

Announcements – Bulletin News September 18th 2016

From the Minister's Desk **"A Matter of the Heart"**

"For where your treasure is there will your heart be also." (Matthew 6:21)

Bro. Barry Gainey

Each of us are faced with the question, "How committed am I to the Lord? While we must answer this question individually, it must be understood true commitment to the Lord is **"A Matter of the Heart"**.

In the topic text, our Lord explains a fundamental truth: a person's heart and his treasure is located in the same place. If Christ is our treasure, then our hearts will be centered on him. In the Bible the word "heart" has reference to the entire mental, emotional and moral makeup of a person. On one occasion Jesus said.... "Out of the heart proceeds evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornication, thefts, false witnesses, blasphemies, these are the things which defile a man" (Matt. 15:19). The wise man Solomon urges us to... "keep thy heart with all thy diligence, for out of it are issues of life." (Proverbs 4:23) and again, "for as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Prov. 23:7).

Wickedness, pride, lust and selfishness are also matter of the heart. Simon the sorcerer lusted after the power of imparting the Holy Spirit by the laying on hands for his own glory and profit. Peter tells him that "thou heart is not right with God" and tells him to pray to God, "if perhaps the thoughts of his heart might be forgiven him, because the thoughts of his heart were wicked" (Acts 8:21-22).

When man rejects God as the source of his life, another source begins to reign in the heart of man. When our heart is empty of the

word of God and Jesus is no longer the focal point in our lives, it proves to be fertile ground for Satan. An example of this is found in Acts the 5th chapter in the case of Ananias and Sapphira. The early church was selling their land to help those who were in need. As a result, many were commended for their benevolent spirit. This couple coveted praise but wanted it cheaply. They also sold property and brought half the purchase price, but presented as if it was all they had received for their property. To others this would appear to be honorable, but to God it was sinful! Peter said unto them. "why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart" (Acts 5:3-4). This unnecessary act of selfishness cost Ananias and Sapphira their lives.

Just as Satan suggested to our Lord that he could have all the Kingdoms of the world without paying the price on the cross (Matt. 4:8-10); he also suggested to Ananias that one could receive recognition without sacrifice. Certainly we can see the necessity of allowing Christ to be the focal point of our lives!



Thank you! **Terry Cornelius**; I would like to thank the church for your cards, your visits, calls and most off all your prayers during my illness. Please continue to keep me in your prayers.



The church would like to express sincere sympathy to Bro. Willie Wade and his family due to the loss of his brother-in-law in Oklahoma.

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Up Coming Events

2016 Midwest Regional Singing

October 8th & 9th, in St. Louis, MO.

Information is on the table in the foyer.



Care Group 3, will meet tomorrow at 7pm. in room 14.

Authentic Manhood, Sat. Sept. 24th 9am.

Ladies Education Committee Sat. Sept. 24th, 3pm.

Happy Birthday!



September Birthday

Celebration September 25th after evening worship. All members are invited to stay.



Fellowship Night

Oct, 1st, 5-9pm.

Ladies Retreats and Conferences

There are sign-up sheets for up-coming Ladies Events in the foyer.

Coffeyville Church of Christ Ladies Day Saturday, Nov. 12th, 2016.

Arkansas City Church of Christ Ladies Tea October 8th 2-4 pm.



August Report

Open Pantry; 94 Families, 269 Family members.

Homeless Program 375 meals.

Blood Pressure Check

First Sunday of each month after morning worship in the Ladies Lounge.

September Schedule

Ladies Baptism: Dana Howard, Janice Atkinson

Bereavement: Cornelius & Porsha Adkins

Medical Staff: Sicily Bruner

Brothers; The Order of Worship is available on line on Fridays after 3pm @ www.chisholmtrailcofc.org.

Membership 2016

Baptized 6/Placed Membership 6

Area Wide Events

Fall Gospel Meeting, Sept. 25-28
2700 N Summit, Arkansas City, Kansas.

Indiana Church of Christ, Topeka KS.
Installation Service for Bro. Jeremy B. Gillis
October 8th & 9th.

River Walk Church of Christ
One-day Seminar, Sun. Oct. 30th, 9:30am.

73rd Annual Churches of Christ National Lectureship, Atlanta GA. June -2-8, 2017.

Crusade for Christ 2017
That We Might All Be One, July 30-August 3,
2017 Atlanta GA.