

GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS

There is a lot of bad news out there, as mirrored on TV and the internet. The stock market is in trouble, thousands of American jobs are on the line, and threats of terrorism are shadows in the background. And then there are our own personal pain and problems to contend with. Financial, physical, medical, and relationship problems touch every one of us from time to time. The bad news is, bad news will always be here as long as this earth exists.

But the good news is, God's good news lasts FOREVER! We are told to rejoice in the Lord always! (Phil. 4:4). The good news takes care of life's biggest problem: sin and its terrible results. The good news gives us hope, the promise of eternal joy, a pure purpose, and a rewarding relationship with God our Savior. The good news of God's grace enables us to overcome all the bad news that the world and the devil can throw at us. So be encouraged. God's good news is victorious over bad news!

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"VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME"

JESUS AND HIS WORD

All Scripture is inspired of God (2 Tim. 3:16). "Every word of God is pure" (Prov. 30:5). The sum of God's revelation is truth (John 17:17). In this brief study let's focus on some of Jesus' statements in which He refers to "My word" or "My words". Though many of the Samaritans believed in Him because of the word of the woman to whom He had spoken, "many more believed because of **His own word**" (John 4:40-41). Emphasis will be added throughout.

His words are ETERNAL: "Heaven and earth will pass away, but **My words** will by no means pass away" (Matt. 24:25; cf. Mark 13:31). Peter forcefully reminds us that the heavens, elements, the earth, and its works "will" - not "may", "might", "could" - but "will" pass away (2 Peter 3:10-13). Humans have tried many "means" to destroy His words, but all such efforts have failed and will continue to fail.

Of **His words** we must not be ASHAMED: "For whoever is ashamed of Me and **My words** in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels" (Mark 8:38; cf. Luke 9:26). Jesus described His generation as exceedingly sinful. The present one is likewise wicked, but **His words** are still true. To quote the eloquent T. B. Larimore: "I would be ashamed to be afraid and afraid to be ashamed."

DISCIPLESHIP, TRUTH, and FREEDOM depend upon **His word**: "If you abide in **My word**, you are my disciples indeed. And you shall know the **truth** and the **truth** will make you **free**" (John 8:31-32). Think of Jesus' words as a place to abide and take shelter for forgiveness, protection, peace, and comfort. Our reception of His word and obedience thereto brings us into Him as a new creature (Rom. 1:16; 6:1-11; 2 Cor. 5:17). Abide therein!

Our DESTINY will be determined by **His words**: "He who rejects Me and does not receive **My words**, has that which judges him - **the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day**" (John 12:48). Many of Jesus' contemporaries debated and argued with Him over **His words**. They were wedded to the traditions of their ancestors and rabbis, which had been centuries in the making. Religious theorists and theologians of our day follow in their steps denying the fundamental facts of faith. But in "the last day" the King of kings will have "the last word".

Dear friend, feed upon His words for they will sustain you, build you up, and give you hope even in the darkest of times. An eternal inheritance unequalled awaits those who abide in Him!

Edward L Anderson

FROM THE PREACHER'S HEART:

WELCOME, VISITORS! We are so glad to have you. We trust your visit will be spiritually uplifting and a season of refreshing. May God's blessings be upon you and yours. Please come again!

Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who have been dealing with the torrential rains and subsequent flooding in the western part of the mid-state. In the area of Waverly seventeen inches of rain fell in a twenty-four-hour period! Lives have been lost and others are missing or unaccounted for. Families are grieving and devastated. Michael and Denise Hackett have family in the area. His grandmother's dwelling was severely flooded and his aunt's house was swept away with nothing salvaged. Remember in your prayers all those who are suffering. Disaster Relief is responding with aid. If you wish to assist with packing food boxes, donations, etc., contact them at 615-834-8237.

We are looking forward to having R. C. Christian with us Sunday, September 5 to speak during the Bible class time about safety issues during our worship and Bible classes. R. C. is well-qualified in the area of law enforcement and will provide information to help all of us be more aware.

Begin now to pray, prepare, and plan for the Gospel Meeting with brother David Lipe scheduled for October 24-27. Such events provide opportunities for evangelism, which should be the primary purpose (See Mark 16:15-16; Rom. 1:16). Make a point to invite your friends, family, and co-workers. A "fringe benefit" is the edification received by eager and interested individuals. Bring your Bible, search the Scriptures prayerfully, worship reverently and you, too, will be built up in the most holy faith.

Barbara and I were away last week for a Gospel Meeting with the Bethany church of Christ near Franklin, KY. We were blessed to be able to see and visit with cousins and friends in the area. Johnny Tucker, and wife Tricia from our Freed-Hardeman days, have been with the church there for many years. It was good to also see a dear cousin (Arthur Allen), and many friends from our camp days with Simpson County Youth Camp. Special thanks to Justin Mauldin (AM), and Jeremy Hassler (PM), for preaching in my absence.

