## The Only One Pulling



his Tuesday is Election Day with many running for office and most notable the eleciton for President of the United States. 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 not win. The reason the victors will win is they receive more

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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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A n 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.

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

-Galatians 6:9



—Continue to remember Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jimmy Terry, Allen Terry, Audrey Terry, and Vicki McDaniel. Jean Coffey fell and broke her arm a few days ago and is having many health issues. She has asked that we

remember her in prayer.

—**Tony Bozarth**, the brother of Ruby Edwards, unexpectedly had to be hospitalized in Chattanooga, Tennessee last week. They discovered an artery 95% blocked in his neck. He has suffered some strokes. Two stints were put in last Sunday. He is now back in a Cookeville, TN hospital.

—Today our evening service time will be moved to 4:00 p.m. It will remain at that time until we go back to Daylight Saving Time on March 13, 2013.

—With cold weather here, there is the possibility that evening services could be canceled due to the weather. When they are I'll send a text to all who can receive texts announcing such, and make sure others get the news as well. It's quite helpful when you do receive a text to respond confirming that you received the information. (continued on back page)



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 28, 2012		
Classes	15	John 9:1-38
Preaching	15	Jeremiah 38
Contribution	\$385.00	
Evening	15	Ezekiel 1, Daniel 10, Revelation 1
Tuesday, October 30, 2012		
Classes	19	Joshua 20:1-9
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Bible Quiz

What four things did Ezekiel see that John saw in Revelation?

Last Week's Answer— A pure river of water of life (Revelation 22:1)

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If we do need to cancel our evening services I will broadcast via Internet a 10 to 15 minute service from home that can be listened to live via the Internet. You can access that by clicking on "live audio" on our website. From the live audio page the services will start playing automatically when the broadcast begins.

We will never cancel the Sunday morning services. Someone will always be here if it is possible to get to the building. —Marty

## -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)