

The Tanner St Church of Christ meets each Lord's Day beginning with Bible classes at **9:30 AM**. We continue with our worship at **10:20 AM** and again at **5:00 PM**. We also meet each Wednesday evening at **7:00 PM** for Bible study and worship. Our meeting place is located about ¾ of a mile from I30 at 1512 Tanner St in Malvern, AR.

If you have questions about what we believe and teach, please visit our website, [tannerst.com](http://tannerst.com) to listen to sermons or read past articles from our bulletin. Or you can contact us and we will be glad to find a convenient time to study with you.

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**Consider: 1Corinthians 13:1-3**

## **Needed News**

We received word through the Laubach's that Walt & Elaine Kyle's son, Brian, was killed in an auto accident. Though they no longer attend with us, I know they are dear to the hearts of many here and we sorrow with them in this loss.

Phyllis Jackson received time-off for good behavior today but will be returning to Grandbaby duty in Conway this afternoon.

Jimmy, Annette & Adene Gray will be leaving the end of this week to visit with Shane for several days.

Ricky Ragsdale is continuing to improve. He still needs help but is taking more steps.

Dolline Fain is still not feeling well. Conrad Harris, Joyce Venable, Thelma Echols, John & Betty Ragsdale, as well as family members of many who attend with us, have ongoing health issues. We need to remember all of these in prayer and keep in touch with them as we find opportunity.

**What can you start doing that needs to be done? Don't wait for Somebody to do what you can do, else nobody will get it done!**

# *Seeking His Righteousness*

*"...seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.." Matthew 6:33*

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## **Anybody Can**

This is a little story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done. Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

## **Are You Looking For Work?**

**Greg Gwin**

Occasionally we hear complaints from some Christians that they "just aren't being put to work," or that they "just aren't being used." What is generally meant is that these individuals are not frequently being called upon to word prayers during the public worship; or perhaps they are rarely scheduled to help pass the Lord's Supper; or it may be that their opportunities to lead singing or give a talk are few and far between.

Let us plainly state that all the above mentioned activities are good and important. We want to encourage every male

Christian to grow and develop in all these vital roles. But, having said that, we would also urge everyone to realize that these things do not, in and of themselves, constitute full and complete service to the Lord.

There are so many other opportunities to serve in areas where we urgently need your help. *"Lift up your eyes and look"* (John 4:35). You are surrounded by lost souls that need to be taught about salvation. Your own knowledge of the Scriptures needs to be increased by diligent study and personal preparation. You are needed to help encourage and strengthen some of your brethren who are weak and struggling. Do you get the point? Many opportunities await the humble, faithful servant who is looking to work for the Lord.

Don't be deceived into thinking that if you are seldom used in the public assemblies you are, therefore, not being "used" effectively. And, likewise, don't fall into the trap of thinking that if you are frequently called upon to pray, lead singing, or wait on the table you are necessarily doing all of the real work that God desires of you. Duties performed during the worship assemblies are important, but they are not the absolute test of your service to the Lord.

## Be Ready To Get To Work!

Greg Gwin

Do you have a complaint? Is there something about the local congregation that needs to be changed or improved? Is there a specific matter that is being neglected? Do you know about a particular item that needs special attention? Good! We need every Christian to be perceptive to the needs of the church. We want you to be attentive to the things that cry out for improvement. We're glad that you care enough to be

looking carefully at the work that we're trying to do together.

But now, we need to warn you -- be ready to get to work!!! If you are inclined to point out the problems -- and that's good -- then you must also be ready to get involved in whatever it takes to solve them. Once you've voiced your sincere concerns, be prepared to roll up your sleeves and tackle the work that will be required. We have little patience with a brother or sister who only wants to complain, grumble, and gripe. Sadly, in too many congregations these folks outnumber the real workers.

In Acts 6 we read of a problem in the Jerusalem church. It did not take long for some brethren to point it out -- *"there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration."* Observe carefully how the apostles dealt with the situation: *"Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them and said ... brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report ... whom we may appoint over this business ... and the saying pleased the whole multitude and they chose ... whom they set before the apostles ..."*

### At least two things deserve notice here:

1) The apostles turned the problem right back to the complainers and got them involved in working out a solution. We ought to imitate this method. Anyone who feels the need to complain should know in advance that they are going to be put to work in resolving the problem. If you're not willing to do that, then maybe you should just keep quiet!

2) The Christians in Jerusalem are to be commended for the fact that they accepted the role assigned to them. They followed the instructions of the apostles, got busy, solved the problem, and quit complaining! Let's all learn from their fine example.