

“Be The Brick...”

by Dave Rogers

“Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?”
2 Corinthians 6:14, ESV

How am I supposed to apply what the apostle Paul wrote here? Do these words mean “**don’t even associate with people who think, or speak, or act differently from you,**” or do they mean something else? We know that Romans 12:10 says that Christians should “prefer one another in honor,” but do these verses mean we can’t or shouldn’t have friends who are not “members of the church?” While we understand that “friendship with the world is enmity with God” (James 4:4), does this mean Christians should just “huddle up” and ignore the world around us?

Notice that in 1 Corinthians 5:9-10, Paul makes it plain that Christians are **NOT** supposed to withdraw from the rest of the world and refuse all association with people who have different beliefs or ideas, or even different values than ours;

*“I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people — [10] not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, **since then you would need to go out of the world.**”* (ESV - emphasis mine, DR)

Paul is not telling these Christians to avoid any contact at all with immoral people, or even with idolaters; on a practical level, that would be impossible. When he instructed them to not be “unequally yoked with unbelievers” (2 Corinthians 6:14), the key word is “unequally.” Christians should not enter or continue in relationships with pagans, heathens, denominational believers, etc. when the unbeliever has greater influence in that relationship than the Christian does. This is **not** the same as “don’t have anything to do with them at all.” The point Paul makes here can be illus-

trated with a brick and a feather on the two sides of a balance; a brick will dramatically outweigh the feather, and the balance will tilt to that side. In our relationships with unbelievers, **Christians should “be the brick.”**

My influence with an unbelieving friend should be stronger, and should have a greater impact on him than his influence has on me. It doesn’t matter if the friend is an atheist, a Wiccan, a Muslim or a Methodist; as a Christian, my influence for God and His way should be stronger than my friend’s influence for whatever he believes - and if it’s not, that means I shouldn’t continue in that relationship (2 Corinthians 6:15-18).



Christians should have friends who are not Christians; they’re where we begin the process of **making** Christians! Yet in all our relationships we need to remember who and what we are; sinners forgiven by a merciful God (Who gave the life of His Son in place of ours), the children of a loving Father, and the undeserving servants of a generous Master (Luke 17:10). We need to remember that

“... he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world”
(1 John 4:4)

In all of our relationships, we should not only “be the brick,” we need to be sure that we are **God’s “bricks!”**

(Author’s note: This article springs from an illustration by brother Rob Whitacre in “Holiness and Good Companionships,” one of the lessons presented in the 2008 Southwest Lectures)

Things That All Children Need To Learn

(via David Sain's "Worth Repeating")

- Rule #1:** Life is not fair. Get used to it.
- Rule #2:** The world won't care about your self-esteem. It will expect you to accomplish something before you feel good about yourself.
- Rule #3:** Sorry, you won't make \$80,000 a year right out of high school. And you won't be a vice president either.
- Rule #4:** If you think your teacher is tough, wait 'til you get a boss.
- Rule #5:** Enjoy this while you can. Sure, parents are a pain, school's a bother, and life is depressing. But someday you'll realize how wonderful it was to be a kid. Maybe you should start now.
- Rule #6:** If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes. Learn from them.
- Rule #7:** Before you were born, your parents weren't as "boring" as they are now. They got that way working every day, paying the bills, cleaning the house, buying you clothes, and providing you food.
- Rule #8:** In schools and in sports, people keep lowering the standards and changing the rules. This is designed to "level the playing field" and help you always feel good about yourself. But, you should know that this bears not the slightest resemblance to anything in real life.
- Rule #9:** Life is not divided into semesters, and you don't get summers off. They expect you to show up every day. For eight hours. And very few employers are interested in helping you "find yourself." Do that on your own time.
- Rule #10:** Television is not real life. Your life is not a sitcom. Your problems will not all be solved in 30 minutes.

Baptism Requires

by Lyndal Werner

When one learns that the plan of salvation, one learns that it involves believing in Jesus Christ, repenting of the sins of which that one is guilty, confessing one's faith in Jesus Christ, and is completed in baptism. Sometimes questions have arisen over the action of Baptism; or to put it another way, "What does baptism require?" The root word in the Greek from which this is taken is "baptizo." This is a dipping, plunging or total covering up. Now we need to learn something about this baptizo. What is necessary for this action to take place? Notice the following scriptures:

- Much water, John 3:23; Acts 10:47.
- Going down into the water, Acts 8:36-48.
- A burial in water, Rom. 6:3-4; Col. 2:12.
- A resurrection, Acts 8:39; Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12.
- A birth, John 3:3-5; Rom. 6:3-6.
- A washing, Acts 22:16; Heb. 10:22.

