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A few years ago I saw a news report about a South African airliner crashing into the ocean just before a refueling stop. It is certainly always saddening to hear of such tragedies, but there was something else surrounding this accident that made it even more sad.

The pilot was on his last flight before retirement. There was a reception waiting for him to offer their congratulations. Instead, they had to offer their condolences.

As sad as this incident is, how much more sad to see someone who plans to take care of their salvation before they depart this life, then they meet death quicker than expected. No matter what our plans may be, they are subject to change. Plan and prepare for that which is certain— eternity. Always remember the words of James 4:14, *“Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.”*

—Marty Edwards❖

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“Quitting” the Church

A man who had not attended one service of the church in four years told me he had never thought of “quitting” the church. I reminded him that he had (1) withdrawn his presence from its services, (2) refused to give his moral support to the activities of the congregation, and (3) had withdrawn his financial support, for he had not given one dime to help carry on the Lord’s work.

I asked, “What else would one have to do in order to ‘quit’ the church? In case you ever decide that you no longer desire to be a member, what other steps would be necessary for you to take? Just what else would be necessary to ‘quit’ the church?”

As his true status dawned upon him, his expression reflected his sober thoughts. He replied, “Why, brother Nichols, I’ve already quit, haven’t I? Well, I surely didn’t mean to! And I don’t know when I did it, but I’ve quit the Lord and His church. I’ll tell you right now, I’m coming back!”

He did, too. At the next service he was restored and three years later, he was still faithful.

Dear reader, how about you? Have you quit the Lord and His church without resolving to do so? Perhaps no one deliberately decides to quit, while many carelessly drift into backsliding.

If you have (1) quit attending the services, (2) quit boosting the program of activities planned by the elders, and (3) quit giving as God has prospered you to enable the congregation to meet its financial needs, you need to be restored.

—by the late Gus Nichols
via the Estes bulletin (Henderson, TN)
and “Bulletin Digest”

—Comments regarding this article are on the back page of the bulletin.

News

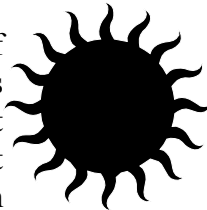
—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jimmy Terry, Allen Terry, Audrey Terry, Jean Coffey, Allen Riffle, Lillian Riffle, Vicki McDaniel and Shirley Edwards.**

—**Lois McDaniel**, the mother of Kerry, had knee replacement surgery this past Wednesday. She has been in a lot of pain but is slowly recovering. She is in Glasgow.

—Thanks to everyone for the prayers, calls, cards, food and visits while I was unable to attend services for about three months. They all are greatly appreciated. —**Shirley Edwards**

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This past summer we have experienced some of the hottest weather we have ever had with highs right at 110 in early July. There was stifling heat coupled with high humidity even after that heat wave. The conditions make it difficult to even breathe. Fortunately, most are able to escape to a place of relief that has air conditioning. There is no need to suffer when we can escape so easily.



Likewise, we are often exposed to actions that make us feel uncomfortable spiritually. Those about us may be using the Lord's name in vain, telling a filthy story, or any number of shameful actions. Instead of being uncomfortable with the situation, simply walk away, engage in silent prayer, or retreat to a period of Bible study. There is no need to suffer when we can escape so easily.

—Marty Edwards

Sunday, August 5, 2012		
Classes	18	John 5:30-47
Preaching	21	II Timothy 2:15 (Back to School)
Contribution	\$629.00	
Evening	18	Singing
Wednesday, August 12, 2012		
Classes	19	Joshua 8:1-35

Bible Quiz

What did the angel have that John saw flying in Heaven?

Last Week's Answer— An angel (Revelation 14:7)

To “quit the church” as used in the article on page 2 simply means to quit being an active part of the church. I, as you probably do, know people who are quick to defend the truth, but they never actively contribute to the work of the church and rarely, if ever, attend. There was no intent to go so far astray, but over the years they permitted themselves to drift farther and farther away.

If you find yourself in this situation, repent and pray for forgiveness and once again become an active member of the Lord's body. Tomorrow may be too late. “. . . *behold, now is the day of salvation.*” (II Corinthians 6:2) —Marty Edwards

—God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)