



II Cor. 3:17 -- "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is..."

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## Let Us Be Ready

*Will He come in the twilight  
When the day is done  
And send, as His herald,  
The setting sun?*

*Will He come at dawning  
When the world awakes  
And all the sweetness  
Of the morning takes?*

*Will it be at noontime  
When life runs high  
With the sun's bright banner  
In the midday sky?*

*Morning, noon or evening—  
When we do not know;  
Let us then be ready  
When He comes, to go,*

—M. Rawley Lemley

## In Days Gone By

On Sept. 30, 1822, Andrew Shannon was found guilty of profanity by the Circuit Court of Henry County, Indiana and was fined \$2.00.

On Sept. 30, 1770, George Whitefield died. He was called the outdoor preacher whose voice carried for a mile.

## THE BOARD OF ABSENTEES

1. The board of absentees will meet each time the services of the church meet. At this meeting we will discuss ways of keeping the attendance as low as possible. We will see that there is no enthusiasm for increased attendance.

2. The board of absentees will discuss ways of decreasing the offering and will seek ways to weaken the preaching of the Word.

3. The board of absentees will discuss ways of decreasing any revival efforts of the church.

4. Your board of absentees is composed of the following members:

- Mr. Real Unconcerned
- Mrs. Sleep Late
- Mr. U.R. Lazy
- Mr. Don't Come At All
- Mr. & Mrs. Take It Easy
- Mr. & Mrs. Don't Like the Preacher
- Mrs. At Ease
- Mr. Do Little
- Miss Every Other Sunday

It is our deepest desire to close the doors of this church as quickly as possible. If you ever want an excuse for being absent, please contact us immediately — WE HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS. — The Signer

When we must accept a hardship,  
That we did not dream could be,  
Our first impulse is to ask:  
"Why me? O, God, why me?"

But when a blessing comes to us,  
And we receive it so joyously,  
Then seldom do we question:  
"Why me? O, God, why me?"



### The Mission of Choir Members

You are the chosen of the Lord  
 To sing his highest praise,  
 And through the medium of song  
 To show his wondrous ways.

Yours is the privilege of grace,  
 Your words his truth express,  
 Through sacred music you promote  
 The cause of righteousness.

So lift your voice with one accord  
 And let your anthems ring;  
 The people will be richly blessed,  
 And God will hear you sing.

### What Is Brotherly Love?

It's **SILENCE** when your words would hurt,  
 It's **PATIENCE** when your brother is hurt,  
 It's **DEAFNESS** when some gossip flows,  
 It's **COMPASSION** for a brother's woes,  
 It's **COURAGE** when misfortune falls,  
 It's **FIRMNESS** when one's duty calls,  
 It's **WILLINGNESS** to help another,  
 It's **TRUSTING** and especially a brother,  
 It's **RESTITUTION** made when due,  
 It's **FORGIVING** when asked of you.

### Bible Questions

1. What man in the Old Testament had brothers who hated him?  
 Genesis 37:3-4
2. What is the name of the only saleswoman mentioned by name in the Bible? Acts 16:14
3. Who was referred to as "this cursed woman"? II Kings 9:30-



### THE RENTED HOUSE

My body is a rented house  
 Whose tenant is my soul—  
 The lease for a few brief years  
 Of time's unending scroll.

Some day my Landlord will arrive  
 And tarry on His way  
 To post this notice on my door:  
 "Vacate this house today."  
 —Trumble

What would you  
 change if you knew that  
 Jesus was coming in the  
 next 24 hours?  
 Whatever you would  
 change if you knew He  
 was coming, is what  
 you should change  
 tonight.

### TRUSTING HIM WHO KNOWS

*I do not know, I cannot see,  
 What God's kind hand  
 prepares for me,  
 Nor can my glance  
 pierce through the haze  
 Which covers all my future ways;  
 But yet I know that o'er it all  
 Rules He who notes  
 the sparrow's fall.  
 I know the hand that hath me fed,  
 And through the year  
 my feet hath led;  
 I know the everlasting arm  
 That hath upheld  
 and kept from harm.  
 I trust Him as  
 my God and Guide,  
 And know that He  
 will still provide.*

*So, at the opening of the year,  
 I banish care  
 and doubt and fear,  
 And, clasping His kind hand, essay  
 To walk with God  
 from day to day,  
 Trusting in Him who hath me fed,  
 Walking with Him  
 who hath me led.  
 I know not where  
 His hand shall lead,  
 Through darkest wastes,  
 o'er flowery mead;  
 Mid tangled thicket  
 set with thorn,  
 Mid gloom of night  
 or glow of morn,  
 But still I know my Father's hand  
 Will bring me to His goodly land.*

### ABOUT WALNUTS and PUMPKINS:

Oppressed by the noonday heat, a tired farmer sat under a walnut tree to rest. Relaxing, he looked at his pumpkin vines and said to himself, "How strange it is that God puts such big heavy pumpkins on a frail vine that has so little strength it has to trail on the ground!" And then looking up into the cool branches of the tree above him, he added, "How strange it is that God puts small walnuts on such a big tree with branches so strong they could hold a man!"

Just then a breeze dislodged a walnut from the tree. The tired farmer wondered no more as he rubbed his head ruefully and said "It's a good thing there wasn't a pumpkin up there instead of a walnut."

Hopefully when the breezes of life blow, you will remember that God, who is great and wise, makes no mistakes. He deserves our praise under any circumstances.

### BEST WAY TO READ THE BIBLE

"The very best way to read the Bible is to read it daily with close attention and with prayer to see the light that shines from its pages, to meditate upon it, and to continue to read it until somehow it works itself, its words, its expressions, its teachings, its habits of thought, and its presentation of God and His Christ into the very warp and woof of one's being."  
 —Messiah's Advocates"

# Miscellaneous.

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\*EVENTS  
\*VIEWS  
\*NEWS



## UPDATE...FOR THE LAST FEW MONTHS AT GRACE

We are glad to report that Pastor Gary Dice's health has been much improved for the past several months, and he has been able to preach on a regular basis. Though we have had other men to preach during this time, no one can take the place and do what our pastor does. God has given him tremendous ability, insight and talent in preaching and in music. God has blessed him with a great work ethic. Grace Baptist has been blessed to have him as our pastor for over 29 years!

\* During the summer, along with other events, we had a large group of teenagers who enjoyed a week's camp at the Living Waters Farm in Iowa, and then again a group of teens attended a large teen meeting in Burlington, Iowa.

\* Bro. Warren Storm visited us recently to help repair some of our church buses. There is always a need for CDL drivers and workers in the bus ministry. Bro. Warren has a great ministry working with many, many churches during the year to keep their bus ministry moving.

\* GRACE BAPTIST ACADEMY is up and going for the school year and is beginning very well. Thank God for a good staff and student body.

\* The men in our church have started to dry-wall some of the rooms and we have already started Sunday School classes in some of them. The electrical work is all done.

\* Coming up on Sunday, October 20, we will be privileged to have Dr. Wendell Evans, past president of Hyles-Anderson College, to be with us in all the services. We are always blessed to have this good man and his wife to be with us.

## YOU NEED A TRUE HEART

You cannot expect God to bless you when you come to Him with a heart filled with sin, wickedness, immorality, faithlessness, etc. You don't come to Him half-heartedly. Remember, He sees the heart. When we come to God through Christ we must do it with a true heart, a heart filled with love, humility and a dedication to Him. When you have a true heart you can even come to Him boldly. Hebrews 4:16, "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

## YOU SET THE EXAMPLE

Most everybody has a less-than-perfect family, so go on and serve God anyway, and set the example for the rest!