Baptize is a verb, which describes the actions these verses talk about. When one is (scripturally) baptized, that one is afforded all the benefits of the saved. This action, and what is required, makes up scriptural baptism. Observe this; without scriptural baptism one is not saved. It really does not matter what all the arguments, charts and appeals made by man say; baptism is necessary in order to be saved. The act of baptism is rendered unto the Lord as an act of obedience to his commands. By this Christ knows one truly believes. Without it he knows that one does not believe. This is what Mark 16:16 teaches.

Family Matters

Marlene Etheridge – Is not feeling well.

Kimber Beckwith – Judy's granddaughter will have an MRI on April 13.

Tom Holcomb – Annette Benefield's son-in-law is sick. His address is 8310 Willows Way, Riverdale, GA 30274.

Members With Health Problems: Bob Howell, Ruby Fowler, Bill Benton, Shirley Jones, Lucille Amon, Becky Higginbotham, Marlene Etheridge, RuPearl Sharpe, Mattie Williams, Sally Wallace, Brenda Mitchell, Equillar Butler, Bernice Gillespie, Maylon Swann, Hick & Estell Higginbotham, Una Fortson, David & Shirley Lee, Butch & Joann Trawick, Forrest & Burma Chapman

Shut-ins: Valorye Whittaker, Annette Benefield, Lillian Gray, David Nash, Audrey Shaw, Jane Lankford, Joe Clark & Frances Elder

Others With Health Problems: Harry Johnson & Joanne

Daugherty (David & Wayne's Nash B-in-L & Sister), Bill Croix (Mattie's husband), Terry Crump, Carol Bomar (Charity Nash's aunt), Cathy Cavenden (Tiffany Durden's M-in-L), Suzanne Oderry (friend of Gayle Pelfrey), Dylan Carter (11 month-old daughter of the Hagins' friends), Loretta Russell (Ray's mother), Walter Campbell (Sylvester's brother), Joyce Greene (Denise's mother), Pamela Morris (Mitchell's friend), Nelda Hayes (Jack Sorrell's aunt), Tom Holcomb and Jean Benefield (Annette Benefield's S-in-L and D-in-L), Nancy Ford (Joann Crook's sister), Virginia Poskevich (David's mother), Xernonia Fortson (Una's daughter), Eddie & Lil Cauthen (Joan Poskevich's B-in-L/Sis-in-L), Joe Hand (Jim Scoma's B-in-L) and Marvin Cook (Jean Johnson's brother)

Prayer Requested – Jason Campbell (Sylvester & Missy's son).

Military Members Deployed: Rosa Bell, ECC—A, New Kabul Compound (NKC), APO AE 09354

AM3 Candace Butts (Connie Elder's daughter), US Navy

2016 Spring Adult Classes

Sunday Wednesday

Adult Classes	Auditorium	Genesis Dave Rogers	Matthew-Mark Dave Rogers
Ladies Class	Room 121	Proverbs Frances Kelly	Matthew – Mark Kenneth Fincher
	Room 122	Genesis Thomas Quinn	
	Room 201	1 st Principles Paul Lyons	

WEDDING CELEBRATION

You're invited to
Luke & Laura's Wedding
April 16th at 3pm
Ramer, Al



Donna Hagin will start taking family pictures

April 17 & 24 and May 15 & 22

Register on:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F044AA4A72AA5F49-fayetteville

Need Senior Pictures and Bios
By April 17th
Ansley Fincher, Win Lindsey & Jordan Madison

Fayette County Grandparents & Kin Raising Children Support Group
April 21, 2016, 9:30am-1:30pm
(Lite breakfast & lunch
Information on bulletin board

Calendar

April 12 – Tuesday Ladies' Night Out hosted by Luann Rogers.

April 24—Donna Hagin's Baby Shower at 2:30pm. She is registered at Babies-r-us & Target.

May 2 – Raintree Village Children's Home Food Truck. Have your donations at the church building by Sunday May 1st.

May 10 – Tuesday Ladies' Night Out hosted by Sally Wallace

May 14-15 – Rose Show

May 22 – Lauren Sorrell's Bridal Shower at 2:30pm

May 30 – Office Closed for Memorial Day

June 5 – Jordan Pyron's Bridal Shower at 2:30pm

June 14 – Tuesday Ladies' Night Out hosted by Linda Howell and Annette Benefield

June 26 – Singing @ Hope Center, 2pm

July 10-13 – VBS "The Voyage". Teachers are needed.

Aug 4-13 – Scotland Mission Trip

Aug 17 – Graham McDonald USA Visit

Aug 19-25 – Polishing the Pulpit Week

September 18-21 –Fall Gospel Meeting, Speaker:Joey Barkley

October 7-8 – Ladies' Retreat at Calvin Center. Please let Luann Rogers know if you would like to help organize it. If you plan to attend, *please sign up*; the cost will be \$80.00 for over-night (Dinner & Lunch) and \$15.00 for Saturday.

