

## News and Notes

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:


- Janice Ruffner** - Roelf Ruffner's wife, Columbia, TN. Blood clots, Fibromyalgia, Lung problems.
- Pat Miller** - Wife of Jim Miller, Gray, Maine preacher. In therapy from auto accident.
- Nancy Reed** - Various health issues.
- Patrick King** - Hemiplegic Migraine.
- Sandy Craig** - Ongoing kidney problems.
- Jo Ann McLerran** - COPD.
- Glenda Marble** - Lexington, Okla. - Heart problems.
- Debbie Post** - Wife of Salisbury, Maryland preacher Doug Post - Cancer.
- Sissy Craig** - For spiritual and emotional strength.
- Charles and Linda Pogue** - Congestive heart failure.
- Nancy Verkist** - Ellensburg, Washington. Von Hippel Lindau disease.
- Chuck Verkist** - Ellensburg, Washington. Undergoing treatment for Prostate Cancer.
- Don Smith** - Faithful brother in Christ persecuted for teaching fellow inmates in an Ohio prison.

**FLU TAKES A TOLL** - With all of our teachers out with flu and other related illnesses last week, Bible classes were cancelled. We pray all will be well this week and that they can be back with us.

**KENYA REPORT** - A report of the work in Kenya for January and February is on page 2 of this bulletin. We rejoice in the baptisms and restorations which resulted from these efforts, and for the preacher classes that continue at Kalamindi. We are grateful to all of our generous brethren who aid us in this great work of supporting Kenya preachers and widows. We have lost 40 percent of the monthly support we send to Kenya and need to replace that amount. Any additional support will be more than welcomed.

**ANNUAL CFTF LECTURESHIP** - The annual Contending For The Faith Lectureship begins this Friday evening and continues through Feb. 25 at Spring, Texas. The theme is "The 'I Am' Statements of Jesus." Jerry and Sherlene will attend and he will speak Saturday, Feb. 24 on the topic, "I Am The Alpha And Omega." All of the lectures will be live streamed, and later archived, at [www.churchesofchrist.com](http://www.churchesofchrist.com). This is the fourth Sunday, so Earl will preach at Northeast in Jerry's absence. We're also sending the bulletin early this week, as we will leave on Thursday.

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<b>Those Who Serve</b> <b>Sunday Morning, Feb. 25, 2018</b> First Prayer - Dylan Brewer    Closing Prayer - Patrick King Communion - Landry Brewer    Offering - Earl Reed <b>Sunday Afternoon, Feb. 25, 2018</b> First Prayer - Landry Brewer    Closing Prayer - Earl Reed	<b>Records - Feb. 18</b> Bible Class.....N/A Morning Worship.....12 Afternoon Worship.....9 Contribution.....\$246.00
<b>Weekly Meeting Times</b>	
Sunday Morning Bible Classes.....9:30 Sunday Morning Worship.....10:30 Sunday Afternoon Worship.....5:00	



# Sound Doctrine

**“But speak thou the things that become sound doctrine” (Titus 2:1)**

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## A Deadly Leaven In The Church

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There is a quiet leaven working within the church that is deadly to the souls of men. That leaven is a compromising spirit among preachers who regard themselves as “sound in the faith,” but refuse to preach “all the counsel of God” (Acts 20:27) and identify the source of error. They are described in this excerpt from an article by my good friend and brother in Christ, Gary L. Grizzell:

‘Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple’ (Rom. 16:17-18). This is where rank liberal and so-called ‘moderate,’ generally ‘conservative’ preachers deviate from following the strait and narrow. Speaking of the latter—the so-called moderate, generally conservative preachers—they will not defend the truth. They know they will lose their jobs. They will preach the truth on the plan of salvation and some other fundamentals, but will not proceed to defend the truth by publicly identifying the false teachers (and compromisers) in the brotherhood (and in denominationalism) who teach error on those subjects so that good brethren in the pew, the sheep, can avoid the wolves. And those ‘preachers’ will hate those preachers who have the courage to do so. Why? These ‘moderates’ and ‘conservatives’ are hirelings.

