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II Chronicles 15:2, “*And he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; The LORD is with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.*”

Azariah was speaking to king Asa and told him that the LORD was with him and the people if they were with the LORD. He went on to say that if you seek the LORD, He will be found. He was also told if you forsake the LORD, He would forsake him.

The same is told in the New Testament regarding us. Hebrews 13:5 says, “*Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*” The word “conversation” in the King James version of the Bible means the life we live. Our lives are to be without covetousness and to be content. There is no reason we should ever be discontent. If we are living for the LORD, He will never leave us nor forsake us.

The teaching is very simple and easy to understand. The LORD is

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always there with us and will never leave us if we do not leave Him.

How do we leave or forsake the LORD? If we become unfaithful to Him in our lives and hearts we forsake the LORD. If we are not attending, studying, praying, and doing all the things we do to serve the LORD, we have forsaken Him. He then forsakes us.

Asa was given this sound advice. How did he respond? We see later in II Chronicles 15:8, “*And when Asa heard these words, and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abominable idols out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from mount Ephraim, and renewed the altar of the LORD, that was before the porch of the LORD.*”

Asa did turn and do right, but as he neared the end of his life, he was not as close to the LORD as he should be. In the next chapter, we are told in II Chronicles 16:12-13, “<sup>12</sup>*And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he sought not to the LORD, but to the physicians.* <sup>13</sup>*And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign.*”

Asa did turn to the LORD for a while, but in the end he did not seek the LORD. He had this disease for two years and then died.

What can you do if you’ve grown far from the LORD and forsaken Him? The first part of James 4:8 says, “*Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.*” If you have drifted far from the LORD, repent, and draw nigh and come back close to Him. He will then draw nigh to you. How far away the LORD is from us is totally dependent upon us.

—Marty Edwards ❖

# News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, and Brad Terry.** We have had many very sick this past week with flu and flu-like symptoms. **Mark Crabtree** and **Chris Duncan** have been

very sick. **Lillian Riffle** has had strep throat.

—Next week our mid-week service will be on Tuesday evening, February 28. There will be no mid-week service on March 1.

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Matthew 28:16, “*Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.*”

The two words “the eleven” in the above verse are very sad and words full of sorrow. Up until this time, the apostles had been “The twelve Apostles.” We know how that Judas betrayed Jesus and hung himself. There was at this point only eleven apostles.

In a somewhat related thought to the article on pages one and two of the bulletin, what happens to the others when we leave the LORD? What happens to the local congregation and the Church at large? They continue on without us. The Church will not be stopped because of our unfaithfulness.

That doesn’t mean there is not a void left. There is sadness and one is missed, but the Church will continue on and the faithful will be saved regardless of what an individual does.

The eleven continued with their work and serving the LORD. No doubt they were sad about Judas, but they picked up and continued on. Don’t let the Church and the saved leave you behind. Remain faithful and part of the LORD’s body all your days and receive your full reward with all the saved at the end.

—Marty Edwards❖

Sunday, February 12, 2017		
Classes	16	Philippians 3:1-10
Preaching	22	Joshua 24:15
Contribution	\$634.00	
Evening	16	Proverbs 29:1-27
Wednesday, February 15, 2017		
Classes	16	Daniel 3:1-30

Visitors— Feb 12 (AM) Anthony Riffle (Priceville, KY)

## Bible Quiz

Who was the fourth man like that Nebuchadnezzar saw in the fiery furnace?

Last Week’s Answer— In a night vision (Daniel 2:19)

II John 1:8, “*Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward .*”

### —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)