

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** 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 6:19

Needed News

JoBeth Henderson has been sick this past week. Laryngitis, coughing & congestion plagued her most of the week. **Betty Ragsdale** also suffered with coughing & sore throat last week.

John Ragsdale spent two nights in the hospital because of vertigo, vomiting and chest pains. He was to go home sometime yesterday.

Dolline Fain is not doing well at this time. Rhonda Kidder, her daughter, said she has not been eating hardly at all and spends most of her time sleeping.

Ricky Ragsdale is at home now. He is still having a great deal of difficulty. He has to use a wheelchair and is unable to get in and out of bed without help.

Conrad Harris, Joyce Venable, Thelma Echols, as well as family members of many who attend with us, also have ongoing health issues. We need to remember all of these in prayer and keep in touch with them as we find opportunity.

Would you be interested in a Bible study? Do you have questions about practices or teachings that you would like to discuss? Do you have a topic suggestion for future sermons or Bible class? Pass the word to Dan Henderson. He would like to help you in any way he can with Bible knowledge.

Seeking His Righteousness

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

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A Deadly Disease

W. R. Jones

Something like 1900 years ago, John wrote a letter to the church of the Lord at Ephesus (**Rev. 2:1-7**). The church was praised for her work, labor, patience, and for intolerance of false teachers, and evil doers. Then suddenly, right on the heels of commendation, the church is bolted with the announcement; *"Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love."* **"Thou Hast Left Thy First Love!"** What had these brethren done? Of what were they guilty? Is it possible to be guilty of this today?

The Disease: This disease is described by the expression, *"Thou hast left thy first love."* The person with this disease has forsaken something and something has gone out of his heart. He no longer has the intense enthusiasm and ardor for Christ that he once possessed. Simply out of a sense of duty he may continue to attend, give, work, and commune faithfully, but true devotion has diminished. Such a person is like the wife, who out of a sense of family duty continues to perform expected responsibilities toward her husband, but her love for him is in a state of decay. By all means we can call this a "dead disease" because it is also fatal to the soul, unless the divine remedy is applied. NO doubt it is one of the great killers ravaging God's people today.

The Symptoms: Being a Christian is just a "hum-drum" affair. Attending worship is a burden rather than a joy. One is no longer thrilled and excited by hearing the gospel

preached. Easily distracted from spiritual matters; quick to doubt and despair. One only does what he is expected to do and is generally insensitive to the great work to be done. He is easy to excite about material things, and things of pleasure, but hard to excite about the cause of Christ.

The Effect: *"I will come unto thee quickly and will remove thy candlestick out of its place, except ye repent."* (Rev. 2:5). This simply means the loss of one's identity or a church's identity with God. This is spiritual doom! No one has ever recovered from this disease without the use of the divine remedy.

The Remedy: *"Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, repent and do the first works."* Reflect on the wonderful thrilling love you one time enjoyed. Reflect on your present drab condition. Repent, have a real change of mind (that brings about a genuine change in your life). Let the goodness and mercy of Jehovah dominate your thoughts and life. This remedy is not easily applied, but when properly used always bring about complete recovery. You may use it with confidence, for it has never failed.

A Troubling Disease

Timothy R. Henderson

There is a disease going around today. It is taking over the world. It's ultimate design is eternal death. A great majority of the world has caught it, and it is rapidly spreading. You can hear about it on the news, read about it in the papers, our presidents have spoken about it.

You may believe the disease I'm talking about is AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) or the Ebola Virus, or some other kind of physical sickness. It is NOT. You may believe it is something like homosexuality, abortion, or

divorce. Although these are terrible problems and are running rampant, and they do have something to do with it, they themselves are not what I am referring to.

What I am referring to is killing this once great nation we live in. It is also killing what has long been thought of as conservative congregations. The problem is that we are no longer concerned with teaching the Bible itself, instead we teach Bible Stories, and leave them at that. We have found that a greater number will attend if we tell interesting stories instead of preaching the gospel. We have become more concerned with physical growth than raising up spiritual Christians. We haven't gone so far as to offer hot dogs and pizza suppers. But we are starting to put on plays and skits, watch movies in Bible Class. Our lesson books tell the stories, and the questions can easily be answered without ever once opening a Bible. Our young people are not encouraged to attend Bible classes, or to come prepared. In fact they are being discouraged by members who constantly are absent from the bible classes, or by teachers who themselves are unprepared.

What are we teaching our young? Are we teaching them to go into the world and teach all nations, or are we teaching them to sit in front of their televisions and soak up all that the world has to offer. Are we teaching them that we should be concerned about all of the souls in the world that are being lost daily because no one is teaching them from the Bible. Or are we teaching them that all we have to be concerned with is our own salvation. What are we teaching our young? What kind of example are we showing in evangelizing the world? What kind of example do they see in us in the worship of our Lord? Do they see joy to serve, or duty bound?