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In Haggai 1:5, 6 we have recorded, “⁵Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways. ⁶Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages [to put it] into a bag with holes.”

Haggai was pointing out to his readers that their efforts in this life were futile because of their ways. Many today are in this situation. They work hard to provide all the necessities of life, while shunning the laying up of treasures in Heaven. Their efforts are in vain because they are not living for Christ.

Make sure your efforts in this life are worthwhile. Live every day for Christ, thereby laying up eternal riches.

—Marty Edwards❖

Urgent Needs in the Church Today

1. **More knocking on doors and less knocking on each other.** The great commission demands that we busy ourselves in taking the Gospel to others (Mark 16:15). The Bible says, “speak not evil one

of another” (James 4:11). It is so much better to be busy doing good rather than evil.

2. **More sound heads and fewer sore heads.** Perhaps there has never been a time in the history of the church in which we have had a greater need for men sound in the faith and wise in judgment. Sometimes the voice of the wise goes unheeded and the voice of the foolish takes over. (I Kings 12:6-8)

3. **More open hearts and fewer open mouths.** All conduct proceeds from the heart. Prejudice closes the heart to a true consideration of the facts. If the heart was made right before the mouth was opened, most church problems locally and universally would cease to exist. (James 3:5, 6; Proverbs 26:20)

4. **More seed slinging and less mud slinging.** The task of sowing the seed of the kingdom is so great that it should leave no time for the slinging of mud at a brother. The fact that we have the whole world as our foe should draw us closer together. (Proverbs 18:24) There should be no division in the Lord’s camp (I Corinthians 1:10). One can never whitewash himself by slinging mud at another. He who tries gets his own hands dirty.

5. **More sacrifice of self and less sacrifice of others.** There are plenty of members of the church who are willing to sacrifice their other fellow— his talent, his time, his money, and even perhaps his reputation. Sacrifice should begin at home (Luke 9:23).

6. **More concern over direction than speed.** This is the jet and missile age. Speed is being enthroned and multitudes bow before it. But in the Lord’s work, the greater question is not, “How fast are we traveling?”, but rather, “Which way are we going?” (John 14:6; Matthew 7:13, 14). All speed is not progress. On the other hand, neither is standing still.

—Leroy Brownlow

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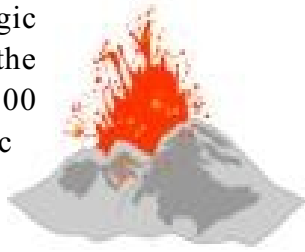
Sunday 9 AM & 4 PM — Wednesday 6 PM

News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshal** and **Jewell Watkins** who are both in nursing homes. Continue to also remember **Vicki McDaniel** and **Jean Coffey**. **Kerry McDaniel** has been quite sick the past couple of days with walking pneumonia.

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In the mid 1980s there was a tragic natural disaster that occurred in the African nation of Cameroon. Over 1500 people lost their lives when volcanic gases escaped from under a lake and overtook three villages.



A doctor on the scene noted that most who went outside to investigate died almost immediately. Those who stayed in, away from the gases, had a good chance of survival.

The same principle applies in the Christian life. When one steps outside the safety of righteous living and starts investigating sin, so often they are overtaken. Maybe in the back of their mind, they feel they will repent and turn back to the Lord before they die, but death comes sooner than expected or their hearts harden and there is no longer an interest in repentance.

We need to stay as far away from sin as possible. Heed the words of James 4:7, “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

—Marty Edwards❖

Sunday, January 5, 2013		
Classes	16	Acts 17:5-14
Preaching	21	Isaiah 29:8; II Peter 5:16
Contribution	\$640.00	
Evening	15	Singing
Wednesday, January 8, 2013		
Classes	16	I Samuel 30:1-31

Visitors— Jan 5 (PM) Brooklyn Alexander (Munfordville)
Jan 8 (Wed) Ethan Moore (Legrande, KY)

Bible Quiz

Why were the brethren in Berea more noble than those in Thessalonica?

Last Week’s Answer— The innocent (Job 22:30)

—If you can’t attend, you can easily hear our services via YouTube or TuneIn Radio. TuneIn is probably the easiest since it takes very little data and can be listened to on the most basic cell or Internet connections.



—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)