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"Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? (Matthew 7:4)."

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Please remember to pray for the sick. Also, please call, send cards to, and visit the sick.

BIBLE SCHOOL CORNER

Perfect Attendance Record for V.B.S.

This year each young person who was with on the last night of our Vacation Bible School had Perfect Attendance. There were many with Perfect Attendance. These individuals have already been recognized with Certificates, but we say, great job!

News

- We are very appreciative for your presence today!
- The Campaign church of Christ has received • the following invitation:

The Faculty, Administration, and Graduating Class of **Tennessee Bible College** Announce that Brandi Cheyenne Gann Is a candidate for The diploma of Bihle **At the Commencement Exercises** Tuesday, June Eighteenth, Two thousand nineteen 7:30 in the evening **Tennessee Bible College** Cookeville, Tennessee

- East End church of Christ Summer Series 2019, Sunday evenings through July 7 at 5:00 PM; Speakers: Mike Swims (today), Keith Richie (June 23), Clarence Deloach (June 30), Chris Perry (July 7)
- East End Drive church of Christ Vacation Bible School 2019, this Monday through Friday; Theme: "Marooned;" Classes for all ages with different speakers for the Adult Class at 7:00 PM nightly; Jason Gann will be speaking on June 20
- Happy Anniversary to Kevin and Lisa Rowland, who celebrate today!
- This week's suggested pantry item: Pop Tarts

"THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH: PART 1" **BY: B. C. GOODPASTURE**

Everything which God has made in creation and redemption has a mission. Nothing walks with aimless feet in the economy of God. The church is a divine institution—it is of divine origin. It, therefore, has a mission.

The building of the church was an expensive undertaking. The Lord could create the heavens and the earth without the shedding of a single drop of blood, but without shedding of His own blood He could not establish the church. "Christ also loved the church, and gave himself up for it" (Eph. 5:25). He purchased the church with His own blood (Acts 20:28). Even before His death, Jesus sacrificed for the church. "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might become rich" (2 Cor. 8:9). He was rich in terms of heavenly and eternal values, yet He became poor, "emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, becoming obedient even unto death, yea, the death of the cross" (Phi. 2:7-8). Surely Christ would not have made such sacrifices for the church unless it was to have a mission in some measure worthy of its cost. What, then, is the mission of the church?

The question can be answered both negatively and positively. It is not the mission of the church to furnish **amusement** for the world or even for its own members. Innocent amusement in proper proportion has its place in the life of all normal persons, but it is not the business of the church to furnish it. The church would come off a poor second if it undertook to compete with institutions established for the express purpose of entertaining people. It would make itself ridiculous if it entered into such competition. Again, it is not the responsibility of the church as such to furnish recreation for its members. A certain amount of recreation is necessary to the health and happiness of the individual. All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, it is said, and rightly said; but it is not the function of the church to furnish the play. The church was not established to feature **athletics**. Rather, it emphasizes the principle that "bodily exercise is profitable for a little; but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life which now is, and of that which is to come" (1 Tim. 4:8). Sometimes one would conclude, from the emphasis given to recreation, that godliness is profitable for a little, and that bodily exercise is profitable for all things.

For the church to turn aside from its divine work to furnish amusement and recreation is to pervert its mission. It is to degrade its mission. Amusement and recreation should stem from the home rather than the church. The church, like Nehemiah, has a great work to do; and it should not come down on the plains of Ono to amuse and entertain. As the church turns its attention to amusement and recreation, it will be shorn of its power as Samson was when his hair was cut.

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