

# NEWS & NOTES

**THE SICK:** *Jack and Onzell Tucker* continue to be confined at home. ~ Buffy Wallen's grandmother and James McConnell's aunt, **Nadine Thompson**, is in the Lauderdale Christian Nursing Home in Killen. ~ Eric White's father, **Jim White**, continues his cancer treatments. ~ Judy Williams' mother **Flossie Kizzire**, continues in a nursing facility in Fayette ~**Jerry Dickey** is continuing to receive cancer treatments. ~ **Frances Resse**, Aric Butler's grandmother, in Brookings, Oregon is very sick with lung cancer. ~ **Weathers** is continuing cancer treatments. ~ **Michael Word** is recovering from surgery when it was discovered that he had appendicitis. ~ **Ronnie Phillips** is having test done to see if there is any means to help his back other than surgery. Others on the sick list include: **John McIntyre, Aaron Andrews, Scottie Goode**. There may be others that need to be brought to our attention. Please let us know.

**Let Us Keep Our Expecting Mothers In Our Prayers:** Amy Bassham, Andrea Butler, Laurie Chancellor, Katy Garner,

**COMMUNICATIONS GROUP:** Tonight after our evening service will be the meeting time for "Group A". If you are in this group, be sure to attend this meeting.

## GOSPEL MEETINGS IN THE AREA:

- The **FIRST STREET** church in Lawrenceburg, TN will be having at 3:00 today **Frank Jamerson** speaking on "One Baptism."
- The **WEST MADISON STREET** church in Pulaski TN, will be having **Bob Waldron** March 1-6. Monday thru Friday services will be held at 7:00 each evening.
- The **WESTVIEW** church in Hartselle will be having **Gary Fisher** on March 1-4. Monday thru Wednesday services will be at 7:00 each evening.
- The **ELGIN HILLS** church is having a special study on Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage, Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. Speaking will be **Donnie Rader**.

**FOR THE RECORD:** (Week of February 22<sup>nd</sup>)

### Sunday:

Bible Classes	??
Morning Worship	???
Evening Worship	??

### Wednesday:

Bible Classes	??
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## Schedule of Services

### Sunday

Bible Classes .....	9:45 AM
Morning Worship .....	10:45 AM
Evening Worship .....	6:00 PM
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Worship ( <i>Singing</i> )...	3:30 PM

### Wednesday

Bible Classes .....	7:00 PM
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# Gospel Power



"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation..." **Romans 1:16**

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### Men Serving This Week:

**Sunday Morning Bible Classes**  
**Song Leader** – Kevin Chancellor  
**Bible Reading** – Brian Blakely  
*Joshua 6:15-21*  
**Prayer** – James Adams

**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**Song Leader** – Kevin Chancellor  
**Prayer** – Cecil Cox  
**Lord's Supper**  
**Presiding** – Mark McIntyre  
**Assisting** – Steve Parker  
**Serving** – Mark McCrary, Brad Hammond, Rodney McCrary, Jerry Dickey  
**Closing Prayer** – Michael Clemmons

**Sunday Evening Worship**  
**Song Leader** – Brian Word  
**Bible Reading** – Andrew Gatlin  
*Joshua 6:22-27*  
**Prayer** – Rocky Rose  
**Lord's Supper** – Mark McIntyre, Steve Parker  
**Closing Prayer** – Jimmy Glass

**Wednesday Bible Classes**  
**Song Leader** – Phil Pressnell  
**Prayer** – Brian Blakely  
**Bible Reading** – Brad Hammond  
*Joshua 7:1-9*  
**Invitation** – Aaron Andrews  
**Closing Prayer** – Eddie J. Hammond

## Spiritual Insurance Josh Naylor

Try to complete these catchy phrases: ""You're in good hands with..." or ""Get Met, it...."" That is right - these are all insurance slogans. Why do people have insurance? Why would people dish out so much money for something that has such little obvious importance? Maybe they want to make sure that if something happens to themselves or their belongings that everything will be taken care of or made alright. Sure, you don't seem to need to have insurance all the time, but what if you get in a car wreck or your house catches on fire or if you suddenly become ill? These are all things that could certainly happen at any given second, without any warning.

Thinking about insurance can be applied not only to our physical well-beings but also to our spiritual well-being. God provides insurance for our souls. Unlike worldly insurance though, where you have to choose if you want car insurance, health insurance, fire insurance, etc., the Lord has made it easy for us. He has given us just one kind of insurance: the Bible. In this book He tells us of how His salvation is for everyone and how it is obtained and what the benefits of it are. He tells us that if death comes upon our physical bodies we can be reassured that he will take care of our spiritual bodies. John 14:2-3 says, ""in my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also."" That is why it is so important for us as children of God to make sure that we have His insurance.

When purchasing worldly insurance, one must diligently search for the correct policy that will insure them that if something were to happen. People are

always looking for the insurance policy with the best benefits. Who wants to put forth all of the time and effort and especially the money if your insurance benefits aren't going to be what they're all cracked up to be? As God's children, we should do the same. There are many false forms of spiritual insurance in our world today. People claim that by worshiping the Lord in their own way, you can still be reassured a home with Him in heaven. That is why we must search for the answers for ourselves, and not rely on others to make sure that what we are doing is right. We can't just hope that what we are doing is right. Doing such means our insurance benefits are going to be insecure. Not to worry! When we follow the Lord as He clearly instructs us in the Bible, He will hold up His part of the bargain and save us.