Ladies' Night Out April 12th at 7pm hosted at the home of Luann Rogers. Please bring a dozen or more of your favorite cookies and a new pair of fuzzy spa socks (footies can be bought at Wal-Mart, Penney's or Walgreens) for a project we will do. Coffee and tea will be served with your cookies.



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Camp Inagehi
2nd Annual
5K and Fun Run
May 7th



2016 VBS
July 10th-13
The VOYAGE

Area Events:

April 8 – Central Church of Christ Area Wide Singing, 7-11pm

Apr 9 & 23 – McDonough Church of Christ, 9am-12:30pm, "How to Become an Effective Speaker in 10 Hours" – J.J. Turner, instructor

April 22-23 – Peachtree City COC, Reconnect Men's Conference, Lonnie Jones & Ben Hayes. Cost \$30 Adults & 15 Students.

Apr 22-23 – Buford Men's Weekend "Facing Your Giants", Speaker: Benji Slocumb

Apr 24-27—Forest Park COC Gospel Meeting, Speaker: Greg Dismuke

Youth Events

April 17 – Area Wide Youth Devo-Conyers COC at 6pm

May 1 – Senior Recognition Dinner after the PM Service. We would like your Senior pictures and Bio by April 17th.

May 7 - Camp Inagehi 2nd Annual Cross County 5K & Fun Run

June 12-17 – Camp Inagehi Week

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

Call To Worship

	4/10	4/17	4/24
Scripture Reading	Brad Hopkins	Morris Jones	Morris Jones
Prayer	Tom Durden	Rick Sharpe	Ray Cozart
Song Leader			
Preside Lord's Supper	Paul Lyons	Jim Pelfrey	Jim Pelfrey
Server	Mike Madison	Mike Madison	Mike Madison
Server	Charles Nash	Charles Nash	Charles Nash
Server	Anthony Stinson	Anthony Stinson	Anthony Stinson
Server	Shirley Allender	Shirley Allender	Shirley Allender
Server	Andy Johnson	Andy Johnson	Andy Johnson
Server	Tommy Chapman	Tommy Chapman	Tommy Chapman
Server	Larry Rose	Larry Rose	Larry Rose
Sermon	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers
Response Elder	Tom Durden	Tom Durden	Tom Durden
Announcements	Greg Nash	Greg Nash	Greg Nash
Song			
Closing Prayer	Hugh Kelly	David Hopkins	K Killingsworth

Evening Service

Prayer	Ray Cozart	Lewis Armstrong	Anthony Stinson
Sermon	Bible Q/A	Dave Rogers	Song Service
Server	Bill Ruffer	Ron Biles	Hugh Kelly
Server	Curtis Hurt	Bob Howell	Jim Garner
Closing Prayer	Tom Durden	Jim Pelfrey	Greg Nash

G. S. O. P. Spring Classes
At Fayetteville
April 4 – June 30
1-2 Hr Credit (or Audit)

13-week successive courses:

- Monday April 4th 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm 1st & 2nd Timothy
(Instructor Steve Vice)
- Monday April 4th 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Genesis
(Instructor Rush Wyatt)
- Thursday April 7th 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Intro to Old Testament
(Instructor Randy Kea)
- Thursday April 7th 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Intro Research and Composition
(Instructor David Rogers)

G.S.O.P. Summer 2016 Short Courses at Piedmont Rd church of Christ

June 16-18 1-2 Peter,
Instructor, Eric Owens
July 21-23 The Godhead
Instructor, Phil Sanders

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David Hopkins
Hugh Kelly
Jerry Kendrix
Andy Johnson
Paul Lyons
Stan Mitchell
David Poskevich
Anthony Ravenell
Jack Sorrell

Assembly Schedule:

Sunday
9:00 am Bible Classes
10:00 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Worship Service

10:00 am Tuesday Morning
Bible Class
(September 11—May 14)

7:00 pm Wednesday Night
Bible Study

7:00 pm Thursday Night
Ladies Class
(September-May)

Communion Preparation

Brenda Mitchell

Nursery

10 Sally Wallace/
Morgan Boelsterli
17 RuPearl Sharpe
24 Tara Johnson

Care of Building

1-15 Anthony Ravenell/
Eric Hagin
16-31 Jack Sorrell/Larry Rose

Ushers

10 Andy Johnson/Jim Lindsey
17 Keith Killingsworth/
Michael Madison

24 Gayle Pelfrey/Rory Bell, Sr.

Media Center Helpers

April 3 & 10 Morris Jones
April 17-24 Ben Rogers

Open Arms 4/10

Wednesday Evening Devotional

13 Dave Rogers
20 Morris Jones

Our Missionaries



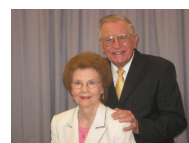
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April 2016

Evangelism

Response Elder: Tom Durden

"His work is honorable and glorious, And His righteousness endures forever." Psalm 111: 4

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