

WHAT'S WEIGHING YOU DOWN?

A couple from Bakersfield, California, purchased a new boat, but they were having serious problems. No matter how hard they tried, they couldn't get the boat going. It was sluggish no matter which way they turned or how much power was applied. After an hour of trying to make it go, they putted to a nearby marina, hoping someone could tell them what was wrong. A thorough check on the topside of the boat revealed everything was in perfect working condition. The engine ran fine, the out drive went up and down, and the propeller was the correct size and pitch. Then, one of the marina guys jumped in the water to check underneath. He came up choking with laughter. Under the boat, still strapped securely in place, was the trailer!

How often have we been guilty of the same thing? We sputter along in our spiritual lives, wondering why we're not making much progress, wondering why we don't feel any closer to God than we do. We take a spiritual check of the situation and find that we're attending worship regularly, we're reading our Bibles, we're praying. On the surface, everything appears to be what it ought to be. But beneath the surface lurks some sin that we have allowed to latch hold of our lives. And there it lies, unforgiving, maybe even unrecognized, dragging us down.

Though the Hebrew writer used the image of a runner as opposed to that of a boat, the concept is exactly the same, "...*Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us*" (Hebrews 12:1).

If your spiritual life is sputtering along, perhaps you would do well to look for sin that lies beneath the surface. Throw off everything that hinders you, and you'll find that things will run a lot more smoothly. —Michael Bryan

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SUN: 9:00am - Worship

10:15am - Bible Study

6:00pm - Worship

WED: 6:30pm - Bible Study

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CARL'S THOUGHTS:

Thanks to all those who preached and taught for me while I was preaching in Cookeville at the Double Springs congregation.

Just recently, Aaron Crosslin was baptized into Christ for the remission of his sins. He is the brother of O. D. Crosslin and Betty Rigney. Aaron lives in Florida.

Then the very next day, Coulter Gray and Racheal Wilcox after studying the Open Bible Study obeyed the gospel of Jesus Christ. September 18th I will have the privilege of doing their wedding. They are such a nice couple and we are so happy to have them at Main Street.

Also, be sure to mark your calendars for Sept. 17th, a Friday night at 7:00pm at the conference Center at Exit 114. We will have a county-wide campaign for Christ. I will be speaking. Scott Vaughn will welcome everyone, Charles Williams and Ralph Hart will be leading our prayers. Daniel Hayes will read the text. We will have three song leaders—Rick Bishop, Tim Brown and Paul Meacham. Make plans to be there.

Keep your eye on the cross of Jesus Christ!

Wednesday Aug. 18, 2010

FOR THE RECORD

Morning Worship: (Aug. 15)	290
Bible Study	193
Evening Worship.....	148
Midweek Bible Study (Aug. 11)	127
Contribution: (Aug. 15).....	\$6,107

HOSPITAL

Willie Jean (Bill) White, Man. Medical, Rm. 121.
Bobbie Deadman, Man. Medical, Rm. 123
Rickey Woods, surgery at Baptist on Thursday.

AT HOME

Dessie Taylor, Fairy Johnson, Kenneth Poff,
Sally Owens, Joe Sims, Polly Hoover,
Polly Gibson, Debbie Vaughn,
Sterling Wayne Shelton, Amie Woods
Garland Brown, Steve Barlow, Joe Verner.

READ NEW TESTAMENT THRU:

Steve Barlow, Mike Broadrick, Carl Sims

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of John T. Seal whose funeral was Monday at the Manchester Funeral Home. He was the brother of Irene McCord & the late Bea Farrar.

PANTRY ITEMS

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Corn Meal Mix.

