

ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE CHURCH: Part 3

In the first two articles we observed that some are attempting to cast aside what the written word of God teaches about the role of women in worship. The first article examined the scriptures which establish the limited role women are allowed in worship **when the whole church comes together** (1 Cor. 14:34-35) and her **not usurping the authority** of men (1 Tim. 2:9-12). The second article was about the **culture** of Paul’s day and **questions** that arise about special occasions such as weddings, funerals, etc.

These first two articles examined the limitation placed on women in the worship assemblies; however, this article is about the role of women that greatly benefits the kingdom of God. There are a number of women mentioned in the New Testament who were praised because of their commitment to the work of the kingdom.

There was the work of **Phoebe**, a helper to Paul and many others; “I commend to you Phoebe our sister, who is a servant of the church in Cenchrea, that you may receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, assist her in whatever business she has need of you; for indeed she has been a helper of many and myself also,” Rom. 16:3-4. The help of **Priscilla** was noted by Paul, even risking her life for him (Romans 16:3-4). A woman named **Mary** “bestowed much labor” on Paul and others (Romans 16:6). There is also **Tryphena, Tryphosa,** and **Persis** who “labored in the Lord” and “labored much in the Lord” (Rom. 16:12). What can the women do in the kingdom?

Benevolence is an important work (James 2:14-16; 1 John 3:17). Women are well-suited for this work. They bring **grace and beauty**, about which men are not as capable. They have unique attributes, which lend themselves well to this work: mercy and compassion are almost second-nature. I think of **Dorcias** who ministered to needy widows (Acts 9:36-39).

Edification is one of the great contributions of women in the church, which causes “the growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love,” Eph. 4:15-16. They “bear burdens,” “comfort the fainthearted,” and “uphold the weak” (Gal. 6:2; 1 Thess. 5:11, 14). Grandmothers and mothers do much in teaching our children the way of the Lord. I

think of **Lois and Eunice** who taught the scriptures to Timothy (2 Tim. 1:5; 2 Tim. 3:14-15). Older women can and should teach the younger women (Titus 2:3-5). Many teachers and preachers have been helped by godly women encouraging them in their work, and that includes me; for, it was the encouraging words of an elder’s wife when I was a teenager that influenced me to think about becoming a preacher.

Evangelism is another contribution of women. Carrying out the great commission of reaching souls for Christ and teaching them is a responsibility of every Christian (Acts 8:1, 4). Women can help support those who preach publicly (Rom. 16:3-4). **Priscilla** opened her home so the church could meet (1 Cor. 16:19; Romans 16:3-5; Acts 18:1-4). A husband and wife team, Aquila and **Priscilla**, took the preacher Apollos aside after he had preached and taught him more accurately the great commission baptism (Acts 18:24-26).

Many souls have been saved and churches started through the evangelistic efforts of godly women. Jesus said to go into all the world and preach the gospel. We live in a new world when it comes to technology. Women **write articles** for our “brotherhood” papers. They **write** good study books, which can be used in any setting. I have used Lottie Beth Hobbs books in my Ladies Bible Classes. Joanne Howe’s book, *Biblical Answers to Catholic Questions*, has just been published. Some have web sites to teach the word and do correspondence courses. The list could go on, but we appreciate all they do to build and grow the kingdom of Christ. We are grateful for their grace and beauty. Charles Williams

SYMPATHY

Our Love and Sympathy to Wanda Green on the passing of her sister-in-law, Joyce Sawyer, this week. Funeral services were held Tuesday in Nashville.

Our Love and Sympathy is extended to Cecile Kemp on the passing of her husband, J. C. Kemp, this week. Funeral services were held in Gallatin on Wednesday.

Our Love and Sympathy to Ricky & Debbie Robertson on the passing of Debbie’s uncle, Earl Stringer, this week. Funeral services were held Thursday in Gallatin.

HOUSE TO HOUSE/HEART TO HEART

We will need all of our volunteers next Wednesday evening, February 1st, to help apply labels to the House to House/Heart to heart brochures. Please meet in the Fellowship Room immediately following classes.

