

Noteworthy

Prayer Requests: Reagan Cunningham, Kelly Cochran (needs encouragement), Kurt Dickey, Betty Eubanks, Linda James, Kirk Marschall, Leon Miller (sick) Butch Morgan (still very weak physically), Dottie Reynolds, Wayne Ryland, Suzette Stevens, Arlene Turner, Jeremy Whitehead, and Larry Wisdom (sick).

Our friends and family: Joe Brown (bone cancer; undergoing treatment), Diane Anderson (Linda's sister), Elnora Bennet (Moses Stevens' sister), Sarah Casselberry, Mildred Church (shut-in), Shelby Sprott, Ardis Tucker (in Rehab), and Canera Wisdom (Larry Wisdom's mother).

Out of Town: The Ross family, Paula Sullivan, Jerry Williams, David & Kyoko Williams are all out of town.

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

Afternoon Singing: Next one will be December 13th at 5pm.

Kid's Review Class: Will also be held on December 13th, shortly after the evening worship service.

Ladies' Bible Class: The next ladies' Bible class is going to be on December 14th at Audrey Davis' home (7PM). In preparation, please study lesson number XI (11) that begins on page # 71 in the book, "Some Do's and Don'ts for the Christian". (See the sign-up sheet in the foyer)

5th Sunday Night Sing: Today marks the 5th Sunday of the month, so tonight's worship service will put more of an emphasis on singing.

Assignments for Worship Service

Wednesday Night: 12/2/15

Song Leader: Eddie Lawson
 Opening Prayer: Clay Sadler
 Invitation: Jordan Lawson
 Announcements: Charles Rawdon
 Closing Prayer: Jerry Williams
 Parking Lot: Ed Lawson
 Recordings: Keith Marschall
 Usher: Ben Cunningham

Sunday Evening: 12/6/15

Song Leader: Nick Ross
 Opening Prayer: Charles Rawdon
 Lord's Table: Bob Marschall
 Announcements: Larry Hicks
 Closing Prayer: Wayne Ryland
 Parking Lot: Ed Lawson
 Recordings: Jim Elliot
 Usher: Colby Sadler

Sunday Morning: 12/6/15

Lord's Table: Bob Marschall (B)
 Keith Marschall (C)
 Serving: Ed Lawson
 Trent Stevens
 Song Leader: Colby Sadler
 Opening Prayer: Leon Miller

Announcements: Larry Hicks
 Closing Prayer: Paul Llyod
 Parking Lot: (9:00) David Williams
 (9:50) Leon Miller
 Recordings: Jim Elliot
 Usher: Leon Miller



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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:

Robert Marschall
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 Michael Sadler
 Moses Stevens
 David Williams

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Two Men "Know" They Are Saved

Two men "know" they are saved. The first man bases his assurance of salvation on his experience. He had been assured that when he completely turned his life over to Jesus Christ, accepted Him as personal Savior, and received Him into his heart, that an inner peace and feeling of well-being would sweep his soul; that he would be able to recognize that feeling when it came; and that this peace and feeling of well-being would be unmistakable evidence of his salvation. In keeping with that teaching he did "receive Jesus into his heart." He did feel this wonderful peace sweep his soul. And he "knows" that he is saved.

The second man's assurance is based on the promise of God. He had read in God's word, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (**Mark 16:16**). From other passages he had learned the necessity of repentance and confession of faith (**Acts 2:38; 7:37; Rom. 10:10**). Trusting God's promise of salvation, he obeyed from the heart those commands (**Rom. 6:17**), and has never doubted since that God forgave him of all his past sins, according to His promise.

The first man's assurance of salvation is based upon an unsure foundation. The Bible teaches neither the action he has taken nor the criterion he has accepted. We do not question his feelings; but we do question that such feelings are proof of salvation, for they are the product of his teaching. The cultist who has been taught certain gross practices in religion and has become the victim of his perverted leader will experience similar feelings. If the feelings of the latter are not sufficient proof of salvation, neither are the feelings of the former.

"But an angel appeared and spoke to me," someone may be thinking; or "I spoke in tongues." The Bible teaches, however, that even unusual, inexplicable occurrences in one's life cannot set aside the teaching of God's revealed word. Many who will be in hell will have said, "Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils [demons]? and in thy name done many wonderful works?" (**Matt. 7:22**). But all their experiences,

even "miracles," will not substitute for their doing the Father's will as it is recorded in the scriptures (**Matt. 7:21; see also Gal. 1:8; 2 Thess. 2:9-12; Deut. 13:1-5; Col. 2:18, 19**).

The second man has based his assurance on a solid foundation. God's promises are sure. He cannot lie (**Hebrews 6:18**). What He has promised He is able to perform (**Romans 4:21**). The person who obeys His commandments through truth in His promises can know, because God is faithful. "And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments" (**1 John 2:3**).

We ask our readers, "Who really demonstrates strong faith in God: the one who simply trusts God's promises and finds assurance in His word or the one who must experience some overwhelming feeling that sweeps his soul?" God's judgment will be based, not on what we "know," but on His word. Be not deceived!

-By Bill Hall

"Just Keep on with Your Knitting"

The title of this article is some of the best advice I have ever received in my life. It is advice that came to me from a dignified gentleman who is a Christian and a faithful gospel preacher. He is a man of years and has had about all the experiences any man could possibly have as a gospel preacher. When it comes to Bible knowledge, he has few equals in this generation. So, he is well qualified to give such sage advice -- he knows it will work. I took the advice because I have such profound respect for him and his qualifications to give such sage advice.

Now I know some "green horn" is going to say, "What is so great about that advice?" Well, my immediate reply to the "green horn" would be, "If you can't see the wisdom in that advice you have never had any real trouble where you needed advice; or in seeking advice you have never gone to a "sage" to get it". Since I feel others need this advice as I needed it (and still need it), I am going to explain it for the "green horn".

It means to keep on with your work (or your "knitting") when you think you are defeated. You are not defeated if you continue to do right. In a little while you will realize you were not defeated at

all, but you would have been if you had not gone on with your "knitting".

It means if your enemies connive to do you great harm, just ignore their meanness and underhanded tactics. Go on about your business as though they didn't exist or had said nothing or done nothing. It means when your heart is filled with great hurt because of mistreatment, don't retaliate. Try to be serene about the matter and work that much harder in what is right.

It means not to become overly concerned with all the opinions you hear about almost any subject -- just go on with your work. It means not to think the world revolves around you -- it does not. You are just one little "speck" on a very small "plot" on the globe, so go on with your work and do what good you can in what places you have influence. It means that every man who is successful in life has let nothing get in his way or kept him from "going on with his knitting".

This advice will give you an entirely new outlook on life, but it will only work when it is fully put into practice.

- By Donald Townsley