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We have recorded in Acts 27 the incident of Paul being shipwrecked while traveling to Rome. In the first few verses of Acts 28, we find where Paul and those shipwrecked with him escape to the island of Melita. When they arrived, they found that the inhabitants of the island had already prepared a fire for them. It was raining and cold when they arrived, and I'm sure Paul was very thankful the fire was already prepared.

We need to offer thanks for the fires that have been built for us—blessings that someone else sacrificed for and we enjoy. Such would include the building we worship in, the freedom to worship, abundant copies of the Bible, an opportunity for education, the freedoms offered in our nation, an abundance of food—the list is quite lengthy.

Let's never fail to give thanks for these and the many blessings we enjoy.
—Marty Edwards❖

“In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”

I Thessalonians 5:18

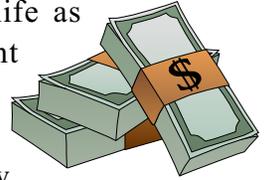
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Have you noticed the trend toward simplification? I suppose it is natural that when businesses began scaling down and becoming leaner operations, the spirit of severing the fat from our operations would move to family life as well. I even noticed an automobile advertisement pushing simplicity the other day. If you go to any book store and look around very much, you will find a whole section of books on how to get out of debt and how to simplify your life. Personally, I believe this is a great trend and hope that it will continue



Much of our feeling of peace and contentment relates to our ability to live without some things. When we develop the spirit, “I must have all the things I want and I want them right now,” there are never enough things to fulfill the longings. Each time we think we have arrived, the craving begins for something a little better and just a bit more convenient. Quite often, we didn't know we were deprived when we didn't have something until we were around someone who had it. Then we just couldn't see how we could live without it for another day.

To keep the cravings of our life under control, a good habit to develop is to see what you can live without and still be a full, complete person who is doing well in life. I'm not advocating we should all get rid of our homes, cars, and clothes. I'm just saying one can build character by doing without some things they would really like to have. It may be nothing more than delaying a purchase, even though we can afford it now, until later. When we do, many of the things we thought we wanted desperately become unimportant to us.

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News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jimmy Terry, Allen Terry, Vicki McDaniel, Jean Coffey, Audrey Terry, Tony Bozarth**, (brother of Ruby Edwards). **Carolyn Baldwin** (sister of Vicki McDaniel). **Chuck Crispin** (son-in-law of Carolyn Bowers).

—Congratulations to **Kerry McDaniel** who was named the 2012 Hart County Chamber of Commerce citizen of the year. We all know how busy Kerry is with the county, and the award is well deserved.

—I would like to thank all for the surprise gathering after services this past Wednesday evening to celebrate my birthday. I was totally surprised. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated —Shirley Edwards

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When the apostle Paul wrote Timothy, he said, “*For we brought nothing into [this] world, [and it is] certain we can carry nothing out. ⁸And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.*” (I Timothy 6:7, 8) One giant stride toward a more peaceful life would be to lower the level of necessity in our lives.

Just think of what it would do for your own self-discipline if you choose something you really want, and determine to do without it. This very action could lead us to better control of ourselves in all other areas of life. A man’s life does not consist of the abundance of things he possesses. Don’t become a hermit. Reason is applicable in this realm, but we can start somewhere with something we want.

—adapted from Leon Barnes
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Sunday, December 2, 2012		
Classes	25	John 11:47-12:8
Preaching	34	John 17 - Jesus' Prayer for Us
Contribution	\$747.42	
Evening	22	Singing
Wednesday, December 5, 2012		
Classes	23	Judges 1:1-36

Visitors—
Dec 2 (AM) Ethan Borton (Nashville, TN); Lurline Mires (Rex, KY); Rachel Layne (Priceville, KY)
Dec 2 (PM) Joanna Locke (Hardyville, KY)

Bible Quiz

What ran down Aaron’s beard?

Last Week’s Answer— Achmetha, in the palace that is in the province of the Medes (Ezra 6:1, 2)

—Tonight we will continue our study of the book of Ezra. We have just begun a study of the book of Judges in our Wednesday evening adult class.

—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)