

Munfordville Church of Christ

No 911

August 26, 2012

Since this is issue number 911 of the bulletin, I thought I would run this article a couple of weeks early to remember back to 9-11, 2001.

It was almost 11 years ago that our nation was attacked by a terrorist. It was a crisp, clear, late Summer, Tuesday morning, September 11, 2001 will stand in history as one of the most memorable days of our lives. The events of that tragic day and the loss of life in New York, Washington D. C., and Pennsylvania are well-known. The following is a repeat of what I wrote in 2001.

There are so many different approaches I could write about in the limited space I have. I have decided to briefly list some lessons that can be learned from Tuesday's events.

1. **Life and death is filled with uncertainty.** I know all those killed Tuesday had plans for later that day as well as for later in life. Never did they imagine that Tuesday would be their final day. We know this fact, but sometimes certain events bring this thought to the forefront.
2. **Part with good thoughts and words.** Many of those who faced

imminent death were blessed with a wonderful gift. They had a few last moments to speak to their loved ones via phone. During these conversations, there was no talk of ball scores, how stocks and bonds were doing, and certainly no petty bickering. Those precious final words were words of love and caring. No wonder Paul wrote in Ephesians 4:26, “. . . *let not the sun go down upon your wrath.*”

3. **Focus on what is important.** It is interesting to note how many ball games, civic meetings, and other events have been canceled due to Tuesday's events. Not only have many been canceled due to respect for the loss of life, but it seems that people are just not interested right now in unimportant matters. People are not interested in sitcoms and movies. Even the barons of Wall Street have had little to no interest earning interest on their investments.

I receive many email newsletters regarding computers and software. Many of these were not published this past week as they normally are. Instead, a brief message of concern and condolences were sent in lieu of the regular information. Even many Internet sites that are not news sites, but are for shopping and commerce are decorated with flags and mention prayer and concern. This event has caused us all to become very focused on what really matters and what does not.

4. **People are capable of great good and unselfishness.** Yes, there are a lot of evil people in the world as is so pointedly shown, but look at the outpouring of love and support that has been demonstrated. At one point, the mayor of New York had to ask people to stop volunteering for a while. They were overwhelmed with offers.
5. **People come together.** As in all tragedies, much good has come and will continue to come from this event. Our nation seems to be united on a scale that most of us have never seen.

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News

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

—**Neal Bowers** is at home recovering from surgery. He had to have a toe removed and discovered he is diabetic. The family has asked us to remember them all in prayer.

—**Lois McDaniel** is scheduled to return home tomorrow following knee replacement surgery. She is to then undergo two weeks of therapy.

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Though there has probably been some criticism, I have heard none at all. People need and want the Lord during such times. I have never heard the words, “faith,” “hope,” and “love” mentioned so much as I have heard those words in the past few days. I have heard the name of the Lord mentioned hundreds of times properly used and not in vain the way you so often hear on television. May we ever have that desire and respect of the Lord during the good times as well.

8. **The Lord is in control.** Many have asked publicly, and I have been asked directly, “Why does the Lord let such happen.” Though we do not have all the answers, we must realize that the evil and sin in the world ushers in such occurrences. As the Lord so clearly told Job we too will not always understand human suffering and tragedy, but when we live, and
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Sunday, August 19, 2012		
Classes	14	John 6:26-47
Preaching	23	Colossians 1:8
Contribution	\$552.00	
Evening	10	Revelation 16:1-21
Wednesday, August 22, 2012		
Classes	21	Joshua 10:1-43

Visitors—
 Aug 19 (AM) Alice and John Mark Thrasher (Glasgow, KY); Andy, Marsha, Hannah, & Clay Waggoner (Bowling Green, KY); Curtis McDaniel (Uno, KY)
 Aug 22 (Wed) Pam Crispin (Farmington, NM); Madison Gaddie (Munfordville)

Bible Quiz

Where did the fourth angel pour his vial?
 Last Week’s Answer— A sea of glass (Revelation 15:2)

ultimately die in the Lord, all will end well. Remember the words of Paul in Romans 8:18, “*For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.*”

—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)