

# Munfordville Church of Christ

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James 1:21, *“Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.*

James in the above verse tells us to lay apart, or set aside all filthiness and superfluity (overflowing) of naughtiness. Being human we are going to sin, but we need to set aside sin and keep it from overwhelming and covering us up.

Instead of letting sin cover us up and become a regular part of our lives, we need to receive the engrafted word. This phrase has to do with horticulture. It’s possible to graft a branch onto a tree. At first, the new branch has to be supported by special tape or some means to keep it from falling off. The branch will begin to grow into the tree and with time they become one and the branch can easily support itself.

The Word of God is engrafted upon us. At first it’s easy to lose what we learn and let the word and teachings “fall off” of us. We need

support just like that newly engrafted branch upon the tree. We need regular attendance, daily study, prayer, and engage in activities that keep us close to the LORD.

With time, the word grows more into us and becomes part of us and our very being just like the branch becomes part of the tree to which it is engrafted. The more time that passes, the stronger the word becomes in us.

A successfully engrafted limb after many years can be removed, but it’s going to take a strong effort to remove it. The more the word of God grows into us the more it’s going to take to dislodge the word. We will always need the support of others, daily study and prayer, etc., but this will only serve to strengthen the word and make it more and more a part of us with each passing day.

The end result of receiving the engrafted word is that it is able to save our souls. This is all that matters or all that ever will matter— the saving of our souls. The engrafted word can do this.

—Marty Edwards❖

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Hosea 6:4, *“O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee? O Judah, what shall I do unto thee? for your goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goeth away.”*

In the mornings on a humid summer day one can go outside and the grass is very wet with dew. You might see some clouds around as the day dawns. As the sun heats up the dew quickly evaporates and clouds disperse.

Hosea said the goodness of Ephraim and Judah was like this. They had goodness, but it would quickly go. Let’s work not to be like this. Maybe we are faithful for a while, excited about the work of the LORD, and then the cares and activities of the world pull us away.

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Sunday 9 AM & 6 PM — Wednesday 6 PM



—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Brad Terry, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, and Shirley Parson.**

—Everyone is invited to attend the wedding of **Chelsee Wooten** and **Patrick Crabtree** here at the building this Saturday night, July 30, 7:00 p.m.

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Our goodness is like the morning cloud and early dew. It's here but then quickly gone. Let's make our service to the LORD permanent. Staying firm all our lives, and not quickly fading away.

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Micah 6:15, *“Thou shalt sow, but thou shalt not reap; thou shalt tread the olives, but thou shalt not anoint thee with oil; and sweet wine, but shalt not drink wine.”*

The people Micah was talking to would sow, tread olives, and work to produce crops, oil and wine. They would not be partaking of the fruits of their labors because of their sins.

The world is doing this today. People work hard to obtain and have and so many die early and never enjoy the fruits of their labors. Even if they live a full life, it's only for a few years, and then the work of their labor goes to someone else.

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Sunday, July 17, 2016		
Classes	38	Galatians 6:7
Preaching	38	Acts 28:1-6; II Kings 2:9-11
Contribution	\$719.00	
Evening	22	Proverbs 7:1-27
Wednesday, July 20, 2016		
Classes	17	Ezra 6:1-23

Jul 17 (AM) Shawn, Robyn, Alyssa & Heather Johnson; Caryon Garrett; Steve, Laurie, Catye Cox; Hannah Brown; Riley Scneggins; Kloie Nanmy; Brandon Mosley; Nick Thompson

Visitors—

### *Bible Quiz*

Solomon told his son to keep the law as the what of his eye?

Last Week's Answer— The ant (Proverbs 6:6-8)

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The only treasures that last are those treasures we lay up in Heaven. These are treasures we do by our lives, words, and deeds done for the LORD while here. Jesus said in Matthew 6:20 *“But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven...”* That is the only treasure we can eternally enjoy.

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### —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)