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his 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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Sunday 9 AM & 6 PM — Wednesday 4 PM

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



—Continue to remember Jean Coffey, Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jimmy Terry, Audrey Terry, Vicki McDaniel, and Alroy McDaniel.

—**Lillian Riffle** had tests this past week as to why she was not gaining weight. The report was good and the doctors feel she should grow out of it with time. The family asks us to keep her in prayer.

—You can receive copies of the bulleting and Wednesday night lessons via email. Just let me know if you, or anyone you know, would like to receive them.

—Tonight our Sunday evening services will return to 4:00 p.m. and will remain that time until we go back to Daylight Saving Time in the Spring. No other services times are changed—only Sunday evening.



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 30, 2011		
Classes	15	Luke 12:29-34
Preaching	19	Hebrews 1:1-14
Contribution	\$300.00	
Evening	13	Jonah 2:1-4:11
Wednesday, November 2, 2011		
Classes	17	Deuteronomy 4:1-49

Oct 30 (AM) Ethan Borton (Nashville, TN); Lurline Visitors— Mire (Rex, KY); Brent Goad (Glasgow, KY)

Bible Quiz

Nineveh was how many days' journey across?

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

Our Sunday evening services will be at 4:00 p.m. for the duration of Standard Time.

—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)