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1000 Miles

A few years ago we traveled to Calico Rock, Arkansas to a family reunion. Before we backed out of the driveway, we reset the trip odometer to zero to measure the total driving distance of the trip.

During the course of our visit, there were numerous unplanned excursions—trips to a store, a visit in the area of Ruby's mother's home place, a drive down a side road that was decided upon at the last moment, a slightly different route home than originally planned, etc. These examples are but a few of the many excursions made.

As we neared home, I noted that the trip odometer indicated we had driven 999.7 miles. I remarked that it looked as though our trip was going to be about 1000 miles. At the exact moment I arrived at the driveway, the odometer indicated we had driven 1000.0 miles—not 999.9 nor 1000.1, but exactly 1000 miles to the tenth.

Could we have planned this so precisely? Probably not. It was just a happenstance. I doubt we could do it again. As I look back, every little extra drive taken, every decision to not take a road, etc., all played an integral part in the trip being exactly 1000 miles. Any one trip omitted or extra one taken would have caused

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the milage to be below or above 1000.

In like manner, any thing we add to the Word of God or remove will cause us to miss out on eternal salvation. The Lord has always commanded that we neither add to nor take from His Word.

Does it matter if the trip was 1000 miles or not? No, but it does matter if we follow the Bible exactly by not adding to nor taking from. It not only makes a world of difference—it makes an eternity of difference.

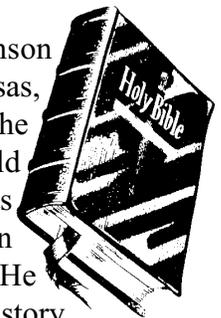
—Marty Edwards

Revelation 22:18, 19 “¹⁸For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: ¹⁹And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and [from] the things which are written in this book.”

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Sowing the Seed

Years ago in the bulletin from the Robinson Avenue congregation in Springdale, Arkansas, I read a very intriguing article. A lady of the congregation there had sent a copy of a World Bible School lesson to a student in Africa. It was found in the roadway by another person who then searched for the church of Christ in his village. He was baptized two days later. What makes the story amazing is the fact that the lesson was mailed seven years before it was found.



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News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins and Jean Coffey.**

—Tonight we will continue our study of the book of Job.

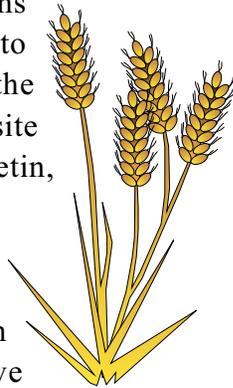
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Let us take a lesson from this incident. Never be discouraged when you do not see growth in the church occurring in a time frame that we expect it to occur.

Though we be few in number, all the things we do at Munfordville are sowing the seed. The bulletins we produce can be read for generations to come. The newspaper ad reaches many in the county and surrounding area. The Internet site allows anyone in the world to read our bulletin, hear our lessons, and contact us.

Just as a physical seed will still germinate after many years, the Gospel will take root when it is planted and watered, even if it is years later. Let us do our part, and leave the increase to God.



—Marty Edwards

⁶I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. ⁷So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. ⁸ Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

I Corinthians 3:6-8❖

Sunday, July 7, 2013

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| Classes | 8 | Acts 5:17-32 |
| Preaching | 12 | Jude |
| Contribution | \$608.75 | |
| Evening | 6 | Singing |

Wednesday, July 10, 2013

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| Classes | 11 | I Samuel 6:1-21 |
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Bible Quiz

The Ark of the LORD was in the country of the Philistines how long?

Last Week's Answer— Seven days and nights (Job 2:13)

—Many of our summer travelers are back. **Abby Edwards, Elaina Rimmer** and **Ali Rose Duncan** just returned from Bible camp in Tennessee. **Ben Edwards** has returned from six weeks visiting his grandparents in Mississippi. **Ruby Edwards** is back from Arkansas. **Mark Quigley** and his family have driven to Washington state. Let's keep all in thought and prayer as they travel.

—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)