MEN TO SERVE

THOSE TO SERVE, SUN. AUG. 22:

9:00AM

Song Leader: Wayne Rigney
First Prayer: Bob Gillen
Scripture: Roger Taylor
Closing Prayer: Tim Green

6:00PM

Song Leader: Wayne Rigney
First Prayer: Jayson Little
Scripture: Roger Taylor
Closing Prayer: Winfred Duke

A.M.: “Partakers of Divine Nature” (2 Peter 1:1-11)

P.M.: “Wars & Fights” (James 4:1-10)

PICK-UP ATTENDANCE CARDS, SUN. AUG. 22:

Aaron Vaughn & Ethan Little

NURSERY ATTENDANTS, SUN. AUG. 22:

Dawn Willmore & Terry Rigney

THOSE TO SERVE, WED. AUG. 25:

Devotional: Carl Sims
Announcements: Adam Willmore
Opening Prayer: Charles Willmore
Closing Prayer: John McInturff
Song Leader: Jonathan Hall

Remember to notify David Sullivan if you are not able to serve at your appointed time.

WORKERS NEEDED

There is a need for nursery workers during the Sunday morning worship service. Also, those willing to be greeters on Sunday morning. If you are willing to help with any of these, please call the church office at 728-3306.

YOUTH

The youth will be going to Lake Winnepeasaukah, Saturday, August 28th. Anyone interested in going should confirm it with Scott Vaughn by Sunday, Aug. 22nd. Times will be announced next week.

LADS TO LEADERS

On Sunday, **August 22nd**, **Lads to Leaders** will begin the new year. If you would like to participate in this, you are encouraged to attend. They will meet in the fellowship hall following the Bible Study hour for a pot-luck meal.

GOSPEL MEETING

August 22-27: Lane St. 7:00pm
Speaker: Michael Crowder

SINGINGS

Aug. 20: Leanna in Murfreesboro, 7:00pm
Aug. 22: Gnat Hill, 2:30pm

BABY SHOWER

You are invited to a Baby Shower for Brandy & Johnny Costillo, Sept. 5th at the Fred Deadman Park at 2:00pm. It’s a Boy.

We are decorating with Winnie the Pooh, but any and all gifts would be appreciated. Thank you with our love!

Please R.S.V.P. Kat Fishe @ 723-6355 or 273-2605.



Thank you so much for all the love shown to me and my family during our difficult time.

The food, the prayers, cards, visits were all greatly appreciated. The replica of the church is beautiful.

In Christian love,
Iva Taylor & family

This note is sent to express the warmest thanks for your thoughtfulness. For all the cards, prayers and well wishes

Jimmy & Zora Jetton

BRIDAL GIFT TEA

The ladies of the congregation are invited to a Bridal Gift Tea, honoring Leslee Sadler Bride-elect of Adam Willmore Sunday, August 29, 2010 2:00—4:00pm at the home of Carl & Patsy Sims 44 Wellington Drive Manchester, Tennessee

CLOTHING ROOM

We are in need of **children’s clothing** but do not need adult clothing at this time.

BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE

Lessons Graded (8/11-8/17).....	860
Requests For Personal Contact.....	2
Students served	344

STUDENT COMMENT

I am still enjoying these lessons. I share them with others, by sending in their names. Continue to pray for me that God will keep me elevated in his divine Word. (Hamilton, NC)

DO CHRISTIANS EVER RETIRE?

Retired or retreaded...Growing older has its benefits as well as its own special temptations. We look forward to retirement to do those special things. Such as travel and enjoyable activities, which a job has kept from us.

There is a temptations to bring the same mindset into our service for our Lord. We become like the man in Luke 12:16-21 who had done well and decided to retire, take it easy and passively walk through the rest of life Jesus called the man a “fool.” Many older Christians, it seems, have retired when actually, perhaps, their need is really to be retreaded! They have said, “We’ve given our years in teaching and have served in different ways, now it’s time to let the younger ones serve.” It’s a noble gesture, but where does the Bible say we’ve reached our “quota” of service or our tenure of teaching?

Is there a retirement age in Christianity or does God just call us home? Did He not give us gifts to be used in His service and a life which we have consecrated to Him? Then we shall never retire! We shall never stop serving, nor stop teaching for God has placed us in His body where he wants us and we will be used in the act of His work “until in death we do part!”

If we become tired, let us be retreaded. Let’s put on new shoes, perhaps serving in a new ministry or with a new spirit in an old familiar service

Everyone is essential in the building up of the body of love. —Mike Schroder