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Yesterday I was out and about in Munfordville and I heard a lot of people talking about the shooting in Newtown, Connecticut. The conversations were basically the same. They talked about how terrible it was, what a tragedy, and that something needs to be done. Someone actually talked to me directly and said very similar words.

I agree totally. It is horrible, a tragedy and I do desire that something will be done.

But, it saddens me that every year in the United States alone, between 3,000 to 4,000 unborn children are killed *every day* before they are born, and their very small bodies literally thrown away, simply because someone doesn't want the child. Thousands a day— all killed legally and with the blessing of the government. These unborn children are alive, waiting to enter the world, and yet, not one day, does anyone say to me or I hear conversations about how horrible and tragic this is. There are no memorials or moments of silence or flags flown at half-mast for them.

Yes, the shooting in Connecticut was horrible and so very tragic, but, every day, all about us, we have things just as tragic

and thousands more lives taken. Let us not grow hardened and anaesthetized to the events about us.

Regarding the shooting this past Friday, it was said, "Evil visited us today." Indeed, it did, but evil was already here, daily, doing what evil does— anything against the LORD and his holy word.

David wrote the following in Psalm 139: 15, 16 regarding himself before he was born, "*My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.*"

—Marty Edwards❖

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The shooting at the Newtown, Connecticut elementary school this past Friday quickly made news. Internet sites were reporting on the incident and news coverage was almost instant.

People were discussing it and almost nothing else all day and well into the night. It was at the forefront of discussion of all the national leaders and even foreign leaders were calling the President.

People were trying to get any information they could and just simply wanting to talk about it.

It was no different in Jesus's days upon Earth. I couldn't help but think of Luke 13:3 where the people with Jesus were talking about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the sacrifice. This was obviously on their minds and was the "news" of the day and were discussing it with Jesus.

Jesus responded with a question asking if they supposed these people to whom this tragedy happened were sinners above anyone else.

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# News

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

—**Lois McDaniel**, mother of Kerry, had a cancerous place removed from her face. It required many stitches but she is doing quite well.

—**Tony Bozarth**, brother of Ruby Edwards, was able to return to work and drive some last week. He is recovering from a stroke.

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Jesus was not saying they would necessarily die in the same manner but unless they repented, they would suffer a fate likewise with perishing in their sins. He was letting them know they needed to focus on saving themselves spiritually.

Jesus next reminds them of another news worthy tragedy that no doubt the people near him were familiar. He mentions a tower that fell upon 18 people in Siloam and killed them.

The lesson and point that Jesus made from both these “news” events was that unless they repented, they would likewise perish.

When something like the shooting in Connecticut happens, it’s natural that we want to discuss it and know more about it, but, the way Jesus reacted to tragic “news” was that we need to live our lives in such a way that we will not perish spiritually.

I feel if Jesus was with us physically today, he would say something very similar to us as he said to them when discussing the main news that was on the mind of those people. Jesus said in Luke 13:3 and again in verse 5, *“I tell you nay, but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.”*

—Marty Edwards❖

Sunday, December 9, 2012		
Classes	18	John 12:9-27
Preaching	27	1 Thessalonians 5:16-23
Contribution	\$416.00	
Evening	20	Ezra 7:1-28
Wednesday, December 12, 2012		
Classes	28	Joshua 2:1-23

Dec 9 (AM) Andy, Marsha, Hanah, & Clay Wagoner (Bowling Green, KY); Lonnie Joe Smith & Travis Smith (Jay, Florida)

Visitors—

Dec 9 (PM) Joanna Locke (Hardyville, KY)

Dec 12 (PM) Rachel Lane (Priceville, KY)

## Bible Quiz

Who was a ready scribe in the law of Moses?

Last Week’s Answer— Precious ointment (Psalm 133:2)

—Just a reminder that our Sunday evening services will be at 4:00 p.m. until March 10 at which time we’ll revert back to 6:00.

### —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)