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In Luke 6:22, 23 Jesus said, “²²*Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you [from their company], and shall reproach [you], and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake. ²³Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward [is] great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.*”

It's not uncommon, especially at a sporting event to see someone literally leap off their feet because of the excitement of a great play or victory. Maybe it's a baseball game and there is game ending home run, or a sudden come from behind that results in victory. When these events happen, you can see people instantly leave their seats in the stands and literally leap off the ground because of the joy they feel in the victory.

Jesus said there is a time we should leap for joy, but, upon first glance, it seems that it's for an event that would discourage us and make us sad, but, for those living in the LORD, it's a time to leap for joy.

When men hate you, and separate themselves from you and not keep

company with you, and reproaches us (the dictionary says reproach is when someone expresses disapproval or disappointment in us), or cast out our name as evil, these are all cause for leaping for joy. Why would such normally discouraging events and harsh treatment from others cause us to leap for joy?

We can leap for joy in the midst of such treatment because our names are written in Heaven. We are in good company as well because the prophets before us were treated in like manner.

Whether in school, work, or even within your own home, if reproachful words and unkind treatment comes your way because of holding fast to the truth, be not discouraged, but, instead, leap for joy because your name is written in Heaven.

—Marty Edwards❖

Psalms 119:89 says, “*For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.*”

There is so much change in our society, some good, and some bad. Technology has advanced greatly within the last few years and continues to do so. No one hardly writes a letter any more but texts or emails someone. Agriculture has advanced and lets us produce so much more food from the same amount of land. Medical advances continue and give us a better physical life. Automobiles are much more reliable than just a couple of decades ago, going hundreds of thousands of miles.

Many changes are not for the better. Morals are very much against the teachings of the Bible. The family as defined in the Bible is no longer respected. Even people who claim to be followers of the Bible change it to suit their needs and to mold their false teachings more in line with what society is doing, and not in line with what the LORD commands.

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Sunday 9 AM & 6 PM — Wednesday 6 PM

News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Terry Burd,** and **Shirley Parson. Brad Terry,** the nephew of Linda Terry, has Hodgkin's lymphoma. The father of **Chelsee Wooten** remains in Jewish hospital in Louisville with a paralyzed stomach.

—Tonight will be our first-Sunday singing.



Birthdays

May 2 — Kelcie Pedigo
 May 20 — David Worth
 May 20 — Taylor Quigley



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Even though all about us is changing, some good, and some bad, one thing we can take great comfort in is that the word of God changes not. It is not only forever settled, but, forever settled in Heaven—the home and dwelling of God.

It is great comfort to know that the precious Word the LORD has given us is forever settled. It cannot, and will not be changed. The promises of eternal life are faithful and true. No man, government, or power to come can alter even one of the holy words the LORD has given us. It's forever settled.

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Sunday, April 24, 2016		
Classes	25	Galatians 1:13-2:10
Preaching	26	Bible as Food (Hebrews 5; Revelation 10)
Contribution	\$594.00	
Evening	20	Psalms 135:1-136:26
Wednesday, April 27, 2016		
Classes	15	Ezekiel 43:1-27

Apr 24 (AM) Stewart & Sharon Franklin
 (Hammonsville, KY); Joy Bennett
 (Legrande, KY)
 Visitors—
 Apr 24 (PM) Stewart & Sharon Franklin
 (Hammonsville, KY)

Bible Quiz

The LORD made what to rule by day?

Last Week's Answer— Ointment (Psalm 133:1, 2)

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Changes will always occur about us. We maybe even feel like we are losing touch with so many changes in technology, communication, etc. But, we can know the word of God changes not. It is not only settled, but it is forever settled, and that it is settled in Heaven.

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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)