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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 habits, 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: ⁷Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, ⁸Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.*”

This past Tuesday summer began. We all know this is the time of year 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 her ways. 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 was 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, “*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 has just begun. 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 **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, and Brad Terry. Wanda Bozarth**, the mother of Ruby Edwards, has been quite sick this week and is currently in the hospital in Springfield, Missouri. Ruby has gone out there.

—**Parker Henderson** passed away last week. Many here remember him holding numerous gospel meetings in the area. He spent 50 years as a missionary in Thailand and Trinidad. Mom was there when he held his first gospel meeting at Fairview in 1956. He was the first missionary I knew and was a great influence on me. —Marty

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Jonah 1:2-3, “²Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me. ³But 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. *continued on back page...*

Sunday, June 18, 2017

Classes	17	Colossians 4:7-18
Preaching	20	Psalms 1:6
Contribution	\$580.00	
Evening	15	Revelation 12:1-17

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

Classes	13	Hosea 9:1-17
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Bible Quiz

What was given to the woman so she could fly to the wilderness?
Last Week’s Answer— a reed (Revelation 11:1)

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When we do, we will pay the price for not obeying. It won’t be like 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 did go to Nineveh and preach. They heeded to 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)