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his past Thursday evening at 8:40 p.m., as strong winds were moving through the area, a blast of wind hit near the church building and blew over the large tree in the yard of the building. It simply did not blow it over, but it was totally removed from the stump and the main tree was left laying even a few feet from the trunk. Upon hearing the news of the loss of the tree, many commented how they hated to see it go and how pretty they thought the tree was.

The tree had "hosted" a cookout on our workday in April of 2012 to put on a new roof. We all took refuge from the sun that day under the leafy branches of the tree and enjoyed a wonderful meal under it at noon that day, and then at close of day, we all sat and talked under the tree.

I've seen many of our youth over the past years run around the tree and hide, pick up limbs and play. I remember as a child

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coming to Vacation Bible School at Munfordville and Bible classes being held under that tree. Much truth was taught under the branches of that tree.

Even as it was laying on the ground yesterday, I saw two squirrels scurrying up and down the fallen tree and going in and out of it. No doubt it had been their home, and now suddenly they would be displaced. Any life, birds, insects, or squirrels that used that tree for their home and support for their very living would have to now find elsewhere.

What caused it to fall? Yes, the tree was very pretty, but even a casual look at the fallen tree showed just how rotten it was internally. It was so rotten it could not stand and weather the storm. The tree was indeed pretty to look upon, but being pretty doesn't make you strong. Being solid and sound inside does. Let's not be like this tree— putting on a "pretty" front spiritually but inwardly we are rotten and hollow. We will not stand when the storms of life blow our way.

The tree not only lost it's life, but all animals dependent upon it were scattered and possibly some even died as it fell. Not only is your soul in danger if you are spiritually hollow inwardly, but you are risking the spiritual lives of many others as well. Unlike this tree, that could not reverse it's hollow condition, it's not too late for any of us now if we obey the LORD.

Be firmly rooted in the Word of the LORD and solid through and through and you'll be like the tree the Psalmist wrote of in Psalm 1:1-3, "¹Blessed [is] the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. ²But his delight [is] in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. ³And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

—Marty Edwards❖



—Continue to remember Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins and Jean Coffey. Sandy Duncan had an issue with her knee during therapy (following knee replacement). There was a loud sound and

some breakage and much damage was done. She had surgery this past Friday to repair that damage.

—**TONIGHT** our Sunday evening service time will return to 4:00 p.m. as we return to Standard Time. Only our Sunday evening time will change.



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

- —Allen and Breanna Riffle were omitted from the birthday and anniversary list for October. They were married here at the building October 25, 2008. Allen and Breanna also bought their first house this past week. Congratulations to them. Their new address is: 4650 South Jackson Highway, Horse Cave, KY 42749. For those who know the area, they will live just barely north of Uno.
- —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.

Sunday, October 27, 2013		
Classes	20	Acts 13:34-52
Preaching	30	Colossians 2:5-18
Contribution	\$688.00	
Evening	16	Job 15:1-35
Wednesday, October 30, 2013		
Classes	14	I Samuel 21:1-15

Oct 27 (AM)

Visitors—

Kailee Bunnell, Makenzie Self, Kaylee Shulta, and Madison Gaddie (all of Munfordville); Mike, Jane, & Quentin Lozano (Brownsville, Indiana)

Bible Quiz

Job was asked shall a man fill his belly with what?

Last Week's Answer—a flower (Job 14:2)

- —Tonight will be our first-Sunday singing.
- —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.

—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)