People were bundled up but willing to brave the elements and late night. For what? To watch a game.

I can't help but think when I see such loving of pleasure, how people would scoff if we suggested worshiping during such weather and late

hours. Instead, we have very comfortable buildings and convenient hours yet people of the world would rather see a game being played than to worship the LORD.

I can't help but imagine during the first century the Roman colosseum being packed to watch sporting events. The people could have gone to hear Paul teaching from his own hired house. How wonderful it would have been to sit at his feet hearing the gospel. What an opportunity they missed.

Likewise, people are missing out on the greatest activity one could possibly do. They could be worshiping the LORD, but instead they are deeply engrossed in pleasure. Of course we expect such from the world. They think preaching is foolishness. Paul wrote in I Corinthians 1:18, “*For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.*”

Let's always be vigilant that we never let pleasure come before our service to the LORD. It's easy to look and see how people packing a stadium on the LORD's day have no interest in serving the LORD. We are doing the same thing if we miss services for pleasure or let anything come between us and the LORD.

If we have been letting pleasures or cares of the world come between us and the LORD we need to change. Note the words in Jeremiah 26:13, “*Therefore now amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you.*”

—Marty Edwards❖

—Since the above article was written, there was another long game this past Friday evening. It went 17 innings. I didn't see the game, but I am sure there were many in the stands when it ended. The world loves pleasure and not the word of God. That is to be expected. But we are to love the LORD and His word above all this life offers.

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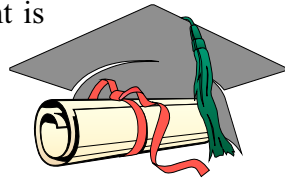
Sunday 9 AM & 6 PM — Wednesday 6 PM

News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, and Brad Terry.**

—This Friday night is graduation at Hart

County High. **Abby Edwards** and **Andrew Crabtree** are in the graduating class.



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Romans 12:9, “*Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.*”

There is much evil in the world. It’s easier to see than in previous generations because of mass media and even more so in the past few years with the coming of the Internet.

The things that used to be a shame to even be spoken of are now freely and openly shown and talked about in our homes via all types of media. We might not accept such, but if not careful we slowly become used to such and think nothing about it.

Let’s be careful not to “invite” things into our homes and minds things that are shameful and sinful. Paul told the brethren at Rome to abhor that which is evil.

It’s hard to abhor when we openly accept things because we have grown accustomed to it. Let’s truly abhor and stay away from such sinful things. Let’s cleave to that which is good. We cannot cleave to something unless we are close to it. Let’s be close to the LORD, His word, our worship to Him— anything to do with the LORD. Let’s cleave to that which is good.

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Sunday, May 7, 2017		
Classes	18	Colossians 2:16-19
Preaching	20	John 15:1-8
Contribution	\$548.00	
Evening	20	Singing (Psalm 122:1-9)
Wednesday, May 10, 2017		
Classes	21	Hosea 2:1-23

Visitors— May 7 (PM) Beulah Baker (Hammons ville, KY)
May 10 (Wed) Rob, Emily, Annalaura, & Drew
Gurganus (Jasper, Alabama)

Bible Quiz

The LORD said he would make a forest out of what?

Last Week’s Answer— The Lamb (Revelation 7:17)

Ephesians 5:11-12, ¹¹*And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove [them].*
¹²*For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.*

—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)