

For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle? 1 Cor. 14:8



Chapel Clarion

Nokesville Gospel Chapel



A Few Notes on Leaven and Evil

By Alfred E. Bouter

Leaven is an ingredient in dough, in which fermentation is still active and which is added to new dough, causing it to rise. In Scripture, this process is used as an illustration of the progressive power of evil, causing defilement. Leaven's power can only be stopped through baking, a result of the application of fire, which speaks of judgment in God's Word. This matter of 'leaven' was serious business in Old Testament times. Before celebrating the Passover, the people had to remove all leaven from their homes and communities (Ex. 12:15, 19t). However, according to Leviticus 23:17, God's earthly people were to be presented to Him, symbolized by two baked wave-loaves containing leaven! Even though leaven was in them, its working had been brought to a halt and therefore the loaves could be presented to God, an apt illustration also of believers today, marked by self-judgment

We may connect these Old Testament illustrations with the instructions given, for example, in 1 Corinthians 5:1-13 and 11:27-32. These directives - if rightly applied - will stop leaven working in the

local assembly. How? First, a wicked person must be excommunicated from among the believers (1 Cor. 5:13). As a result of this discipline, the immoral man of 1 Corinthians 5, repented and was restored again, not only with God, but according to Paul's instructions, he was also to be brought back into fellowship with the assembly. Second, self-judgment by believers in general is needed. The Corinthians were 'puffed up' (this is the result of 'leaven,' also referred to in 1 Cor. 4:6, 18, 19, in contrast to love.

When discipline is no longer practiced collectively (as still was the case in Corinth, for which Paul gave instructions), it remains our personal and individual duty to honour the Lord's rights in separating ourselves from unjudged evil, further explained in 2 Timothy 2.

Chapel Happenings

Meetings

Sunday - 9:15 a.m. Breaking of Bread 10:05 a.m. Refreshments
10:30 a.m. Sunday School 11:05 a.m. Family Bible Hour

Wednesday - 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

Website – www.ngchapel.org

Speakers - “How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!”
(Psalm 119:103)

Sept. 1 - Nick **Sept. 8** - Roger **Sept. 15** - Matt **Sept. 22** - Scott **Sept. 29** - Tim B.

Manassas Rehab Ministry “O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation” (Psalm 95:1)

Come, visit and sing with us at the Manassas Rehab Center on Saturday, September 14 from 2-3 p.m.
Come be a blessing - and be blessed! Visit with the residents, their families and the staff. Sing the “old, old story of Jesus and His love.”

Upcoming Events

September 8th - We will have a pot luck dinner after the meeting. We will be celebrating the marriage of Daniel and Cassie by showering them with gifts to begin their life together.

September 10th, 3-4 p.m. - We will resume our ladies’ Bible study and prayer time as Heidi takes us through Proverbs 31.

September 28th - Ladies, mark your calendars for our second Ladies’ One Day Retreat. We will be blessed with messages from Joy Beer, missionary to Zambia. See the following page for more details.

September 29th - Tim Beer, missionary to Zambia, will be speaking.

October 6th - Mike Moody will be speaking.

Youth Meeting and Bible Study

The young people will be continuing their study of “Parables” by John MacArthur on September 6th and September 20th. They will be covering the third chapter. Questions? Please contact Micah.

Pray

Those with ongoing physical/medical problems:	Students/Teachers going back to school
Bejoy & Sharmila, George & Deepa, Amelia,	Those seeking employment
Jerry & Era, Beulah, Isobel, Bob & Cathy,	Our young couples
Mr. Roy, Millie	Youth meeting
Van der Hoeks - Beth, the family and Beth’s Mom	Rehab ministry
George and Hattie	Missionaries
Amelia (wrist) & Donna Lee (hand)	Our families
Mrs. Mathai (in hospital) and her family	Unsaved friends and loved ones
Wisdom for those caring for elderly parents	Our elders
Upcoming marriages	Our nation and its leaders

Nokesville Chapel One Day Ladies Retreat

HEARTS OF COMPASSION, HEARTS OF PRAYER

NOKESVILLE GOSPEL CHAPEL ONE-DAY LADIES' RETREAT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

NOKESVILLE GOSPEL CHAPEL

12809 FITZWATER DRIVE

NOKESVILLE, VA 20181



Come for fellowship, refreshment and spiritual encouragement with speaker Joy Beer. Joy and her husband Tim serve as missionaries to Zambia. Their ministry includes Bible teaching, evangelism in the mission hospital, maintenance work and caring for the elderly. There will be a craft time.

Lunch will be provided.

***RSVP: HEIDI POOLE AT MH.POOLE7@COMCAST.NET OR 703.928.9167**

***Please include sandwich choice: Turkey, Roast Beef or Mediterranean Veggie**

MISSIONARY PAGE

PRAY FOR GRAHAM AND BETTY FALCONER

Dear Saints,

With just two weeks before we return to NZ, there is a lot to do on the “Last minute” lists. But there are always the situations that have to be dealt with that are not on the list, like today, Graham spent all day trying to fix our electric gate. This was not at all in the plan. The sad thing is that now, even the control does not work. He will have to get a specialist in to fix it.

Tonight the Elders of the church met here for a meal. Graham said they had a really profitable time.

The last few weeks have been full on too. We are so thankful for the Lord’s help at the Retreat, despite quite a few not being able to get there due to sickness and other situations. But even so we had about 60 attend. The traffic getting to camp caused big problems with the 45 to 60 minute drive taking up to 4 ½ hours. Many did not arrive until after 11pm due to the traffic. But all agreed it was a very special time despite the setbacks. Thank you so much for praying.

The following Friday we headed for San Marcos which is over 2,500 m, where Graham was speaking every night and the day he didn’t I met with the ladies... Another day Graham was able to help for a while, digging the dirt to clear to lay the floor for a new Chapel. They were able to get the walls up 4 years ago but due to Covid and other hindering factors were not able to do more so meanwhile they meet in a large carport. They are now hoping to have an inauguration by Christmas.

Graham is speaking at church on Sunday and the following Sunday the Young People who usually meet here at our home every second Sunday are taking the service. I have put music to Philippians 4: 4-7. I have yet to actually practice with them. Please pray that they will quickly learn and sing it well. It is also the anniversary of the church too, so we are thrilled to be here for this as I actually encouraged those leading the Y.P. to get involved by taking a service. We started the YP’s work last year when we were here and it is going really well with good people leading it.

It is always sad leaving home here in Guatemala. We miss the people as so many we have seen grow up from babies and they are very much family. We also look forward to seeing family and friends in New Zealand again. We have 4 days in Los Angeles on our way back to NZ, staying with Julio and Lety Lopez, and visiting some Spanish churches.

Warmest greetings,

Graham and Betty