One thing we all know is that worldly insurance can break your pocket book. It is getting so expensive now days to pay for the stuff. But we have to have it. One of the great things about our spiritual insurance is that it has already been paid for by the blood of Jesus Christ. ""In Him we have redemption through His blood the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace"" (Ephesians 1:7). All that we have to do is take it by trusting and obeying. The Lord wants us to have His insurance but he has left it up to us to choose it correctly and to keep up our part of the bargain. Do you have the Lord's insurance? - *From Abundant Life – August 1999*

## THE RIGHT CHURCH

**Robert F. Turner**

A brother told me his friend asked if the church of which he was a member was the true church. The brother is an honest,

conscientious man, and he said he couldn't tell his friend the church of which he was a member was perfect. He knew, and the friend knew, they had problems and imperfections. So he told the friend it was the nearest thing to "right" of which he knew. Is this the best approach?

The "nearest thing to right" says I know what is "right," but either I can not find — perhaps believe there does not exist — one that measures up; or, I am willing to settle for some less than what I know should be. Perhaps some of our readers believe he should have said he was a member of the church of Christ and that is the "true church." He could have said it; and launched into the time of its establishment, its name, its government and the other characteristics usually used for identification. But his Querist referred to the local church of that community, and was smart enough to know that proving the features of the 1st. century church is not proving this local church qualifies.

I suggested he discuss the church of the N.T. records from two angles: the IDEAL, or that perfect church one might envision by studying what is approved and disapproved of God. Then, point out that the actual congregations of the 1st. century were not perfectly aligned with this ideal. In fact, we learn what Christ desired by seeing their errors corrected, as well as by approved examples, etc. Then, drive this home. Anything short of a sincere, all-out endeavor to be and do what Christ wants us to be and do, is not good enough. Tell your friend you have done what you believe God's word teaches one must do to become a child of God. And you are in fellowship with other like children, who are endeavoring to work and worship as God's word directs. Ask him to examine your faith and

practices in the light of God's word. If you can show him you welcome constructive criticism, will correct any errors he might find, are ever cognizant of weakness and need to improve, and are praying for forgiveness and strength to do better — brother, you have shown him the "right" church. If you can't stand such a test, perhaps you will CHANGE THE SUBJECT!! *From PLAIN TALK ,Vol 20, No 1, March 1983*

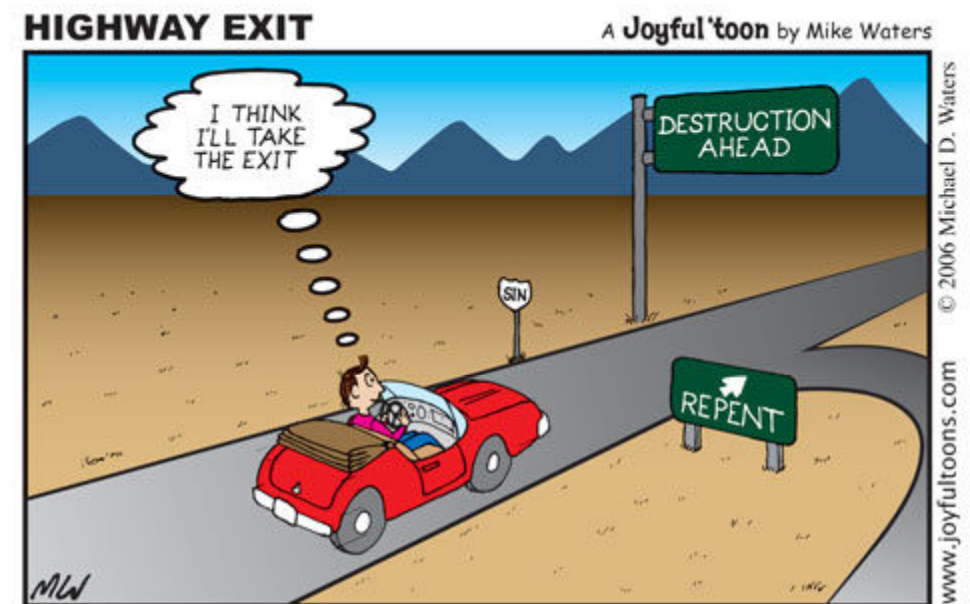
## I Was Lost and You Were in a Hurry

### Unknown

I attended your services Sunday evening. You wouldn't remember me. I was there looking for something - I think I would have found it if you had not been in such a hurry. You sang hymns about a loving Lord. I felt a tight choking sensation, and my heart beat faster. Your preacher's message was thrilling. I

realized I was lost and from the way he spoke, it seemed important to have a Savior.

The preacher finished his appeal and asked you to stand and sing another of those beautiful songs you know so well. I swallowed a lump in my throat and wished I knew the joy of which you sang. I was about to answer the call of the Gospel, when I heard a buzzing beside me When I looked around, you were picking up toys and telling your children to get ready to leave. In front of me were whisperers and gigglers. A couple had already headed for the door. The ushers rushed about stacking chairs and opening doors. Beside me, you were frowning at your watch as if time were running out. Seeing what I saw, I didn't want to look anymore. My eyes burned, my throat hurt, my feet wouldn't walk down the aisle. I could see that you really didn't care. This salvation the preacher had been telling about was not as important to you as getting out "on time." I only wanted to get away. I waited until services were over and walked out among you - alone unnoticed - and lost. Lost, because you were in a hurry. Lost, because it appeared you didn't really care if I was saved. (END)



Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it.  
- MATTHEW 7:13 NIV

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