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This Tuesday is Election Day. There will be many victorious, joyful candidates who were successful in their endeavors. There will be even more disappointed aspirants to public office who will win. The reason the victors will win is they receive more votes than the others. In such a system the outcome of our efforts is totally in the hands of others.



Fortunately the same cannot be said with respect to our eternal salvation. If we lose in the spiritual race, we have only ourselves to blame. The outcome is not in the hands of others. Let us live in such a way that we can make our “*calling and election sure.*”

—Marty Edwards ❖

“Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall.”

—II Peter 1:10



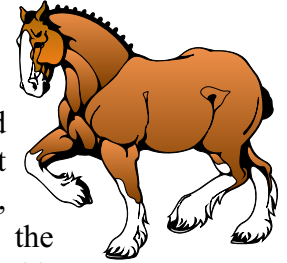
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The Only One Pulling

An out-of-towner drove his car into a ditch in a desolated area. Luckily, a local farmer came to help with his big strong horse named Buddy.



He hitched Buddy up to the car and yelled, “Pull, Nellie, pull!” Buddy didn’t move. Then the farmer hollered, “Pull, Buster, pull!” Buddy didn’t respond. Once more the farmer commanded, “Pull, Coco, pull!” Nothing. Then the farmer nonchalantly said, “Pull, Buddy, pull!” And the horse easily dragged the car out of the ditch.

The motorist was most appreciative and very curious. He asked the farmer why he called his horse by the wrong name three times. The farmer said, “Oh, Buddy is blind and if he thought he was the only one pulling, he wouldn’t even try!”

We’re a lot like Buddy. We don’t like to do something if we think we’re the only one pulling. Have you ever thought, “Why should I put my time and effort into the work of the church? No one else seems to care!” Or, “Why should I put forth the extra effort to do a good job at work? No one else does, and it wouldn’t be appreciated anyway!” Or, “Why should I be nice to him? He’s certainly not going to make any effort to be nice to me!”

Like Elijah in the cave, we say to God, “I only am left.” (I Kings 19:10). Nobody else is faithful. Nobody else is trying. But God told Elijah he had 7,000 on His side.

Like Buddy, we may be blind— blind to what others are doing around us. But, even if we are the only one doing what is right, we need to continue.

Alan Smith
Boone Church of Christ, Boone, NC

“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”

—Galatians 6:9

News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, and Alice Thrasher. Larry Compton** is recovering nicely from a broken nose suffered while splitting wood.

—Tonight will be our first-Sunday singing.

—I periodically text news regarding the congregation. If you are not currently receiving these messages and would like to, just let me know. Even if you do not have cellular service, you can receive these messages on your iPad or iPod. The moment you get on WiFi these messages will appear. It's a very convenient and fast way for all of us to keep in touch.

—We hope you can always attend, but if you can't, keep in mind you can hear our services live on TuneIn Radio or YouTube. You can find archives of our past services on YouTube.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Mark & Sherry Crabtree — November 14

Allen Riffle — November 14

Breanna Riffle — November 15

Patrick Crabtree — November 27

Sandy Duncan — November 27

Larry Compton — November 27

Sunday, October 26, 2014		
Classes	18	Romans 8:31-39
Preaching	25	II Peter 3:1-18
Contribution	\$339.00	
Evening	16	Psalms 27:1-29:11
Wednesday, October 29, 2014		
Classes	18	I Kings 16:1-34

Visitors— Oct 26 (AM) Ethan Borton (White House, TN); Jose, Sharon, Hannah, & Liza Gonzales (Munfordville); Zack Curry (Edmonton, KY)

Bible Quiz

The LORD made Lebanon and Sirion to skip like what?

Last Week's Answer— A bundle of sticks (Acts 28:3)

—Just a reminder that our Sunday evening service times have returned to 4:00 p.m. and will remain at 4:00 p.m. until we go back to Daylight Saving Time in the Spring. No other services times are changed— only Sunday evening.

—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)