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Sunday School: 9:30
A.M. Worship: 10:30
P.M. Worship: 6:00
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm
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Proverbs 23:6-7
“Do not eat the bread of a
selfish man, or desire his
delicacies; for as he thinks
within himself, so he is. He
says to you, ‘Eat and drink!’
but his heart is not with you.”

*“I accept people for who they are and love
them. That doesn’t mean that I have to agree or
that I have to turn my back on the tenets of my
faith and reject the tenets of my faith when it
comes to homosexuality.”*

Ed Gillespie

Dealing With Guilt

Guilty people should feel guilty, and innocent people should feel innocent, right? All too often, the opposite is true. Those who have committed grievous sins sleep well at night, while those who are living faithfully cannot find peace.

There are two types of guilt: appropriate and inappropriate. Appropriate guilt occurs when one commits an objective sin. There is no doubt that the sin has been committed, and the violator regrets his actions. King David experienced appropriate guilt when the prophet Nathan confronted him with the facts of his sins. David repented of his sins based on his “godly sorrow” (II Cor. 7:9-10). Appropriate guilt is a neces-

sary step in the repentance process.

Inappropriate guilt is subjective. It happens when someone assumes he has done wrong or he conjures up scenarios where he is the bad guy. Inappropriate guilt usually arises when someone either has a poor self image or does not have a proper understanding of forgiveness. The past is always the present for someone struggling with inappropriate guilt.

When a person carries inappropriate guilt for a prolonged time, his heart is weakened, and he quickly feels unloved and useless.

As stated above, the cure for appropriate guilt is repentance. Sinful acts

left unconfessed will render a soul condemned. A man is in a desperate state if he no longer feels appropriate guilt for objective sins. The cure for inappropriate guilt is realizing that God made every person in His image, and He loves every person with a love that is beyond comprehension. No one goes through life undefeated, but no one is responsible for every pain in his life either. Even the apostle Paul, who was guilty of objective sins prior to becoming a Christian, was able to see himself as a valuable asset to the church. If we keep our eyes on heaven, we won’t be able to see our regretful past.

James Hayes

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Christian Activism

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On August 1, 2012 thousands of Christians ate at Chick-fil-A, a fast food chain headed by Dan Cathy, who recently told a Christian magazine that his company backed “the biblical definition of the family unit.” Conservative activist Mike Huckabee used his radio show and other media outlets to encourage like-minded Christians to eat at Chick-fil-A on August 1 as a sign of solidarity. By early evening of August 1, most Chick-fil-As had run out of food.

While honest Christians cannot deny God’s intention for marriage (Matt. 19:4-6), there is disagreement as to how the biblical message should be deliv-

ered to a lost world. Some Christians used social media to criticize the Chick-fil-A demonstration. They stated that Chick-fil-A Day would be interpreted by the homosexual community as an act of hate, and Christians should never be involved in acts of hate, prejudice, or discrimination. Others said that a more effective way to influence our communities would be to purchase chickens and feed the homeless and needy.

Supporters of Chick-fil-A Day said that the event was necessary in a world that is drifting further and further away from God’s Word. The President of the United States recently vo-

calized his support of gay marriage. Anyone who does not openly and unapologetically support the homosexual community is branded a bigot and worse. To patronize a business that supports biblical marriage is a way to support God’s will.

The Bible says that we should “hold fast to that which is good; abstain from every form of evil” (I Thess. 5:21-22). No matter what means we use to promote the gospel, we should do everything in the name of the Lord (Col. 3:17), remembering that our actions often speak louder than our words.

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Our Gospel Meeting was a tremendous success. Thanks to Bill Ruhl on his soul-stirring lessons, and to you for your participation. Our attendance each night was approximately the same as our Sunday morning worship!
- Wanda Billingsley is now recovering at home after a week of rehabilitation.
- Also remember Addie Farmer, Aaron Pirtle, and Sue Clymore.

Hillcrest Nursing Home Worship Today at 2:30
Over \$5000 Collected Last Week For The Building Fund!

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Gupton

Pray: J.W. Head

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Freddie Brown

Serve: Billingsley, J. Walker, L. Crabtree

Pray: Baker