



“May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Romans 15:5-6)



MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER: INVOLVING MORE IN GOOD WORKS—

Gary Bodine, currently the minister at the Wellington Church of Christ in Wellington, Kansas, has developed a plan for involving more members in getting many good things done. He calls the plan “Monday Night for the Master,” and it is in use in

scores of churches around the nation.

The program is built on the assumption that many members would be willing to spend one night a week doing something for the Lord if (1) they were asked to do things within their capacity and (2) the work was easy because others had made the preparations for their work. Some members come every Monday night and others less frequently, but the program is designed so that whoever comes, they always have good things to do.

The plan at Wellington works like this. Cooks come in the afternoon to prepare the hot meal which starts at 6:00 p.m. About 6:40 p.m., the group gathers for a devotional and instruction period. Those present then choose from four different types of activities.

The first type of work is visitation. Teams go to see those who are recent visitors to church services, prospective members who have shown an interest in the church, new members to the congregation, newcomers to town, delinquents, shut-ins, the elderly, the recently bereaved, and others who may need a visit. Each team typically makes two or three visits during the evening. The person coordinating this aspect of the program has prepared information cards about the visits to be made so that those doing the visiting may select those they particularly want to see from the possibilities available.

A second type of work is writing encouragement cards both to members and non-members. The list might include the congregation’s missionaries, recent visitors, shut-ins, those recently bereaved, people who have attended some church event or whose children were at VBS, those who

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God’s Plan of Salvation

- **Hearing The Word of God**
(Romans 10:17; Acts 16:32)
- **Believing What Is Taught**
(Mark 16:16; Heb. 11:6)
- **Repentance**
(Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
- **Confession**
(Acts 8:37; Rom. 10: 9,10)
- **Baptism**
(Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; I Pet. 3:21; Rom. 6:3-4)
- **You Are Then Added to the Church by the Lord.** Acts 2:47.

You should now live a Christian Life by:

- **LOVING GOD FIRST**—(Matthew 10:37 and 22:37).
- **STUDY**— II Timothy 2:15; 3:16,17; and Acts 17:11.
- **PRAY**—Phil. 4:6-7; I Timothy 2:8.
- **ASSEMBLE**—Heb. 10:25-27; and look at Matt. 18:20.
- **GIVE**—I Cor. 16:1-2; II Cor. 9:6-7.
- **HELP SAVE OTHERS**— Matt. 28:19-20 and John 15:1-6, 16.

Living for Jesus a life that is true...

are ill, and others for whom a card would be important. Some may also write appreciation cards to members of the church who are serving well in the church and/or community and are not often noticed. The person coordinating this aspect of the evening's activities will already have gathered the cards to send and will have a list indicating the address and the reason for writing each card. Those wishing to do this activity may choose the ones whom they wish to write. All the materials needed are provided.

A third area of work is making phone calls to those who fit in some of the previously listed categories. And the fourth group makes food deliveries using food left from the evening meal at the church. They take food to shut-ins, the sick, the recently bereaved, the elderly, and others with special needs. Each of these four teams has a coordinator who gets everything ready for those who serve each night. Other activities that could be included are a group who will pray during this time, a group who might work on needed repairs or other work around the building and lawn, and a group who would do some office work or mailings.

One of the benefits of the program is that people of all ages can participate. Child-care is provided for children up to third grade. Those from fourth grade up are included in the work. From pre-teens, teens, and singles to the elderly there is something for a every person to do—visiting, writing, calling, delivering. Still others are part of the support staff who prepare the meal, clean up, and get things ready for others to do. In Wellington, a congregation of about 125, the average number of workers on Monday nights is about fifty.

In addition to offering the opportunity for many to serve who might not otherwise get involved, the program offers an excellent time of fellowship for those who come. They eat together and they work together. The evening is especially encouraging to those who are older because it gives them an opportunity to be with other Christians and gives them a sense of being useful.

The cost for the program is relatively small for the amount of good done. The food is covered by the church budget since the group is gathering for important work. Some places, however, allow those eating to make a donation toward

the cost if they wish. Other small cost items are purchasing cards to send, mailing, and other incidentals. Some congregations have chosen to meet on other nights than Monday, but that is the most common time for these work nights. As Bodine points out, these activities go to the heart of the mission of the church—saving the lost and keeping the saved in the fold. The plan includes evangelism, edification, and benevolence. And, in the process, of course, those who participate are themselves strengthened spiritually.

For more information on this type of program, contact Gary Bodine, at 620-326-7511 or at gb4jc@sbcglobal.net. Posted on January 20th, 2010 in [Follow-up Activities](#)

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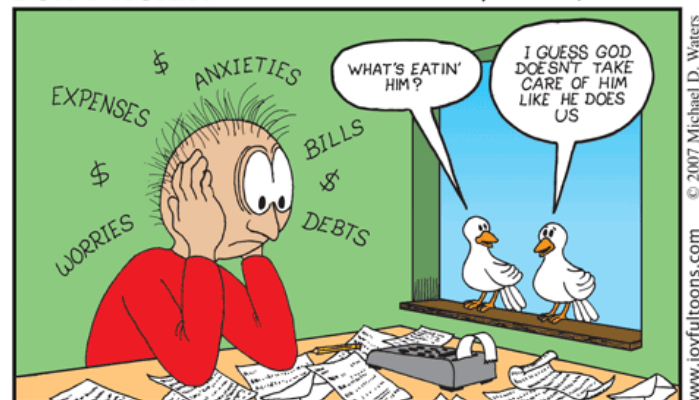


"Life is not about waiting for the storms to pass—it's about learning how to dance in the rain."

