

Do You Know the Lord of the Work?

[1Co 3:13 KJV] 13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

I recently read a quote by George Carey that stated, "When the fire of prayer goes out, the barrenness of busyness takes over." In this modern world, we have so many options to keep us busy from day to day. Many times we even take pride in how busy we are; especially when we are doing things that we feel are God's work. When people ask us how we are doing, often the response is "I'm busy, but I'm blessed". Well, as believers, we are indeed blessed, but busyness is not necessarily a good sign. Why? Looking at the quote, we see that often times people are so busy doing what we feel is the "Lord's Word", that we don't make time to get to know the Lord of the Work.

In Matthew 7:15-29, Jesus starts out talking about being aware of false prophets, and then He moves to discussing good trees and good fruit, versus corrupt trees and evil fruit. It's important to note here, that both trees produce fruit, but Jesus clearly tells us that not all fruit is good fruit. He goes on to talk about people who claim to do many great

things in His name, but Jesus tells them in verse 23, "... I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." Jesus says, "I NEVER knew you"! In other words, these people were either not even saved and just doing religious work, or they never developed an intimate relationship with God, because they were too busy doing work.

When all your work is based on *your* standards, your terms, your schedule, you have not included God in your plans. The result of leaving God out is always going to be evil fruit. Your busyness has caused you to be so preoccupied with your own work, that you have neglected spending time with and developing intimacy with God in order to hear His voice, His plan, His standards, His direction for your life. When you follow God's plans, He will direct you to do His work, which will be fulfilling and still allow you time to enjoy life and family. God is not interested in wearing us out. He wants us to Experience abundant LIFE!

Church Events

Wednesday, June 15the

Couples & Singles LIFE Groups Sessions will begin @ 6:15 PM No corporate prayer

June 18th

Church Clean-up

8 AM – until

Sign up for your assignment

TODAY!

June 22nd - 24th

Vacation Bible School
Time TBA
Meeting after service TODAY!

July 28th - 30th

Motion Youth Conference
Birmingham, AL
Sign up if you want your teen or
preteen to attend!
www.motionstudents.com

Announcements

- PRAYER MINISTRY TRAINING MAKE UP SESSIONS This course is applicable for any believer who wants to be trained in "how to minister" to those in need of healing. The classes are open to all LWC members. If you missed or are unable to attend Tuesday classes, make-up sessions are on Sundays after service or Tuesdays after Morning Prayer.
- ATTENTION MARRIED OR SOON TO BE MARRIED COUPLES!!! Do you want a marriage made in Heaven? If you are struggling in your marriage or if you have a good marriage and you want it to be even better, join us beginning on Wednesday, May 4th for our Marriage on the Rock Small Group Bible Study!

SINGLES, WE HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU TOO! We will also have LIFE group sessions for single adults dealing with common issues faced by Christian singles today. We'll have sessions for teens too! **Sessions will begin at 6:15 PM**

- CHURCH CLEAN-UP Join us this Saturday from 8 AM

 until as we make beautify and organize the
 wonderful facilities God has blessed us with! Sign-up for your assignment TODAY!
- VACTION BIBLE SCHOOL We are finalizing plans for VBS to be held June 22 - 24. All volunteers are asked to meet with Mrs. Meriam following service TODAY!

- MOTION16 YOUTH CONFERENCE BIRMINGHAM, AL JULY 28 30 Teens & Preteens if you would like to attend this exciting event please have your parents pick up an info sheet TODAY. The first of two \$25 payments for those attending is due on Sunday, June 26th. The 2nd payment is due on July 17th.
- JOHNNY LEE SHEFFIELD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP –
 Thank you to all the students who submitted applications. We have contacted the winners and the Sheffield family will present the awards during service next Sunday!
- DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE GROWTH TRACK! If you are interesting in joining Living Word Church or just finding out more about who we are and who YOU are in Christ, we invite you to attend our Growth Track Sessions. Our Growth Track is a series of 4 sessions held immediately following service on the 1st 4th Sunday of each month. It's time to Experience LIFE!



IMPORTANT INFO

SICK & SHUT IN

If you are dealing with a physical challenge, or if you know of a member who is dealing with a physical challenge, please let us know so that we can contact them and agree in prayer for their recovery. To contact us, you may leave a confidential message at 205-530-0638.

DO YOU HAVE A TESTIMONY?

Have you received a blessing in your life due to applying the Word of God you have learned at Living Word Church? If so, please let us know so we can share it with others! We can either record your testimony, or read a transcript during our announcement time (if you don't like being on camera). Someone needs to hear your story, so don't hold back!!!

WANT TO JOIN THE LWC FAMILY?

If you want more information about joining Living Word, or if you would just like to find out more about who we are and what we believe, we invite you to join us TODAY!