

Work, Work, Work

Work, that's what I hear all the time. I never get any time to do what I want to do. Does that sound familiar? Perhaps you have said those words or something similar. Work and its corollary, service, is a vital part of a faithful Christian's daily life to his or her family and to the Lord's church.

Jesus was relentless in pursuit of the work He came to do. He said, *I must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work* (Jn. 9:4). If that statement doesn't emphasize His commitment to work, consider Jesus' response to His disciples in John 6:4: My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.

There is much work to be done if we truly want the Karns congregation to have the kind of presence in our community envisioned by those that preceded us. The Karns congregation, which began in June 1953 during a tent meeting alongside Oak Ridge Highway, has been blessed by our Lord. But without question, there have been doors of opportunities the Lord has opened to us that we as a congregation have not taken full advantage. As we view our situation now, the elders believe the Lord has once again given us an opportunity to make a real difference in our community.

Within the next few months, the Lord willing, we will have two new ministers to support the work at Karns and help us become more involved. Also, a digital color sign will be in place to help us share our message to thousands of people passing by on Oak Ridge Highway. To those who are not involved in some part of the work at Karns, we urge you to experience the satisfaction of serving the Lord by ministering to those in the church and those in our community. To those who are involved, we ask you to re-assess your commitment and take on more responsibility in our collective efforts.

A year or two in the future we will be able to look back at this juncture in our history and judge whether or not we seized the opportunity before us at Karns. Let's all resolve to make this time a new beginning in the history of the Lord's people at Karns. May it be said of us at Karns as was said of the faithful church in Philadelphia, *I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it* (Rev. 3:8a).

For the elders,
Don Denton