

NOTHING CAN STOP JESUS!

- * History could not forget Him.
- * Temptation could not distract Him.
- * Circumstances could not deter Him.
- * His enemies could not prevent Him.
- * Death could not contain Him.
- * Satan could not defeat Him.
- * Modern thinking cannot cancel Him.
- * And when it comes time for Jesus to come back again, nothing will be able to stop Him.

ARE YOU READY?

(Edd Sterchi preaches for the Broadway Church of Christ, Campbellsville, KY)

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12:30 P.M. (Last Sunday of Month)

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"VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME"

THE PRAYING COW

Edward L Anderson

A farmer had a nice herd of beef cattle. He took care of them with well-rationed feed, vet care when needed, healthy pastures, and plenty of hay when winter weather came. His farm was securely fenced with sections of it featuring but one or two strands of electrified barb.

The farmer had one cow which he described as his "favorite". He said money could not buy her! He had raised her from a calf. She was dependable in calving, a good milker, gentle, and easily handled. But these were not the reasons he would never think of selling her.

This amazing animal had learned how to avoid being shocked by the electric fence as she reached for the lush grass growing beneath and beyond it. She simply got down on her knees! In fact, she spent so much time on her knees munching on the grass, she was dubbed "the praying cow". She was so faithful in her "praying" the farmer never had to worry about the fence being grounded by grass and weeds. So far as I know he was true to his word and never sold her.

The people of God are to be people who pray. God's people in the Old Testament prayed. Two "giants" of the Old Testament - Abraham and Moses - were men of prayer (Gen. 20:17; Num. 11:2; 21:7). We also think of David, Solomon, Daniel, Hannah, Elijah, Jonah, and many others who were faithful and fervent in prayer in many differing situations.

First century Christians prayed continually and steadfastly (Acts 2:42). They prayed "without ceasing" (Acts 12:5; 1 Thess. 5:17). They prayed together and in parting (Acts 20:36). They, no doubt, recalled the teaching of Jesus to pray "always" (Luke 18:1). They prayed "everywhere" (1 Tim. 2:8). They prayed with purpose and priority (Acts 10:9). If we follow the teachings of our Lord and Savior and the examples of those who have gone before us, prayer will be a constant in our lives.

Like the "praying" cow we could escape the "shocks" of life and buffer the blows of the world by spending more time on our knees. Seasoning our searching of the Scriptures with prayer will result in rich rewards in increasing our knowledge, faith, and patience. Such will surely please our Master, just as the "praying" cow pleased her master!

FROM THE PREACHER'S HEART:

Our attendance has rebounded quite well. We have been blessed by several new families placing membership and getting involved in the work program. Our contributions held up well during 2020 and so far in 2021. Giving, just as preaching, is to be practiced "in season and out of season" (2 Tim. 4:2; 1 Cor. 16:1-2). Our faithfulness in these areas will bless our lives, our family, and the world. Let's keep it up!

An opportunity for outdoor fellowship will be provided by Michael and Denise Hackett at their farm May 15, at 4:00 PM. BBQ and drinks will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet for those planning to attend and if you wish to bring a side dish. If it rains, it will be re-scheduled.

Thanks to Jeremy and Kristi Hassler for making pictures this past Sunday for updating our directory. Thanks to all those who had pictures made for the first time or to update your family photo and/or information. The directory is most helpful when we need to contact one another. It draws us closer to one another. I hope everyone will be included. Contact Jeremy, if you wish to have pictures made.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 7-11 at 6:30 P.M. The theme is "The Camp Out" with very practical lessons for Nursery through Adult. Classes for all ages, including adults, will be offered Monday through Thursday. Friday's event will be devoted to awards and recognition of the children attending. The adult class will have different speakers each evening. Contact Jeremy Hassler, if you can assist.

Last year's trip for the Ark Encounter was cancelled due to COVID. Justin has re-scheduled the trip for June 25-26 (Friday-Saturday). It is an overnight venture, returning Saturday evening. There will be a sign-up sheet posted later.

Counselor applications for Jackson-Smith County Youth Camp (July 18-23), will be available this Sunday. Complete and return ASAP. Deadline for counsellor apps is Sunday, May 30. Camper applications will be distributed May 23. NOTE: Kentucky law now requires a background check for all staff members.

Have a great rest of the week! Hope to you and yours on Sunday morning.

Edward L Anderson

NEWS & NOTES:

WELCOME VISITORS: A warm welcome is extended to all our visitors. We are honored to have you and your family. Come again!

TWO NEW DEACONS: The elders have placed Andy Rutherford and Tony Hackett before the church to be considered for deacons. They will begin serving May 9 if no scriptural objections are raised.

