

exposure, more attention and acknowledgment, **but there is no greater work than that of being a teacher in a Bible class.** Such a one has the opportunity of forming and molding young minds, and can have a more lasting impact on souls than we may ever realize.

Carl Jung, Swiss psychiatrist, wrote, "One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feelings." **With what greater gratitude do we remember those teachers who led us to Jesus by both their words and their deeds! Those who teach can not be given too much praise for their works' sake. We should stand ready to up hold their hands in their good works. By the same token, others need to be encouraged to fill the ever present need for Bible school teachers. As a Bible class teacher, one is truly about the Father's business of saving souls.**

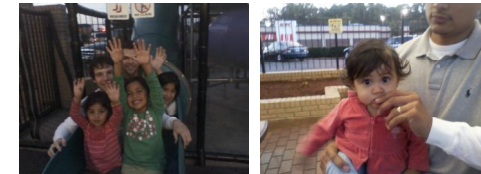
You may not be able to be a preacher, an elder, a deacon, a door to door personal worker, **but if you can, you should consider becoming a Bible class teacher. You become a sower of the Seed as much as any in the church; and by your words and example, you can become a soul winner.**

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Bulletin for Sunday, October 24, 2010



A little "after church fun" Sunday night!

We had a great day Sunday! Roger Leonard was here to update us on the work in Latin America. This is a great work that needs our continued support. **Please be in prayer about our upcoming budget planning. Purpose in your heart what you will give to further God's kingdom in the upcoming year.**

*Record for October 17, 2010*  
*Attendance 36*  
*Offering \$680.00*

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS



Don't forget that next Sunday, October 31 is "building fund Sunday".

There will be a Gospel meeting at Riverbend Church of Christ (formerly South Bypass) **November 7-11** with Charles Cochran.



*Coat Giveaway: Our winter clothing (coats, hoodies, hats, scarves, and gloves) has been scheduled for Saturday, November 6 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. If you have not yet signed up to help Friday night or Saturday, please sign up on the table below the tract rack. There are also*

*flyers for you to take and pass out in your neighborhood.*

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We are happy to announce that the nursery has a new 8 seat toddler table! Teachers and parents, please make sure that no one sits or leans on the table (older children or adults). The table was very expensive and we need it to last for many years!



*Members: Teacher questionnaires need to be turned in to Willard or Kevin by **Sunday, October 31**. We plan to have workshops for the teachers in order to prepare them for this most important role. If you are interested at all in teaching now or in the future, **please turn in a questionnaire.***

Barbara Warren has requested prayer for **John Turner**, who is presently in Hamilton Medical Center.

We have learned that Curtis Love's cancer is operable and treatable with medication. Please keep Curtis and his family in your prayers as he faces surgery and treatment.

Callie Paige, Shirley Hill's mother, has been in the hospital recently. She is back at the nursing home now and would appreciate your cards and letters. Her address is:

Callie Paige  
c/o Chatsworth Health Care Center  
Hospital Drive  
Room # 139  
Chatsworth, GA 30705

*There are several members of the Lord's church in our community who are confined to their homes and are unable to attend services. Please pray daily for these loved ones and encourage them with cards and visits. Callie Paige (Chatsworth Health Care Center), Lillian Criswell (confined to home) Cecil Hill (confined to home)*

*Continue to remember in prayer: the Lord's church (worldwide), our missionaries, our nation and her leaders, and our service men and women on foreign soil, Steve Weaver, Edna Dooley, Eathel Currey, Betty Holt, Nelle Tipton, Gene Smith, Diane Combe, The Genny Green family, Chovo Barrientos, Efrain Villareal, and Raymond Castaneda*

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**This article was taken from the Lakeside Church of Christ's bulletin. It shows what a tremendous effect a Bible school teacher can have on the life of a child.**

Note: Ordinarily you do not read the first person here, but because of the nature of this article, I have related a personal experience as the basis of our lesson. --James S. McDonald, Jr.

In the 1940's, sister Hugh Lee Hardage, Sr., was my Sunday school teacher. My memory of her will always be vivid in my mind and heart. I was in her class for the last three years of my elementary school years. Those were important and formative years for me and the other members of her class. She knew this and rose to the meet the challenge.

My brother was in high school, and, although we were given encouragement to attend, we were the only ones in my family who attended Bible school and worship in my family at the time. Therefore, the time we spent in fellowship with the saints was precious. But most of all, I remember sister Winifred Derryberry Hardage. She became something of a spiritual mother to me.

Her influence on me was greater than I am sure she ever realized. This was because of her devotion and dedication as my Bible school teacher. I must admit that I was not always prepared for our lessons in our early years together. But sister Hardage kept with me, encouraging me to study my Bible, and in our last year together, I was always sure to have my lesson book (based on filling in blanks from the Scriptures) completed. When it came time for me to pass on to the junior high class, I wanted very much to stay behind with sister Hardage. I did, of course, move up into the next class where brother Collier McGehee was to become an equal to sister Hardage in his desire to teach the Word to his young charges.

Sister Hardage had a large family of nine children; she was very active in many good works; and yet she made time to prepare and teach her Bible class and to take a special interest in all of her students, especially the

gangly kid who never dressed quite as well as most others who attended, and never dreamed that one day he would go to college to become a teacher/gospel preacher.

Later when I was in high school and no longer in sister Hardage's class, I will always remember when she invited me to her home one day where she gave me an overcoat. It was much needed and appreciated. That coat, in time, became a special token of remembrance to me of sister Hardage, not only as my Bible teacher, but for the generous person she was. That overcoat was with me during my college years and for several years after. I eventually began to out grow it and gave it to a brother in Christ who had been burned out and lost everything. I always liked to think I was passing on the legacy of generosity taught to me by sister Hardage.

The warmth of that coat is still a reminder to me of the warm and caring nature of sister Hardage. She was and still is an enduring influence in not only my life, but I am sure, the lives of many others.

**Being a Bible school teacher is to be a sower of the seed of the Word of God. As the seed falls on different degrees of receptive hearts, the sower cannot always know how the seed is received or how lasting its impact. (Matthew 13:3-9). Therefore, the teacher does not always see the immediate fruit of her/his labors.** Sister Hardage passed away before I went to college, and never heard a sermon I preached, but she was influential in giving that direction to my life.

During my formative, early years, I sat at the feet of as able a preacher as anyone could, brother D. Ellis Walker; however, it was in that basement class room with sister Hardage that the foundation was laid, and encouragement was given to study the Word deeply.

**Studies continue to indicate that a larger percentage of those baptized into the body of Christ do so because of lessons learned from devoted Bible school teachers, who do not always see the immediate results of their labors. These teachers (perhaps several over a period of years) provide the "building blocks" of faith building until, at last, the seed sowing brings forth the fruit of obedience .**

There are many areas of work to be done in the church. The church is as a body with many members, each with his own talents. Some may receive more public