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I Samuel 20:18, “. . . *and thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty.*”

Over the years as we attend worship services, we tend to migrate to the same seat. We are, for the most part, people of habit, and that is not necessarily a bad thing. Though we know we don't have regular seats, we tend to always sit in the same place. We grow comfortable with a routine.

Apparently this was true of the attendants of Saul's court. It was said of David that he would be missed because his seat would be empty.

When we miss, we lose out on the lesson, the fellowship with others, and most of all worshipping the LORD. But, there is something else that occurs. You are missed. One of the very few opportunities we have to visit with one another each week is when we come together for our services.

Attend every opportunity you can. First and foremost attend to serve and worship the LORD. When your seat is empty, you are missed.

—Marty Edwards❖

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Proverbs 6:6-8, “*Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: <sup>7</sup>Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, <sup>8</sup>Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.*”

Summer began last Friday. We all know that warm weather is the time to sow and prepare crops for harvest. If we don't do it now, then we won't be able to have what we desire come the time of harvest.

The writer of Proverbs told those who are sluggish in their work to obtain wisdom from the ant. The sluggard was told to consider the ways of the ant. Without an overseer, the ant provides meat in the summer and gathers in the harvest.

Even if you sow on time, you can miss out on the harvest. How sad it would be to miss out on a very abundant crop on your farm because you could not get it harvested. The weather and rain could be perfect and all grew well, but you cannot gather the harvest because there is no one to help you with the harvest.

We want to have food and the things we need come harvest, but there is a much more serious harvest to come. Jesus talks of the harvest at the end of the world. In Matthew 13:39 Jesus says, “*the harvest is the end of the world.*” The harvest is coming and we need to do all we can to gather in souls for the LORD before the harvest is past. Luke 10:2, “*<sup>2</sup>Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.*”

Summer is just beginning. Harvest is coming—not only of our crops, but of the end. Let's labor and have an abundant harvest of saved souls for the LORD when He returns.

—Marty Edwards❖

# News

—Continue to remember **Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Ken & Erin Davis, Becky Hatcher, Richard & Meg Connolly, Larry Compton, Linda Terry, Rick Gibbs, Sandy Duncan, Jerry Reynolds, Lauren Candela, Alice**

**Vanderstoep, Carol Riffle, Felicia Ballard, and Karen Burd.** Elaine Reynolds has been quite sick with a viral infection.

—We extend our sympathies to the family of **Aletta Essary** who passed away in Springfield, MO on June 18. She is the aunt of Ruby Edwards. ♦ We also extend our sympathies to the family of **Larry Harper** who passed away June 16. He is the brother-in-law of Elaine Reynolds.

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Jonah 1:2-3, “*Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me.* <sup>3</sup>*But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.*”

Even small children know the story of Jonah and how he was swallowed by a great fish the LORD had prepared. What brought that circumstance upon Jonah?

The LORD had told Jonah to go to Nineveh and preach to them because of their wickedness. The next phrase and even the next word shows that Jonah decided not to obey the LORD. The next word is “but,” showing that Jonah had decided to do something differently.

He went and found a ship going to Tarshish and paid them and was attempting to run away from what the LORD had asked him to do. Note that he found a ship. We can find reasons and ways not to serve the LORD. We can make excuses and find a way to avoid faithful service.

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Sunday, June 15, 2025

Classes	18	John 3:22-36
Preaching	33	II Peter 1:5-10
Contribution	\$1263.00	
Afternoon	12	Revelation 22:3-11; Genesis 42:1-38

## Bible Quiz

The saved in Heaven shall see what?

Last Week’s Answer—The river of life (Revelation 22:1)

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When we do, we will pay the price for not obeying. It won’t be the same as Jonah who was in the fish’s belly for three days. It will be chastisement from the LORD and if we do not repent, we will lose our souls eternally.

After Jonah was out of the belly of the fish, he went to Nineveh and preached. They heeded his words and repented. In relation to the previous article, we need to do the LORD’s work and not look for reasons to put it off. There are those who will hear and turn to the LORD. The harvest is great. Let’s not try to run from that responsibility as Jonah did at first. —Marty Edwards♦

## —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)