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Isaiah 43:19, “Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, [and] rivers in the desert.”

This is the first LORD’s day of Spring. There is much in the Bible about things “springing up.” In the above verse in Isaiah, the LORD said He would make a new thing and it would “spring forth.”

I feel this is a reference to Christ and the church that was yet to come when this verse was written. It would spring forth and make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

The Bible often refers to the LORD’s “way.” The church would be the way in the wilderness. No doubt this wilderness is a metaphor for the world and sin. It’s hard to walk through a wilderness that is grown up with thorns and briars. It’s much easier if a pathway has already been cleared.

The LORD established the church for us as the way we are to travel in this life. There are many “thorns and briars” of sin that can easily

snare us in this life, but a way has sprung forth for us to travel. It is the path the LORD has laid out for us.

A desert is called such because of the lack of water. Those in the area where Isaiah was would have been very familiar with the scarcity of water. They had to dig for wells and even then water was rare.

This new thing the LORD was going to do was not just to put water in the desert, but make a river in the desert. The way of the LORD is to us as a river of water in the desert. A river was even more beneficial than a pool because of the continual flow that brought fresh water. This water was never stagnant, but fresh and life-bringing.

Those in the world are dying of thirst and are not even aware. They are dying of spiritual thirst. There is a river flowing that those in the LORD can easily partake of. This is part of the new thing the LORD said He would make. This is salvation and being in the church—the body of Christ.

Isaiah later wrote in Isaiah 55:1, “Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.” This is obviously talking about being satisfied spiritually. You can come and partake of this water and food without money. It freely flows for all of us in the LORD.

There is certainly a wilderness and desert all about us. Most are hopelessly lost and dying of thirst in this wilderness and desert. The LORD has made a new way that has sprung up. This provides a path and quenches thirst. Don’t let yourself be lost in this wilderness and desert. Find your way and quench your thirst in the LORD.

—Marty Edwards❖

“And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.”

—Revelation 22:1

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Sunday 9 AM & 6 PM — Wednesday 6 PM

# News

—Continue to remember **Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Shirley Parson, and Denise Miller**, the sister of Sharon Franklin. **Larry Compton** is recovering from knee replacement surgery. **Ali Rose Duncan** had surgery this past Monday to repair a hole in her eardrum. **Brenda Burd**, the sister-in-law of Mike Burd, suffered a heart attack but is doing better. **Erin Davis** continues to recover from blood clots in her lungs.

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Mark 4:26-27, “<sup>26</sup>And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; <sup>27</sup>And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.”

The word “spring” is only used once in the New Testament. In the above verses Jesus is talking about sowing seed and how it springs and grows up, and we know not how.

This is the time of year we plant seed. We place them in the ground and it indeed is amazing how such a large plant can come from such a small seed. We simply cannot understand such that the LORD has done. We just sow and trust that it will grow. Even earlier this year, I’ve already sown some grass seed in places that needed more grass. I don’t know how such works, but I do not that by sowing and watering, the grass will come forth and grown abundantly.

We need to do this with the gospel. We sow and water constantly. We don’t know how many or who will be reached. We sow on faith. When we sow and water, the increase will come.

We are sowing the word continually when we talk to others about the LORD, when we preach, when we publish articles, etc. We are constantly sowing and watering. We water when we continue to nourish the seed we’ve sown by continually teaching and encouragement.

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Sunday, March 17, 2019		
Classes	22	Hebrews 12:1-3
Preaching	28	Proverbs 4:18 The Perfect Day
Contribution	\$954.00	
Evening	17	Matthew 10:1-42
Wednesday, March 20, 2019		
Classes	8	II Chronicles 6:1-42

Visitors— Mar 17 (PM) Margaret Sandidge (Hardyville, KY)

## Bible Quiz

The heaven and heaven of heavens cannot do what?

Last Week's Answer— The glory of the LORD (II Chronicles 5:14)

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Paul wrote in I Corinthians 3:6, “*I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.*” Let’s spend all our days where planting and watering the word of God. He will give the increase.

—Marty Edwards♦

*[Yet] through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant.* —Job 14:9

## —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)