

# Munfordville Church of Christ

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Isaiah 1:8, “<sup>28</sup>And the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners [shall be] together, and they that forsake the LORD shall be consumed. <sup>29</sup>For they shall be ashamed of the oaks which ye have desired, and ye shall be confounded for the gardens that ye have chosen. <sup>30</sup>For ye shall be as an oak whose leaf fadeth, and as a garden that hath no water. <sup>31</sup>And the strong shall be as tow, and the maker of it as a spark, and they shall both burn together, and none shall quench them.

This time of years the leaves are quickly coming off the trees. The oak trees are typically the last trees to lose their leaves each Fall. Sometimes they stay on until Spring and the new leaves push them off. But, regardless of how long they stay, the old leaves will come off.

Isaiah in writing about the destruction of transgressors and sinners said they would be like an oak whose leaf fades and as a garden with no water. Sinners feel that they will continue on and will not be

called into judgement. But as the mighty oak with the longest enduring leaves of each season, their leaf will fade and fall. There is no way to avoid this if one is a sinner.

The only way to avoid the fading of one’s spiritual leaf is to be in the LORD. We are told in Psalms 1:3 regarding the man whose delight is in the law of the LORD, “*And 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.*”

We are told in Jeremiah 17:7-8 “<sup>7</sup>Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is. <sup>8</sup>For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.”

—Marty Edwards❖

Numbers 10:35, 36 <sup>35</sup>And to bring the firstfruits of our ground, and the firstfruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, unto the house of the LORD: <sup>36</sup>Also the firstborn of our sons, and of our cattle, as [it is] written in the law, and the firstlings of our herds and of our flocks, to bring to the house of our God, unto the priests that minister in the house of our God: <sup>37</sup>And that we should bring the firstfruits of our dough, and our offerings, and the fruit of all manner of trees, of wine and of oil, unto the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and the tithes of our ground unto the Levites, that the same Levites might have the tithes in all the cities of our tillage.

After returning from seventy years of captivity, the children of Israel were getting back to properly worshipping the LORD. In Nehemiah 8 they had learned they should be dwelling in booths for seven days during the seventh month. In chapter 10 they are being reminded what they should be giving to the LORD.

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Sunday 9 AM & 6 PM — Wednesday 6 PM



—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry and Kenneth Compton. Kathy Burd** has been having a lot of trouble with blood pressure.

—Our yearly bonfire and chili supper will be tonight at the home of **Mitch & Sandy Duncan**. We will have our evening worship there. Worship will begin at 5:00 with supper to follow.

—Next Sunday evening our service time reverts to 4 p.m. This is the only services that changes time. When the time changes in March, we will go back to 6:00 p.m.

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The law of Moses required that they give ten percent unto the LORD. Of course people could give beyond with freewill offerings but no less than ten percent. Not only were they to give ten percent, they were to give the best they had. Note how many times in the above three verses they were to give the firstfruits and firstborn. That which they gave unto the LORD was to come first.

Though we are not commanded to give ten percent, we are commanded to give as we have been prospered and with the right attitude. I Corinthians 16:2, *“Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.”* We are told in II Corinthians 9:6-7, *“But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Every man according as he purposed in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.”*

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Sunday, October 23, 2016		
Classes	21	Ephesians 4:14-16
Preaching	25	Revelation 1:1-20 The Lord's Day
Contribution	\$652.00	
Evening	16	Proverbs 19:1-29
Wednesday, October 26, 2016		
Classes	20	Nehemiah 9:1-38

## *Bible Quiz*

The one who gets wisdom loves what?

Last Week's Answer— the law of God (Nehemiah 8:8)

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Let's give our best and firstfruits to the LORD. Not only money but our best time, best efforts, and in all we do let's give our best and our firstfruits to the LORD. As we just read, when we sow bountifully, we will reap bountifully. We understand this easily with crops. Let's practice it with the LORD.

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### —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)