

Family Focus

SHEPHERD'S CORNER

Faith in Action

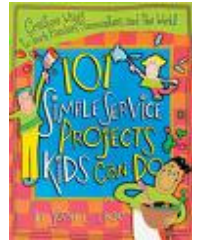
A stated goal of the Church of Christ is to be the church of the New Testament. During the past century, we have built houses of worship for all who will to come and worship the Lord. Unfortunately, it is very easy to become so “building-centric” that we will not go out into the “highways and byways” to bring in the lost, but demand that they come into our buildings to find the Lord. This method can lead to a dying congregation. The New Testament church did not own buildings as far as we know. Jesus certainly reached out to those whom he met in the streets and homes as well as teaching in the Temple.



Today the people of the world are rarely reached through impersonal advertisements, but are impressed by seeing the Christian faith in action when reaching out to those in need. In Jesus' teaching about the Judgment in Matthew 25, he offered the inheritance of the Kingdom to those who –“When I was hungry and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and you invited me in; I needed clothes and you clothed me; I was sick and you looked after me; I was in prison and you came to visit me.” He then said, “Whatever you did for the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.”



The Lord is more concerned about living by the Word rather than passively holding theologic positions. We must reach out to our community through service which will open ears to hear the Word. We must strengthen our ‘seed-sown-among-thorns’ faith and serve the Lord rather than being passive observers. The ministers and elders are planning a Faith in Action Campaign which will include Sundays devoted to service and worship. Your prayers, initiative and rolled-up-sleeves are vital to reach out to the community. Many of our members are working very diligently, but many more of us must become more involved.



~ Jerry Templer



We are delighted to announce that Glenda “GK” McKinney has placed membership with us. Glenda comes to us from Colorado via the Longmont Church of Christ, but she actually grew up in Columbia. Welcome, Glenda!

Our Shepherds

Glen Godsey, Charles Martin, Britt Newby, Don Osburn,
Jerry Templer, James Treece, Dee Vanderburg