

TWO FAILURES ON A PARK BENCH

Two people were sitting on a park bench discussing what had made them failures. The first said, "I am a failure because I didn't take anybody's advice." The second said, "I am a failure because I took everybody's advice." Among the greatest mistakes a man can make are these: (1) Never listen to anyone, and (2) Accept what others say without investigation and thinking for one's self!

In religious matters God expects us to listen (**Romans 10:17**), but He also expects us to think for ourselves. The Bereans were commended because, after Paul preached to them, "*They received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily whether those things were so*" (**Acts 17:11**). In other words, they "checked up" on the apostle Paul! The message is obvious. Don't accept anything religiously just because someone says it is so, but check for yourselves whether or not it is "true to the Book." —*Bulletin Digest*

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SUN: 9:00am - Worship

10:15am - Bible Study

6:00pm - Worship

WED: 7:00pm - Bible Study

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FOR THE RECORD

Morning Worship: (Dec. 20)	242
Bible Study.....	182
Evening Worship.....	156
Midweek Bible Study: Dec. 16).....	145
Contribution: (Dec. 20)	\$5,950

HOSPITAL

Charlie McEwen, VA in Murfreesboro
Mary Uwechia, URM, Rm. 109

AT HOME

Bea Farrar, Clara West, Dessie Taylor,
Charles & Margaret Berry, Fairy Johnson,
Beverly Vanover, Kenneth Poff,
Richard Barlow.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

There will not any Wednesday Night meals for the rest of the year. They will start again on January 6th.

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT THRU:

Virginia Johnson, Jim Thompson

PANTRY ITEMS

Beef Stew, Dishwashing & Laundry Detergent

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Debra Jones whose funeral was Saturday, December 19th at the Woodbury Funeral Home. She was the sister of David Reed and the aunt of Anthony Reed.

MEN TO SERVE

THOSE TO SERVE, SUN. DEC. 27:

9:00AM

Song Leader: Scott Vaughn
First Prayer: Charles Willmore
Scripture: John Lawson
Closing Prayer: Wayne Shelton

6:00PM

Song Leader: Scott Vaughn
First Prayer: Leroy Munsey

Scripture: John Lawson
Closing Prayer: Jim Thompson

SERMON TITLES:

A.M.: "Divided Families" (Luke 12: 49-53)
P.M.: "Have No Fear" (Luke 12:1-12)

PICK-UP ATTENDANCE CARDS, SUN. DEC. 27:

Seth Little & Nathan Brown

NURSERY ATTENDANTS, SUN. DEC. 27:

Beverly Woods & Dawn Willmore

THOSE TO SERVE, WED. DEC. 30:

Devotional: Carl Sims
Announcements: Scott Vaughn
Opening Prayer: Don Gregory
Closing Prayer: Michael Penney
Song Leader: Pierce Green

If you are unable to serve at the scheduled time, please contact Brother Rigney @ 728-7716.

BAPTISM

Our hearts were made to rejoice over the baptism of Seth Little on Sunday. He is the son of Jayson & Chris Little and grandson of Don & Karen Gregory.

CARE TEAMS SHUFFLE

The Care Teams Shuffle will be Saturday, January 9th @ 4:00pm in the fellowship hall. Please bring finger foods.

CARE TEAM MEETING

Leroy & Shelia Munsey's Care Team #3 will meet Sunday, December 27th after evening worship in the fellowship hall. Please bring finger foods and a gift to play "Crazy Santa".

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

03-Mark & Betty Superstein
08-Dennis & Denise Watson
09-Wayne & Margaret Shelton
12-Ralph & Elaine Elam
17-Robert & Barbara McMahan
23-Kevin & Kelli Bailey
26-Edwin & Peggy Brake
27-Robert & Annie Harris

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

02-Lillian Vaughn	13-Austin Taylor
03-Terry Hollins	15-Rosemary McFarland
04-Ann Foster	15-Carl Sims
06-Nile George	16-Robert Harris
06-Betty Vigdorth	17-Margaret Carden
08-Myrna Cox	18-Ann Sullivan
08-Bob Cranch	19-Alaneta Crosslin
09-L.D. Carden	11-Karen Browning
09-Kathryn Fishe	23-Levoy Hale
09-Trevor Maxwell	23-David Sullivan
09-Terri Rigney	24-Joy Welborn
10-Peggy Thompson	25-Josh Hollins
11-Erika Jensen	27-Mildren Munsey
12-Carl Russell	30-Wayne Shelton
13-Barbara McMahan	31-Ruth Baskin
13-Jerri Sparpaglione	31-Ed Bowman

BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE

Lessons Graded (12/9-12/15).....	1,177
Requests For Personal Contact.....	1
Students served	471



Our thanks to all the KYB volunteers from our congregation and also our sister congregations, for all your efforts this year.

Dear Brethren at Main St.,

Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards and well wishes on my behalf. I am slowly recovering my strength and health.

The doctor said I would not have recovered had I not been so strong. I know that is not true. The power of prayer is an amazing thing. It is my sincere belief because of faithful brethren like you, prayers were answered on my behalf.

We have visited with you several times in the past and hope to again sometime soon. Thank you again,

In Christian love,
Donna Lawler

THE NEED FOR INVOLVEMENT

Someone has said, "That which is prefaced by prayer should be punctuated by practice." How often we fail to apply this principle in the church. We pray for an unsaved loved one; yet we never go to him with the Word. We pray for God to bless the work of the church and give us a great harvest of souls; but when we are asked to help in some way, we suddenly find a dozen excuses not to do so. We bend our knees in prayer for one who is in need, and then promptly refuse to give of our own abundance to help provide the necessary relief. We pray that the Lord will "send forth laborers into his harvest," but we are not willing to be one of the workers ourselves. We ask in faith that a brother who has become unfaithful might be brought back into the loving fellowship of the Lord; yet we seldom go out of our way to say a kind word, or outwardly manifest any love toward him.

It is good for us to pray for a great harvest, but the Lord's petition was for willing workers! He said, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." (Matt. 9:38) There is a time for prayer, and there is a time for action. Prayer was never intended to be a substitute for meaningful Christian action, rather a necessary adjunct.

The church must confront this impasse of personal reluctance. Somehow, we must help our people regain spiritual concern and the desire for personal involvement. There is only one cure for our epidemic of good mannered apathy. That is to deliberately, prayerfully, and obediently involve ourselves as the Word directs. —Tom Brown

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be closed, , Dec. 23rd & Dec. 24th. Also, Dec. 30th & 31st. Regular hours will resume on Jan. 4th.