EXCELS ACTIVITY

The Excels Group will meet at the Grecians Greek and Italian Restaurant in Gallatin at 6:00 p.m. this **Saturday January 28th**. We will then go to the building for games. Please sign the list in the foyer if you plan to attend.

5TH SUNDAY DEVOTIONAL

Sunday, January 29th is the time for the 5th Sunday Devotional at the Gallatin Health Care at 2:00 p.m. Nashville Road is in charge of the devotional and we invite you to come and enjoy this time with the residents.

DORCAS CLASS

All young ladies from 4th grade up are invited to attend the Dorcas Class taught by **Pam Newby** from 9 – 10:30 a.m. each Saturday in February, beginning February 4th. Class will meet in the Fellowship Room and will begin with a Bible lesson and then a service project.

LADS TO LEADERS ACTIVITIES

Scrapbook participants will meet Saturday, January 28th at 10 a.m. at the home of **Betty Melcher**. Bible Bowl, Puppet & Song leading participants will meet Sunday, January 29th in the Fellowship Room at 4 p.m. The Bible Bowl written test will be Saturday February 11th at 11 a.m. All Lads to Leaders participants, parents and coaches are invited to a meal in the Fellowship Room following the test at 1:30 p.m. Please bring drinks and items to go with hot dogs.

YOUTH DEVOTIONALS

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in back of the auditorium for you to sign if you would like to host a devotional in your home or in the Fellowship Room. We also need volunteers to present the devotionals.

**Ladies Bible Class meets each Tuesday at 10 a.m.
Come and join us.**

**ORDER OF SERVICE
SUNDAY
JANUARY 29, 2012**

**BIBLE STUDY 9:00 A.M.
CLASSES FOR ALL AGES**

Prayer.....Bernard Tabers
Nursery.....P. Buck

WORSHIP 10:00 A.M.

Welcome.....Don Wilson
Song Leader.....David Hutson
Opening Prayer.....David Johnson
Table.....Jim Cherry
Serve.....B. Smith, And. Sherrill, T. Jennings
J. Cato, C. Suddarth, K. Veale
Sermon.....Charles Williams
Closing Prayer.....Lee Boone
Ushers.....J. Kreynus, G. Rowlett, B. Johnson
Nursery.....M. Smith
Greeters.....(N. Dr.)C/P Newby (S. Dr.)T/L Butler
(Those serving should be downstairs 5 minutes early)

WORSHIP 6:00 P.M.

Welcome.....Don Wilson
Song Leader.....David Hutson
Opening Prayer.....Carl Newby
Sermon.....Charles Williams
Table.....C. Simmons/C. Bracey
Closing Prayer.....Adam Williamson
Nursery.....M. Smith

**WEDNESDAY FEB. 1, 7:00 P.M.
CLASSES FOR ALL AGES**

Welcome.....Don Wilson
Song Leader:David Hutson
Opening Prayer.....Glenn Rowlett
Closing Prayer.....Jack Cato
Close Building in Jan.....Charles Simmons
Treasurer Assist Jan.....J. Cherry/C. Bracey
Visitor Desk Volunteer.....B. Johnson

IF YOU CANNOT SERVE, PLEASE CALL
Chris Tyler.....452-4610
Church Office.....452-3431
Care Line Number.....452-2464

ZONE # 2

Your zone is responsible for picking up the communion cups and straightening the songbooks during the month of January.