SICK: Dayton Jamison will see his doctor tomorrow (May 6), for another procedure. Barry Cohoon requests prayers for his friend, Phil Brasher, who is suffering with a brain disease. Darlene Hackett is to have knee surgery. Josiah and T. J. Hackett are sick. Several have been dealing with allergies and cold-like symptoms. Jerry Hicks had a reaction to his second covid shot. Aubrey and Scarlett Hicks have been sick. Erlene and Angela White and Barbara Anderson were back with us Sunday. Janice Anderson is in RRMC. Calvin Duggin continues to recuperate from recent burn wounds. James Spivey, Faye Maberry's brother-in-law, is recuperating at home following heart surgery. Faye's great-grandson, Oaken Maberry is scheduled for hernia surgery. Mary Phillips is seeing a wound doctor twice weekly. Keep Jerry and Mary in your prayers. Lola King and Patricia Brooks continue treatments. Janice Hicks had a chemo port surgically implanted this past Friday and thanks everyone for their prayers. Keep Carolyn Harris in your prayers. W. A. Gibbs continues dialysis. Barbara Jenkins was able to be with us Sunday. Ariel Coker, Barbara's granddaughter, has bronchitis. Ruby Fisher has trouble walking. Keep her in your prayers. Peggy Denton continues to improve. Remember Gary White, Allen's grandfather, who is not feeling as well. (Please call 615-735-0114 with updates/news).

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED/LIVING/SHUT-INS: Lovell Chaffin; Wilma Richardson; Judith Newberry; Mary Lou Smith; Frances Glosser; Ricky Branham; Jan Anderson (SCH&R); Loneta Bains (Pavilion); Hattie Branham, Joe Hensley, and Pat Paysinger (Shut-ins).

NEW BABY: Julia Lynne Grim (7 lbs. 12 oz.; 20"), was born Monday morning to Jon and Jessica. Mother and baby are doing well. So is big sister, Mary Pat!

VISITATION/GREETING PROGRAM: Josh Brown has a list of newcomers and shut-ins. If you wish to help with welcomes and calls, please contact him.

FIFTH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL: May 30 in annex.

ELDERS/DEACONS/PREACHERS: The monthly meeting will be this Sunday, May 9 at 4:30 PM. Agenda copies are available.

AREA EVENTS: ***Gospel Meetings:*** Liberty (Granville), May 16-19, Larry Acuff preaching, 7:00 PM; Zion, May 16-20, B. J. Clark preaching, 7:00 PM; Lafayette, May 16-19, with Reed Swindle preaching, 7:00 PM; ***Ladies Day:*** McCoinsville (Jackson Co.), May 8, with Shanna Anderson (Amanda Scoggins and Vanessa Netherton -girls' classes). ***Personal Evangelism Seminar:*** Willow Avenue church of Christ, May 7-8, with Rob and Nicole Whitacre (See posters on bulletin board).

PRAYER LIST: Teresa Hampton; Joyce Kilgore; Beverly Hix; James Spivey; Oaken Maberry; Mrs. Willie Sevier; Joyce Burford; Ron Gibson; Steven Linville; Pete Williams; Donald Eskew; Mark Scudder; Zander Dixon; Andy Futrell; Patricia Nye; Buddy Hyatt; J.B. Dailey; Dustin Justice (lymphoma); Faye Massey; Joe Hensley; Barbara Dixon; Conner Hackett; Gary White; A. J. Purkey; Josh Dillard; Lavern Hardee; Alan Fitts; Dan Winkler; Steve Higginbotham; Wayne Lankford; Shirley Henry; Sandy Waggoner; Nancy Hicks Bane; Wendy Williams; Ruby Anderson; Roslyn Fox Stout; Denise Griffin; James Hix; Rylee Winfree; Rebecca Huffines Thompson; Tommy & Linda Ashburn; Jerry Hutchins; Danny Claire; Bill Ross; 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; Donna Kemp; Ray Hobbs; Wes Stafford; Sawyer Cole; Richard Rhoten; Earl Carter; Jennie Burnett; Arnold Rich; Jimmy and Carolyn Rigsby.

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).

EVENTS CALENDAR: ***Smith County Health Care/Rehab Center Devotional:*** First Sundays of February, May, August, November (Resumed May 2); ***Fifth Sunday Pavilion Devotional*** (To be resumed when permitted); ***Vacation Bible School:*** June 7-11; ***Jackson/Smith County Youth Camp:*** July 18-23.

Having truth decay? Brush up on your Bible!!

"P-R-A-Y" is a four-letter word you can say anywhere.

REMEMBER: We don't change the message; the message changes us!