

OPEN DOORS

MISSIONS RELIEF

“There is no neutral ground in the universe. Every square inch, every split second, is claimed by God and counterclaimed by Satan.”
~C.S. Lewis

The Wheat and the Weeds



WHAT ARE WE SOWING?

A few weeks ago, a troubling situation arose involving one of our children and one of their college classes. We had enrolled them in a Christian school, believing they would be instructed under the same or similar beliefs. That proved to not be the case in one particular class. Through prayer the Lord led me to Matthew 13:24-30 *Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. “The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’*

“‘An enemy did this,’ he replied.

“The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’

“‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time, I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’”

This passage reminded me that as Christians we should be like wheat, nourishing others with the Bread of Life. On the other hand, weeds may resemble life giving wheat but are in fact toxic. Jesus warns us in this

parable to be on guard against imposters who walk among us in Christian settings, worship alongside us in our churches, attend and teach in our Christian schools and organizations. They may appear to be believers but are masquerading frauds.

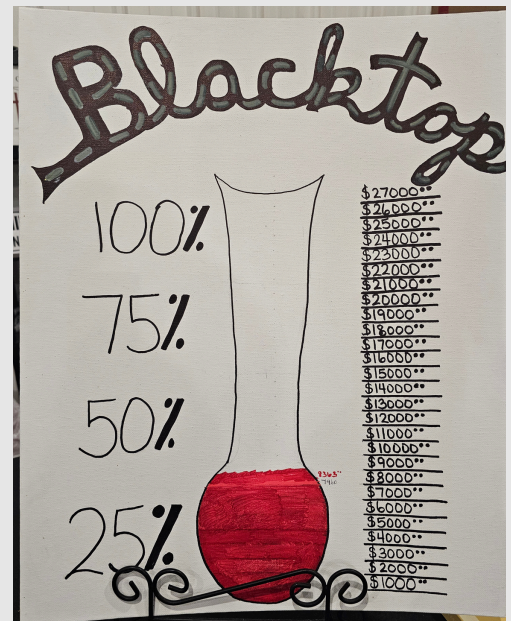
In this season of gathering and harvesting, I have returned to this scripture again and again asking myself, “Do I continue to plant the right seeds in my children?” Our desire as Christian parents is to sow righteousness, peace, and joy in the lives of our children. We want to equip them to discern the difference between truth and deception. I am happy to say our kid spotted the difference and was able to get out the of situation without compromising on Truth.

We know God’s Word promises us that what we sow we shall also reap! Our God is a God of justice. He will never be mocked. So, I leave you with these questions. Are we sowing wheat or weeds? Are the actions and attitudes we display those to be claimed by the Lord or Satan? Are we using our time to sow seeds of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit or scattering weeds? I believe Mike Breen put it well when he said, “I don’t want a big tree. But I don’t want a small tree either. I want an orchard.” Let us all sow a godly legacy that lasts for eternity.



Photo on left:
This beautiful queen size patch work scripture laden quilt has been designed with love by Kay Trayner to be raffled for blacktop. Raffle will take place on December 20th. Just in time for Christmas.

Photo on right:
Our blacktop fundraising thermometer. At time of printing, we have nearly \$8300 saved toward our goal.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Food Distribution:

Distribution will be on November 7th and November 21st.

If you or someone you know is needing a Thanksgiving meal, please get me the information. We will have dine-in, carry-out, and delivery options available for Thanksgiving Day. Check out the enclosed flyer.

Volunteer Opportunity:

We have volunteer opportunities available on the days we have the food distribution, which is November 7th and November 21st. If you are interested, please talk to Tonya and get a volunteer application.

We will be cooking and serving Thanksgiving dinner at Living Water Worship Centre in Danville, Kentucky. If you would like to help with meal deliveries on that day from 11A-2P please see Tonya. It is a wonderful opportunity to bless someone, and in many cases, you get the opportunity to pray with the families.

Workdays:

We have set November 10th as a workday to pour the concrete porch on the building. If you are available to help, give us a holler.

Ministry Needs:

We are still needing supplies and food for the Thanksgiving Feast. Also, we are continuing to save toward pouring blacktop at the distribution center. We have had several bids and for half of the area it is going to be around \$27,000. If you feel led to help monetarily, you may mark your giving "Thanksgiving Feast" or "Blacktop". You may donate through any of the ways listed below in the white box.

We are collecting gently used items for the annual yard sale, which is tentatively set for May of next year.

Prayer Needs:

Pray our family will sow good seeds. Seeds of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit, so we may continue to be worthy servants for the Kingdom of God producing good fruit. Pray we faithfully continue to be a small part of the big things God is planting!



"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice, and opens the door, I will come in to him, and dine with him, and he with Me." Revelation 3:20

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