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"But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking (Matthew 6:7)."

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SICK LIST

Laura Bain	Peggy Nunley
Briggs Davis	Vennie Parsons
Bert Denton	Janet Pitts
Grace Denton	Mae Prater
Frances Driver	Brenda Qualls
LeAnn Duke	Tom Quick
Terri Glisson	Alan Seibers
Hugh Hillis	Katelyn Smith
Davie King	Greg Wanamaker
Lynwood Langley	Gary Ward
Dorothy Mayfield	Evelyn Youngman
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Please remember to pray for the sick. Also, please call, send cards to, and visit the sick.

BIBLE SCHOOL CORNER Listening to God

We must listen to God as He speaks to us through His Word! Let us study His Word! Let us pray every day!

NEWS

- We welcome you!
- Help us to restock our pantry. This week's suggested pantry item is any item. All pantry items are accepted.
- Ladies, please visit "Blessing of Heaven" blog for ladies at www.blessingofheaven.org

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Minus the Bible, ears will be tickled (2 Tim. 4:3-4), the church will no longer be "holding forth the word of life" (Phil. 2:16), fun will be the order of the day, and souls will be lost (2 Cor. 4:3)!

I sincerely hope that we will consider these points of concern. I am very much aware of the fact that what has been outlined here is characteristic of many congregations of the Lord's church today. Brethren, we must "give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip" (Heb. 2:1).

"THE CHURCH AND PRESENT TRENDS: PART 2" BY: BOB PATTERSON

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2. Will be hurting in the area of leadership! In many places the church will not have elders and will not have much prospect of having elders in the future. Sad to say, many elderships today are filled with men who either do not possess the qualifications that God has given (1 Tim. 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9), or they do not have any concept of the work that God has placed upon them (Titus 1:9-11; 1 Tim. 3:2; Acts 20:28-31; Heb. 13:17; 1 Thess. 5:12-15; 1 Peter 5:1-3; Eph. 4:11-16; James 5:13-16). There are also many attacks against elderships by some who are unwilling to be submissive and obedient to those men charged with the watch-care of their souls (Heb. 13:17). Thus, there is not very much appeal for men to desire this work!

3. Will have little (if any) discipline! To many, the idea of fellowship is absolutely meaningless, making the "discipline" that is often involved meaningless as well! All manner of misconduct is virtually overlooked (or tolerated) without consequences. We dare not neglect this area of responsibility (1 Cor. 5; 2 Cor. 2:1-9; Rom. 16:17-18; 2 Thess. 3:6,14-15; Titus 3:10-11). Discipline ignored for years usually means discipline ignored permanently!

4. Will have homes which are unscriptural, or if not unscriptural, homes which are virtually powerless as far as having and demonstrating a godly influence! We are already well aware of the fact that marriage-divorce-remarriage has crippled the church. I was personally told by an elder (concerning a couple in an unscriptural relationship where I was working at the time), "Bob, How can you be so sure? After all, the scholars disagree among themselves!" Can any doubt what direction this kind of thinking will lead the church toward? Jesus, the master teacher, was very plain in the area of marriage, divorce, and remarriage (Matt. 5:31-32; 19:9; Mark 10:11-12). Beyond that problem, there are many other areas of concern relating to the family which are being ignored (Eph. 5; 6:1-4; Col. 3:18-21; Titus 2:1-8; 1 Peter 3:1-7).

5. Will replace New Testament truth and work, opting instead to please and entertain the membership! Should we be surprised? I mean, after all, one who is ignorant of the truth is not going to call for a return to the "old paths, where is the good way" (cf. Jer. 6:16) because he does not know any better. Likewise, the same will be true concerning various areas of work because one must go to the Word of God in order to be "throughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Tim. 3:17). (*Note: Continued on Page 3*)

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