

Munfordville Church of Christ

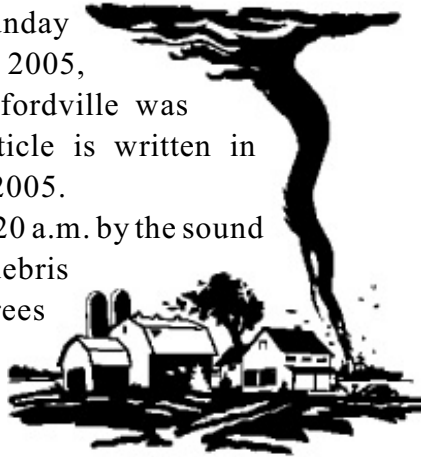
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Nine years ago on Sunday morning November 5, 2005, much of downtown Munfordville was destroyed by a tornado. The article is written in present tense as it was written in 2005.

Residents were awakened at 4:20 a.m. by the sound of mighty winds, breaking glass, debris hitting their homes, and huge trees being toppled.

As morning light came, the town's people clearly could see the extent of the damage. Many homes, businesses, and government buildings were destroyed. Trees had been uprooted, power and communication lines had been blown down, automobiles were destroyed. Much damage had been done, and even a week later, there is still. Much work to be done.



There are numerous lessons to be learned:

1. **Life is very fragile.** Thankfully, no lives were lost in Munfordville, and there were only minor injuries. The same cannot be said just to our northwest. Over twenty people lost their lives in Evansville, Indiana from the same storm system.

The death toll could have been just as great or higher here, but it was not. Let's use this as a reminder as to how quickly

we can keep that appointment with death we are told about in Hebrews 9:27, "*And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment*"

2. **Plans can be changed.** In a few seconds, people had their plans changed for the entire week, and maybe even longer. They didn't plan on moving right then, if ever. They didn't plan not to come to work, but many had no place to go to work. I was talking to a young lady and asked where her sister was working. She responded, "Save-A-Lot, until it was blown away."

If you have driven the square, then you know, there is not "A lot to Save" at "Save-A-Lot." They didn't plan on closing their doors for business right now, but, they did.

It's rather ironic to see a sign on the front of the store. It says, "Use other door." There is no other door. There is no door basically at all.

Plans can, and are, often changed quickly and without notice. Let's plan our lives around the Lord and our service to him. Those plans cannot be interrupted with anything this life here has to offer.

3. **We can do without most things.** In the hours and days following the storm, the most pressing needs for many of the local citizens were a place to sleep, food and clean water, and clothing. These are basics of life, that if not careful, we take for granted and assume they will always be here for us. If you drive out of Munfordville, you can see that many people had their material possessions, and much of their houses, scattered among the livestock in the fields.

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News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, and Alice Thrasher. Allen Riffle** has been suffering with kidney stones but is much better.

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It Only Takes a Minute To . . .

—stop and say a few words to the newcomer, who you have passed by, with a quick “hello.”

—draw a person, who is obviously feeling like an outsider, into a group discussion.

—make the introduction, that may not be necessary, but that will demonstrate friendliness.

—write a note to a person who is ill, or who has lost a member of the family.

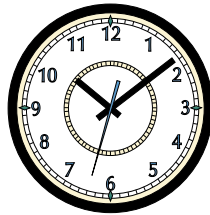
—really listen to what a child is earnestly telling you.

—take the trouble to pass along the good things that you know about others.

—build up a person who is feeling low, or seems to be worried or discouraged.

—pick up the phone and just let someone know you were thinking about them.

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“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.”

—I Peter 2:9



Sunday, November 9, 2014		
Classes	20	Romans 9:26-10:8
Preaching	27	Matthew 25:1-13
Contribution	\$475.30	
Evening	14	Psalms 30:1-32:11
Wednesday, November 12, 2014		
Classes	17	I Kings 18:1-46

Visitors— Nov 2 (AM) Ethan Borton (White House, TN); Zack Curry (Edmonton, KY)

Bible Quiz

Obadiah was sent to find grass for what?

Last Week’s Answer— The ravens (I Kings 17:4)

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We spend so much of our lives trying to accumulate wealth and things, that we forget that when we have the basics, we are doing well. Paul wrote in I Timothy 6:6-8, “*But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷For we brought nothing into [this] world, [and it is] certain we can carry nothing out. ⁸And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.*”

—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)