In my previous article on the second biggest reason young people leave the church we looked at how they have often not been taught to think like Christians. For this reason they have trouble standing firm against the world’s challenges and can be led astray. But if that second biggest reason could be classified as the head, I believe we could classify the biggest reason they leave as the heart. They leave because their hearts have not been given to God.

While this reason (like the last) seems simple, it is what it is. If a person has been disciplined to follow Christ and has the heart to do so, they will remain faithful regardless of what life throws at them. But if their hearts have not been given to God will not let anything or anyone knock them off course, regardless of how much a person or congregation has done to them. If a person has given their heart completely to God will not let anything or anyone knock them off course, regardless of how much a person or congregation has done to them. If a person has given their heart completely to God will not let anything or anyone knock them off course, regardless of how much a person or congregation has done to them. If a person has given their heart completely to God will not let anything or anyone knock them off course, regardless of how much a person or congregation has done to them. If a person has given their heart completely to God will not let anything or anyone knock them off course, regardless of how much a person or congregation has done to them. If a person has given their heart completely to God will not let anything or anyone knock them off course, regardless of how much a person or congregation has done to them.

I understand that there are those who leave out of frustration with the church, but that just solidifies the point at hand. First, those who play a part in driving such people away clearly are not showing what a Christ-adoring heart looks like in day to day life and in the relationships we build with each other. I am sorry to anyone whose experiences while being in the church played a role in pushing them away. The church is made up of people and that means a lot of imperfection. But secondly, a person who has given their heart completely to God will not let anything or anyone knock them off course, regardless of how much a person or congregation has done to them. If a person’s life is guided first and foremost by a love for God, nobody can take that away.

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Announcements

Encouragement Team Two will pick up their opportunity cards tonight.

Monday Night Merge: Tomorrow evening, February 12th, Monday Night Merge will be at Little Hocking church of Christ at 7:00 pm, youth, if you need transportation see C.J. Vaughan.

Valentines Dinner: Our annual Valentines Dinner will be Saturday, February 17th at 6:00 pm in our multi-purpose room. The menu will be: country fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad and dessert. The cost is $10.00 per person, (any money left over will go to help with the cost of the CYC trip for our youth). You can give your money to Doreen Kupfner, Natalie Vaughan or Melissa Grose. If there are any dietary restrictions please let one of these ladies know. Please sign the list in the foyer if you plan to attend.

Youth: All area events for our youth are listed on the back page of the bulletin, please get your children involved in these activities.

Gleaner Cans: Potter Children’s Home collected the gleaner cans you filled and sent us a thank you stating we collected $584.86.

Thank You: Dear Church Family, Thank you for the prayers, beautiful cards, lovely planter and thinking of me in the loss of my sister, Barbara Withee. Love and prayers, Mary Rose Talbott

Ten Thoughts to Start the Day
from Psalms 116 and 118

1. This is the day the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it.
2. I thank you that you have answered me, and have become my salvation.
3. The Lord is on my side; I will not fear; what can man do to me?
4. The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.
5. I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.
6. Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.
7. I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.
8. I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people.
9. I will extol you.
10. You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, and I will extol you.

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