One only has to look at discussions on Face Book to find those kinds of preachers. One such preacher, named Jon Mitchell, chastised Dub McClish for exposing the nudity displayed in the Freed-Hardeman Art Department, saying, “...doing so in front of most unbelievers will put a stumbling block in their path to obedience to the gospel.” I asked him these questions: “Would you also, then, say that to preach against faith only would place a stumbling block before a denominational person? Would a sermon on baptism cause a

Baptist to stumble?” He replied, “To present first and foremost what the Bible says on faith and baptism is always right. ...To, while doing so, acknowledge in a generalized way that some teach differently than the Bible on these subjects and then point out the differences between what they say and what the Bible says in a kind and respectful manner is also always right.”

In other words, *do not* specifically identify any false teacher as wrong, per Romans 16:17-18. That man is a “moderate” or “balanced” preacher who would not preach error, but will refuse to preach “all the counsel of God.” The church is filled with his kind today, and they are spiritually deadly. They are compromisers who think more of public relations than they do the word of God. To them, it’s fine to identify false doctrine, but not its teachers. Just call false teachers, “some who teach differently than the Bible on these subjects” and preach, “in a generalized way.”

## Latest Kenya Report

Below is Benard’s report on recent gospel meetings in Kenya. We received this on Tuesday, Feb. 20, and rejoice in the souls saved. There were 17 baptisms and 18 restored to Christ.

### January

Jan. 3-Mar. 2—Eight Weeks Preachers Classes.

5-7—Leadership Seminar Benga church of (Two Baptisms)

5-7—Ligodho church of Christ planted (One Restored)

12-14—Luanda church of Christ gospel meeting

12-14—Mau Mau congregation Gospel meeting (Five Baptisms)

15-17—Goyo church of Christ Gospel Meeting (One Baptism)

19-21—Koiwalelach church of Christ Gospel Meeting

22-24—Umuri church of Christ Gospel meeting (Three Baptisms)

22-24—Leboo church of Christ Gospel meeting (Masai)

26-28—Ebenezar church of Christ Gospel meeting (One Baptism)

26-28—Kamaget church of Christ Gospel meeting (Masai)

29-31—Malele church of Christ Gospel meeting (Four Baptisms)

### February

2-4—Ndisi church of Christ Gospel meeting (One Restored)

5-7—Tilangok church of Christ gospel meeting (Masai)

5-7—Koinani Junction church of Christ gospel meeting (Six Restored)

9-11—Aroroin church of Christ Gospel meeting (Great Attendance)

9-11—Namwacha church of Christ Gospel meeting (One Baptism)

12-14—Togomda church of Christ Gospel meeting (Seven Men Restored)

12-14—Siriat church of Christ Gospel meeting (Two Baptized)

12-14—Sota church of Christ Gospel meeting

12-14—Muramba church of Christ Gospel meeting (Great Attendance)

16-18—Nyabigena church of Christ Gospel meeting (Three Restored)

16-18—Eastside church of Christ Gospel meeting

16-18—Tendonok Gospel meeting

23-25—Sugutek Gospel meeting

# Contending For The Faith Lectureship Conducted By

The Spring, Texas church of Christ  
February 23-25, 2018

## The “I Am” Statements Of Jesus Lectureship Schedule

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

6:30 p.m. - Congregational Singing - John West

7:00 p.m. - “I Am The Way” - Roelf Ruffner

8:00 p.m. - “I Am The Resurrection” - Terry Hightower

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

9:00 a.m. - “I Am The Door” - Geoff Litke

10:00 a.m. - “I Am The Good Shepherd” - Jess Whitlock

11:00 a.m. - “I Am The Light Of The World” - Gene Hill

1:30 p.m. - “I Am The Alpha And The Omega” - Jerry Brewer

2:30 p.m. - “I Came Not To Send Peace, But A Sword” - Wayne Blake

3:30 p.m. - “John 12:48” - John West

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:30 a.m. - “I Am The Bread Of Life” - Michael Hatcher

10:30 a.m. - “I Am The Vine” - Danny Douglas

1:30 p.m. - “I Am The Life” - Harrell Davidson

2:30 p.m. - “I Am The Truth” - Bruce Stulting

All Lectures will be live at [www.churchesofchrist.com](http://www.churchesofchrist.com)