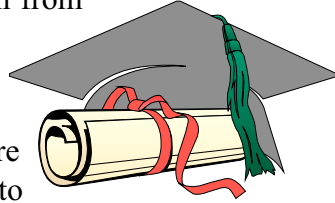


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The month of May brings graduation from various institutions of learning. The area seniors will reach a major milestone in their lives. They will be beaming with excitement as they are pronounced graduates, and ushered into the next phase of their lives.



You, like myself, have probably known seniors who were not permitted to graduate at the last moment because of some requirement that was not satisfied. The bitter disappointment runs deep as they see defeat overtake their scholastic careers. Even though it is not much comfort to them at the time, they will have other opportunities to graduate as they fulfill the requirements.

Not only those who fail to meet the requirements will be denied graduation, but those who dropped out of school will not be permitted to graduate. No doubt, on the night of graduation, the majority of those who dropped out wish they had not made that decision. It can probably be more clearly seen that this was not the answer to any school problems the student may have been experiencing.

Even though one may drop out of school, it is possible to reenter

school and complete the necessary steps for graduation. The same cannot be said of our spiritual lives.

If we fail to meet the requirements, or if we drop out of spiritual service, our heavenly reward will not be granted, and there will be no other opportunities. Remember the words of II Chronicles 15:7 “*Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded.*”

—Marty Edwards ❖

The singing of a hymn should be a great experience for Christians. A hymn can be a prayer, praise, or an invitation to others. How seriously do we take the words we sing?

Do we sing “*Sweet Hour of Prayer*” and pray only a few minutes each day?

Do we sing “*Onward Christian Soldiers*” and wait to be drafted to the Lord’s work?

Do we sing “*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*” and don’t use the ones we have to speak for Christ?

Do we sing “*I Love to Tell the Story*” and seldom mention Jesus to anybody?

Do we sing “*Serve the Lord with Gladness*” and complain about all we have to do?

Do we sing “*Cast My Burden on the Lord*” and then worry continuously?

Do we sing “*The Gospel is for All*” and never try to take the Gospel to anyone?

Paul wrote in I Corinthians 14:15, “*What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.*” He wrote again in Colossians 3:16, “*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*”

—adapted from The Bellview Beacon, Pensacola, FL ❖

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Sunday 9 AM & 6 PM — Wednesday 6 PM



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

—This morning after services there will be a potluck at the home of **Mitch and Sandy Duncan.**

Congratulations to these graduates who are members at Munfordville. This past Friday night, May 17, **Taylor Quigley** graduated from Barren County High School. This coming Friday, May 24, **Matthew Edwards** graduates from Hart County High School.

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When a child is young, he or she may want to do many things that look enjoyable such as playing in the street, eating candy and junk food instead of the healthy food needed, etc. The child may not want to attend school, take a bath, or any number of things.

The parents constrain the child to do the activities anyway, because the parents know they are for the good of the child.

The commandments of the Lord are like this. Many people may question and ask “why,” but in Deuteronomy 6:24, the Lord told the Israelites, “*And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as [it is] at this day.*”

Let’s always obey the Lord wholly. It is to our benefit.

—Marty Edwards❖

Sunday, May 12 , 2013		
Classes	17	Acts 1:16-26
Preaching	35	Mothers of the Bible
Contribution	\$810.00	
Evening	21	Esther 2:1-23
Wednesday, May 15, 2013		
Classes	16	Ruth 2:1-23

Visitors—
 May 12 (AM) Keith, Denise, Leslie, Andrew & Megan Parrish (Madison, Alabama); Cody Ballard (Glasgow, KY)
 May 12 (PM) Joanna Locke (Hardyville, KY)

Bible Quiz

Esther was made what instead of Vashti?

Last Week’s Answer— Moab (Ruth 1:4)

—If you can’t attend or listen to our services live, you can have an mp3 of any service emailed to you to listen to on any computer, tablet or most phones.

—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)