SICK LIST

James Williams is in rm. 3208 at Stallworth Rehab Hospital. **Prentice Williams** is recovering at home. **Vickie Wilson** is recovering at home. **Harold Petty** is ill at home. **Junior Jenkins** had surgery on his hand Tuesday. **Ernestine Woodward**, mother of Debbie Robertson, is in room 664 at Sumner Regional. **Kathy Anderson**, sister-in-law of June Thompson, is very ill. **Gladys Downs**, aunt of Charles & Shirley Brown, is in rm. 243 at Hendersonville Hospital. **Joyce Groger**, grandmother of Cooper Groger, is in the hospital in Miss. with pneumonia. **Billy Driver**, friend of Dorothy Sullivan & Judy Long, began 6 wks of chemo treatments on Monday. **Janice Sherlock**, step-daughter of James Buchanan, has cancer of the stomach and will begin chemo this week. **Scotty Jones**, nephew of Sue Kloes, is very ill in Vanderbilt. **Tony Perry**, son of Betty Buttrey, is in room 8610 at Baptist. **Noah Crowe**, cousin of Layna Rowlett, is recovering at home. **Joyce Hill**, sister of Fay Simmons, has returned home from the hospital. **Helen Pinckley**, wife of Bobby Pinckley, is at home but will continue speech and physical therapy. **Randy Maberry**, nephew of Mary Spivey, is not doing well. He is at home. **Patsy Russell**, sister of Charles Williams, is now on hospice at home. **Debbie Jackson**, sister of Betty Johnson, has finished her treatments. **Cyndy Zimmerle**, sister of Teri Clark, has a stage 4 brain tumor. **Marie Dillard & Ann Copeland**, sisters of Sara Schell, are both very ill. **Dewey & Purnie Melcher**, brothers of Jimmy Melcher, are both in ill health.

PRAYER LIST

Randy Maberry, nephew of Mary Spivey; **Debbie Hill**, sister of Bernard Tabers; **Ashton Jones**; **Zack McCreary**; **Milton Hoffman**; **Wanda Green**; **Lurline Yarchever**; **Nicole Shoulders**, granddaughter of Rosie Copeland; **Nathleen Skinner**, sister of J.H. Catron; **Patsy Russell**, sister of Charles Williams; **Louise Beard**, sister-in-law of Jane Hughes; **Wayne Holt**, nephew of Grace Bracey; **Noah Crowe**, cousin of Layna Rowlett; **Pat McCormack**, friend of Debbie Robertson; **Felix Eanes**; **James Bouchard**, cousin of Amy Moreau; **John Gregory**, brother-in-law of Wanda Gregory; **Richard Wilson**, friend of James Williams; **Jim Woodward**, father of Debbie Robertson; **Delaney Bruce**, friend of Betty Johnson; **Harold Cole**, friend of Lena Baggett; **Mildred Harris**, mother of Shirley

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Peeler; **Bobbie Carter**, sister of Janice Johnson; **Ted Lawrence**, brother of Wanda Proctor; **Walter Wooten**, brother of Wanda Sherrill; **Tony Witherspoon**, friend of Jane Hughes; **Jim Hutson**, father of David Hutson; **Millard Buchanan**, brother of James Buchanan; **We depend on families and friends to help us update this list. Please notify us of any change.**

SHUT-INS

Joe Crowder, rm. 131 at Terrace at Bluegrass; **Geneva Pryor**, 114 Imperial Manor, Madison; **Ruby Wright**; **Clara Glaus**, mother of Beverly Claiborne, rm. 603, Cumberland Manor Nursing Home, Nashville. **Minnie Webster**, **Lillie Sisco**, **Mary Mann**, **Sadie Fortner**, & **Jean Thurman**.

OUR RECORD LAST WEEK

Bible Study.....	117
Morning Worship.....	189
Sunday Evening.....	114
Wednesday Evening.....	100
Contribution.....	\$5,422.50
Youth Group Account.....	\$4,182.13

Elders

Tony Butler.....	452-0560
Jim Cherry.....	479-2149
James Spivey.....	451-0776
Bernard Tabers.....	230-0630
Chris Tyler.....	452-4610
Jerry Watson.....	826-6385

Deacons

Emery Binkley	Charles Bracey
Bob Harris	Bob Henderson
David Johnson	Carl Newby
Mike Pearson	Alex Sherrill
Brent Smith	Ken Veale

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sun. Bible Study 9:00 a.m. • Sun. Morning Worship 10:00 a.m. • Sun. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. •
Wed. Evening Bible Class 7:00 • Tues. Ladies Bible Class 10:00 a.m. September-May

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