Be kinder than necessary, because everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.

DON'T WORRY

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?
— MATTHEW 6:26-27 NIV

This cartoon shared by Wyvonne Bourn

Striving to please Him in all that we do....



SETTLING PROBLEMS IN THE WILL OF GOD

Lot also, who was with Abram, had flocks and herds and tents. Now the land was not able to support them, that they might dwell together, for their possessions were so great that they could not dwell together. And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. The Canaanites and the Perizzites then dwelt in the land. Please read Genesis 13:5-11, 14-18, to find out how Abram resolved the problem and how God responded.

As we begin to walk in the will of God, one thing we learn is that we don't walk alone. We find many other people journeying with us.

If we were walking alone, with no one else in sight on that pathway, I suppose it might be a peaceful stroll down through the years. There wouldn't be any disagreements or disputes. There wouldn't be any hurt feelings or misunderstandings or ruffled feathers. But it would also be mighty lonely and uninteresting! As it happens, however, there are others who also seek God's will and walk beside us. And where there are people—even redeemed people—bound for the same destination, there is always potential for confusion or conflict. If there is never any threat of conflict where you live, work, or worship, then someone is probably too intimidated to speak up!

One potential outcome of the conflict among herdsmen was that their strife might spill over onto Abraham and Lot themselves, putting their relationship at risk. In the Old West they had a name for that sort of flare-up: range war! It would usually end with a armed face-off between

the two cattle barons, where one would say to the other, "This country ain't big enough for the two of us!"

But Abraham was God's man, and his growth in God's grace equipped him with a problem solving capability from which we can all learn. The potential destructive showdown between the uncle and the nephew never occurred. But we shouldn't let that pass as just another fact. There are principles to be gained here, and they merit our searching them out.

Abraham discovered what we must all admit at certain points in our lives: When you walk the way of the Lord with others following the same path, at times even the closest of our relationships will be tested. It's significant to recognize that Abraham, "Father of the Faithful" and one of the most noble men who has ever followed in the way of the Lord, realized his relationship with a close family member was in jeopardy.

It could happen to any of us.

The fact that we're walking in the will of God doesn't mean for a moment that we will be free of relationship struggles. On the contrary, we realize from Scripture that such conflicts are inevitable. And unless these disputes are resolved using biblical patterns, the body of Christ may suffer stumbling, division, and hurt.

Please remember Christ in all you do and say and maybe you can resolve some problems before they become problems.

God loves us all. In His love, **Cline**

Men remember that February 13th is the Men's Prayer Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.

February 14 "Valentine's Day"—Also, our FELLOWSHIP Meal after the evening service. Bring your favorite "LOVE" dish and enjoy celebrating the birthday's and anniversaries for February.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday:

Bible Study.....9:00 A.M.

A.M. Worship.....10:00 A.M.

P.M. Worship.....6:00 P.M.

Wednesday:

Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.

Men's Prayer Breakfast/Business Meeting

2nd Saturday of every month at 8:00 a.m.

"Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life."

Philippians 2:14-16

We are sad to say goodbye to **Samantha Osbon, London and Sydney**. Samantha took a job in Baton Rouge. She has already gone ahead. The girls will join her soon. Please pray that her job will work out well for her there.

Lou, we thank you for all the work you do in keeping us updated with a new Directory each month. Also, for the Birthday/Anniversary calendar.



CHILDREN'S CLASSES

SUNDAY CLASSES

Cradle Roll:

6 mts—17 months

Debbie Pilcher

Toddler Class:

18 mts - 2.5 years

Kelly Draper

3, 4 & 5 years

Willie Huckabee

Kindergarten –2nd grade

Tammy Tillman

3,4,5,6,7 Grade

Linda Grubbs

SUNDAY BIBLE HOUR

For "5" Sundays of

FEBRUARY

Age 2 to 6 years

Sandra Draper

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

CLASSES:

3,4,5,6,7 Grades

Allen Tillman

Toddler—2nd Grade

Diane Sadler

ADULT CLASSES

SUNDAY MORNING CLASS

Allen Tillman

Hebrews

SUNDAY NIGHT

Joe Pilcher

6:00 P.M. CLASS

WED NIGHT CLASS

7:00 PM WEDNESDAY H.

Norman Moore

The Parables

Our Doctrine

The New Testament

Christ is the Lawgiver
Eph 4:7-16; I Cor 2:13; Eph 3:1-6

The Holy Spirit is the Revealer:
I Cor 2:13; Eph 3:1-6

The Apostles' Teaching is our Manual
Acts 2:42; Eph 2:20