

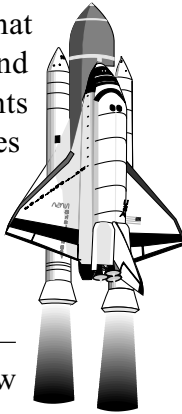
Munfordville Church of Christ

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Changed Plans

It was 30 years ago this past Thursday, January 28, 1986 and 13 years ago on February 1, 2013 that NASA lost the space shuttles Challenger and Columbia when the first exploded a few moments after take off and the second broke up 38 miles above Texas and crashed to Earth. All 14 astronauts on these two missions lost their lives. They had many experiments planned, welcome back celebrations, and plans for the future.



All these plans were canceled for one thing—death. No matter what our plans are, no matter how busy we might be, when death comes, it supercedes all others plans. Plan for death. It will come. Sometimes quicker than we might think.

I did a search for any form of the word “plan” in the King James Version of the Bible. Not once did the words, “plan,” “planning,” or “planned” appear.

It’s not that the Lord does not expect us to plan. Our lives would be a chaotic mess and living from hand to mouth if there

was not some planning. We just need to plan with the Lord at the forefront of those plans and make plans for what follows this life.

—Marty Edwards❖

A man who had not attended one service of the church in four years told me he had never thought of “quitting” the church. I reminded him that he had (1) withdrawn his presence from its services, (2) refused to give his moral support to the activities of the congregation, and (3) had withdrawn his financial support, for he had not given one dime to help carry on the Lord’s work.

I asked, “What else would one have to do in order to ‘quit’ the church? In case you ever decide that you no longer desire to be a member, what other steps would be necessary for you to take? Just what else would be necessary to ‘quit’ the church?”

As his true status dawned upon him, his expression reflected his sober thoughts. He replied, “Why, brother Nichols, I’ve already quit, haven’t I? Well, I surely didn’t mean to! And I don’t know when I did it, but I’ve quit the Lord and His church. I’ll tell you right now, I’m coming back!”

He did, too. At the next service he was restored and three years later, he was still faithful.

How about you? Have you quit the Lord and His church without resolving to do so? Perhaps no one deliberately decides to quit, while many carelessly drift into backsliding.

If you have (1) quit attending the services, (2) quit boosting the program of activities planned by the elders, and (3) quit giving as God has prospered you to enable the congregation to meet its financial needs, you need to be restored.

—by the late Gus Nichols
via the Estes bulletin (Henderson, TN)
and “Bulletin Digest”

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Sunday 9 AM & 4 PM — Wednesday 6 PM

News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton and Shirley Parson.** Continue to remember **Terry Burd** who has cancer. He is the son of Jean Coffey and brother of Mike Burd.



Birthdays

Feb. 5 — Shari Edwards
Feb. 6 — Denessa Worth
Feb. 21 — Matthew Edwards
Feb. 27 — Chelsee Wooton
Feb. 28 — Taylor Dennis

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To “quit the church” as used in the previous article simply means to quit being an active part of the church. I, as you probably do, know people who are quick to defend the truth, but they never actively contribute to the work of the church and rarely, if ever, attend. There was no intent to go so far astray, but over the years they permitted themselves to drift farther and farther away.

If you find yourself in this situation, repent and pray for forgiveness and once again become an active member of the Lord’s body. Tomorrow may be too late. “. . . behold, now is the day of salvation.” (II Corinthians 6:2)

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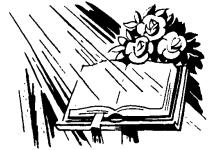
Sunday, January 24, 2016		
Classes	9	Snow in the Bible
Preaching	11	Revelation 1
Contribution	\$270.00	
Evening	n/a	Revelation 22 (online service due to ice)
Wednesday, January 27, 2016		
Classes	21	Ezekiel 30:1-26

Bible Quiz

Jesus is the bright and morning what?

Last Week’s Answer— In Heaven (Psalm 119:89)

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.”



—I Peter 2:9

—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)