

Fort Payne church of Christ



The Weekly Moment

A Weekly Motivational Message

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Those Who Have Gone Before

For the past four plus years, this particular ***Weekly Moment*** on the second Wednesday of the month has been about *those who have gone before*. The idea came to me after remembering a bulletin board at the *Hopkins Road church of Christ* in Richmond, VA, where we previously worshipped.

I don't recollect who put this board up, but it was a collection of pictures and bios of dozens of *old-time* preachers from the past. I recall looking at this board frequently (until we moved to the Fort Payne area 8 years ago) and reading about these great men. These were just a few of the 100's or 1000's of men who labored and toiled in anonymity all over this country – mostly in the South.

Someone has rightfully expressed that we should always remember to stop and show appreciation for the bridges we have crossed. For the Christian, this is especially true! Not only are we to be thankful for the work of the apostles and early church workers in the 1st century A.D., but we should also remember the value of all those since who have directed others to give up the shackles of religious error, only to take on the truth revealed in God's Word.

As this is being written, there is a multitude of faithful Gospel preachers who toil week in and week out to spread the message of the *good tidings*! Maybe dozens or hundreds of years from now someone will write about them and the great work they are doing. These men – and the 1000's before them – have devoted their lives to preaching the everlasting Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

So, as you read about these men (and I hope that you do read this), remember those *“who got us here.”* And not only these men, but remember the countless men and women who labor in the classrooms each week to teach our children about God and His creation. Remember *“those who have gone before!”*

Think about it.

Here's hoping you'll make the *“most of your minutes”* this week.

Hope to see you at Bible Study tonight.

In Christian Love,

Bob Strickland