Edward L Anderson

NEWS & NOTES:

SICK: Bob and Donnieta White request our prayers. Bob is now in a hospice facility. Janice Hicks is scheduled for a bone marrow test this week. Robin Edwards, niece of Faye Maberry, has been in Vanderbilt due to surgery on the aorta; Faye's brother-in-law, James Spivey, has COVID. Wanda Fisher's mother, Brenda Forrest, needs our prayers as she is under a doctor's care. Mary Jo Hackett was able to be back with us Sunday. Sally Russell was scheduled for surgery today (8/25). Dayton Jamison is scheduled for back surgeries tomorrow and Friday at Summit Medical Center. Kenneth Bennett is recuperating from recent surgery. Jenna Harville has tested positive for the flu. Molly Jones has COVID. Justin Mauldin is dealing with a cold/cough. Lola King continues treatments. Michael Hackett, a cousin to Dennis, is ill and needs our prayers. Eric Marvin, Carol Woodard's son-in-law, continues recuperation from surgery. Sharon Woodard, Wilma Richardson's daughter and Carol Woodard's sister-in-law, is also recuperating from heart valve surgery. Prayer is requested for Roger Kemp (cancer), and his daughter-in-law, Lucette (treatments). Ruby Anderson, Edward and Barbara's sister-in-law, had additional tests this week.

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED/LIVING/SHUT-INS: Lovell Chaffin; Wilma Richardson; Judith Newberry; Mary Lou Smith; Frances Glosser; Ricky Branham; Janice Anderson (SCHR); Loneta Bains (Pavilion); Pat Paysinger (Shut-in).

IN THE MILITARY: Jana Watson, Ann Carter's granddaughter (Army); Randy Carter's sons and Lacey Crockett's brothers, Derek (Army) & Landon Carter (Coast Guard); PFC Samuel Burton (USMC), Darlene Fariss's grandson; Benjamin Gentry (USMC).

SYMPATHY: To the family of Evelyn Russell Deal, a former member here, and sister to Ann Gibbs, sister-in-law to W. A. Gibbs, and aunt to Sherrie Gibbs Lawrence; to the family of Kevin Bennett, known by many of us; to the family of Walter Forrest, father of Wanda Fisher, daughter-in-law of Ruby Fisher.

THANK YOU'S: Notes of gratitude have been received and read from Dennis and Darlene Hackett and boys and from Sally Russell.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST: Dusty Whitaker; Jasmine King (5); Teddy Spivey, David Maberry (6), Lola King (8), Susan Law; Amanda Cowan (9), Mia Whitaker (10), Jessica Grim (11); Alex Richmond, (13); Taylor Swann, (19); Jessa Klamm (26); Julie Wright, Aubrey Hicks (27); James Rowland (28). Buford & Brittany Birchett (9/06/2014) Conner & Morgan Dodson (9/08/2018).

PRAYER LIST: Jerry and Mary Phillips; Terry Collins; Rick Adams; Tim Loftis; Bob Bennett; Ruthie & Richard Stafford; Sue Reed; Jimmy Key; Greg Phillips; Tracy & Holly White; J.B. Dailey; Patricia Maxwell; Deborah Murray; Cranston Massey; Robbie Napier; Teresa Hampton; Joyce Kilgore; James Spivey; Oaken Maberry; Mrs. Willie Sevier; Ron Gibson; Steven Linville; Pete Williams; Donald Eskew; Mark Scudder; Zander Dixon; Andy Futrell; Patricia Nye; Buddy Hyatt; Dustin Justice (lymphoma); Barbara Dixon; Conner Hackett; A. J. Purkey; Josh Dillard; Lavern Hardee; Dan Winkler; Steve Higginbotham; Wayne Lankford; Shirley Henry; Sandy Waggoner; Nancy Hicks Bane; Wendy Williams; Ruby Anderson; Roslyn Fox Stout; Denise Griffin; Rylee Winfree; Rebecca Huffines Thompson; Tommy & Linda Ashburn; Jerry Hutchins; Danny Claire; Scott Bane; Emily Moss and children; Lucas Wakefield; Linda Dennis; Gary Anderson; Bob & Donnieta White; John Conditt; Duane Hesson; Billy Woodard; Jerry Glenn; Bentley Cowan; Louie Gray West; Taylor & Spencer Keaton; Paulette Blackburn; Emily Allen; Will Gregory; Rick Blankenship; Ken Miller; Tom Brown; Alicia Haynes; Joey Black; Joe Kemp; Susanne Tisdale; Pattie Birdwell; Mary Ellen Lawrence; Ray Hobbs; Wes Stafford; Sawyer Cole; Richard Rhoten; Earl Carter; Jennie Burnett; Arnold Rich; Jimmy and Carolyn Rigsby.

EVENTS CALENDAR: *Smith County Health Care/Rehab Center Devotional:* First Sundays of February, May, August, November (as permitted by COVID regulations), 2:00 PM; *Fifth Sunday Pavilion Devotional* (To be resumed when permitted); *Trip to Sounds BB:* This Saturday, August 28 – Sign-up sheet posted; *Bible Bowl:* September 18 at Hooper-Eblen Center. *Run4Don:* September 18 (Can be done virtually). *Gospel Meeting:* October 24-27, with David Lipe; *Coffee/Fellowship:* First and third Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 AM in annex.

AREA EVENTS: *Girl's Day:* East Main, with Laura Jenkins, September 11.

VISITATION/GREETING PROGRAM: Josh Brown has a list of newcomers and shut-ins. If you wish to help with new assignments with welcomes and calls, please contact him. Making a visit can make a big difference in the life of another and our own!

THANK YOU: "Thank you for your concern during our illnesses and injuries. We are both much improved, but still having 'minor' issues. Keep Barbara in your prayers as she deals with hip, knee, and leg issues. Your love has lifted us and we are deeply grateful for your encouragement and support."

Edward and Barbara Anderson