

**Noteworthy**

**Kids' Review Class:** Our review class will be September 6th, shortly after the PM service, in classroom number seven.

**Prayer Requests:** Remember in your prayers Reagan Cunningham, Linda James, Diana Jordan, Bonnie Meagher, Butch Morgan, Emilee Ross (expecting mother), Wayne Ryland, and Danielle Sheffield (expecting mother). Charles Goodall will have ear surgery early tomorrow at Florida Hospital in Celebration, FL. Please pray for a successful result.

*Our friends and family:* Please continue in prayer also for Diane Anderson (Linda's sister), Elnora Bennet (Moses Stevens' sister), Mildred Church (shut-in), Betty Eubanks (Sandy Rawdon's mom), Hal Lewis, and Canera Wisdom (Larry Wisdom's mother).

**Group Meeting:** Group (2) meets tonight after worship.

**Traveling/Out of town:** The Day family, the Sadler families, and Larry Hicks.

**Upcoming Events:** Our 30th Annual Sing is a week from this Friday (August 28th at 7:30pm). Also, please mark your calendars for our gospel meeting that will be held next month with Brad Sullivan (September 25th-27th).

**Reason to rejoice!** It was announced Wednesday evening that Jim Abram has rededicated his commitment to serving the Lord, and that is indeed news for us to rejoice over (Lk 15:7, 10, 32). He will continue living with his sister in Indiana for at least several weeks, and we should all encourage him as much as possible. If you would like to send him a card, he is staying with Denise Jacobs at 7075 W. Tabor Hill Road, Ellettsville, IN 47429.

**Assignments for Worship Service**

**Wednesday Night: 8/19/15**

Song Leader: Keith Marschall  
 Opening Prayer: Nick Ross  
 Invitation: Ben Cunningham  
 Announcements: Bob Marschall  
 Closing Prayer: Wayne Ryland  
 Parking Lot: Larry Hicks

**Sunday Evening: 8/23/15**

Song Leader: Colby Sadler  
 Opening Prayer: Bob Marschall  
 Lord's Table: Nick Ross  
 Announcements: Larry Hicks  
 Closing Prayer: Paul Lloyd  
 Parking Lot: David Williams

**Sunday Morning: 8/23/15**

Lord's Table: Nick Ross (B)  
 Bucky Day (C)  
 Serving: Ben Cunningham  
 Ed Lawson  
 Song Leader: Charles Rawdon  
 Opening Prayer: Sherman Johnson

Announcements: Larry Hicks  
 Closing Prayer: Jerry Williams  
 Parking Lot: (9:00) Leon Miller  
 (9:50) Norm Blackburn



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**SERVICES**

Sunday  
 Bible Study 9:00 A.M.  
 Morning Services 9:50 A.M.  
 Evening Services 6:00 P.M.  
 Wednesday  
 Bible Study 7:30 P.M.

**DEACONS:**

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 David Williams

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***“What if You Had a Stalker?”***

What if I asked you to imagine, “What it would be like if you *knew* you had a stalker”? What would that feel like, and how would you then live your life?

The thought of a stalker is gloomy. According to Merriam Webster Learner's Dictionary, a “stalker” is, “*a person who closely follows and watches another person for a long period of time in a way that is threatening, dangerous, etc.*” Can you imagine what it would be like if there was someone ominously watching while you pulled out of your driveway, as you went into public, to the grocery store, or even to the church building? What if that person followed you as you went home, and waited for you to get inside your front door? Then after waiting he crept around quietly, broke into your house, and *seized you*—when you least expected it?! How could you live your life with that type of ever-present threat?

The reality is, that *you do have a stalker!* His name is Satan; and he not only is a dangerous “stalker” (Job 1:7), but he is also a dreadful murderer (John 8:44)! That is

why the Christian is told to, *“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.”* **(1 Peter 5:8)** If Satan can tempt you at the store, the church building, in traffic, or even in the privacy of your own home - he will! Moreover, if you let down your guard, Satan just may get ahold of you when you least expect it! Remember that Jesus told some who thought they were safe, *“You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.”* **(John 8:44)** There is a lesson here, in that we today should always be willing to accept the truth of God’s Word. Furthermore, knowing that Satan is a liar and the father of it, we should always be honest with ourselves & with each other. Do not speak and act “one way” around the brethren -- but “another way” when you are not. Some may continue, *“And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.”* **(2 Corinthians 11:14-15)**; but we must live an earnestly transformed life, because, *“He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the*

*beginning.”* **(1 John 3:8)**. Be transformed, cast away sin, and determine to truly love your brethren! *“In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.”* **(1 John 3:10)** I hope and pray that Satan does not have his grip on you... But think about it, if you are constantly contending with the truth of God’s Word, or are living a double life, continuing in sinful conduct, and/or you are mistreating your brethren - then who is ultimately in control of *your* life?!

If the thought of Satan stalking and getting hold of you is troubling, then that means you’ve taken the admonitions from God’s word seriously! Determine no longer to give Satan any opportunity (Ephesians 4:27), nor remain ignorant of his devices (2Corinthians 2:11)! God provides stern warnings, but He also provides men assurances in dealing with Satan as well. So then, *“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.”* **(Ephesians 6:11-12)** *“Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”* **(James 4:7)** Be careful in seeking to

present yourself approved to God, *“And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.”* **(Romans 16:20)**.

Satan is indeed stalking & waiting for an opportunity to pounce upon our weaknesses. He can “closely watch” and “follow” us into our cars, the store, the church building, or even into the “privacy” of our own homes... And if we let down our guard - he *may* strike. But even so, if we will take seriously the threat and draw near to The Lord - we will have a safeguard against evil, for *“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear...”* **(Psalms 46:1-2a)** We all need a Protector. Let’s submit to God, commit to knowing Him better, and strive to be more like Him!

If you knew that you had “a stalker”, how would you live your life? If that “stalker” was someone you’d previously heard about as being “very dangerous”, how would you go about living? Would you be careful for what situations you’d allow yourself to be put in? Would you rely on anyone else to help you keep vigilant? I know I would.

*(All Bible Quotations Taken from the New King James Version)*

- By Ian Rice

## WHAT MUST I DO TO BE A CHRISTIAN?

- ◇ Jesus taught obedience (Matt.7:21-23; Luke 6:46; Matt. 28:20)
- ◇ Jesus taught that unless we believe in Him, we will die in our sins (John 10:31-39)
- ◇ He taught repentance (Luke 13:3; 24:46-47)
- ◇ He taught confessing Him before others (Matthew 10:32-33)
- ◇ He taught baptism as a necessity (Mark 16:15-16; Matthew 28:19-20; John 3:5)
- ◇ He teaches faithfulness unto death (Revelation 2:10)