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Amos 8:11, “Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD.”

None of us living here have ever known a famine. We have been richly blessed and usually have always had what we want to eat and clean water in abundance.

This past week, when quite sick with pneumonia, I was unable to eat anything of substance for five days and also ended up dehydrated with a substantial lack of fluids in my body. Of course this caused problems physically and if such conditions continued, it would naturally lead to death. Fortunately with proper medical attention, I was able to resume eating and get plenty of fluids back in me. After I was able to do that, I could feel good health returning quickly.

There are those who cannot eat properly because of the lack of food or water, but such is not the case for us. None of us would ever purposely deny ourselves food or water to the point of being sick, especially since we have food and water available.

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How many of us not only starve ourselves spiritually, but have been doing so for years. We have lost the ability to even feel hungry for the word of God.

There are so many passages that refer to the word of God as food. It's referred to as bread, meat, milk, and honey. It's easily and freely available to all of us. Don't let yourself become starved spiritually.

Just as one of things you do each day is feed your body, you should feed yourself the word of God. Try to spiritually eat as much as you can. You can never have too much of the word of God. It will cause you to grow and remain strong spiritually.

—Marty Edwards❖

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*I Samuel 20:18 Then Jonathan said to David, To morrow is the new moon: and thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty.*

This past Wednesday I had no choice but to miss services due to sickness. I've been very blessed in my 25 years here to have only missed two services, counting this past Wednesday. The other was a Wednesday a few years ago due to being very sick. Fortunately neither was a Sunday, but I'm sure as I grow older the health issues will increase and I will have to miss a Sunday at some point.

I do hope that when I miss, it's as it was said of David that I'm missed, because my seat is empty. I know that I am and not just because I'm the minister. We all miss one another when one misses. It leaves a void. Your seat is not only empty, but your voice in singing is missed, we missing seeing and visiting with you. For most of us, the only time we get to see each other is at services.

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# News

—Continue to remember **Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, and Brad Terry. Michael Fulkerson**, the brother of Joyce Dye has very serious congestive heart failure. **Marty Edwards** was quite ill this past week with pneumonia.

—We did not get to have our lesson on Revelation 21 last Sunday evening. Tonight, I plan to, pending on how I feel. If for some reason I cannot, we will pick back up with Revelation next Sunday evening. Wednesday, we will resume our regular Wednesday night Bible study with Amos 4.

—Thanks to **Jerry Edwards** for teaching the class this past Wednesday and **Larry Compton** for leading the singing. I was here last Sunday evening, but was already getting quite sick. I appreciate **Stewart Franklin** conducting a singing service instead of me speaking. Thanks to all for the texts, calls, and cards while I was sick this past week. Most of all, thanks for the prayers.

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As I talked about in the first article, we do need to feed ourselves spiritually as much as we can. Though we need to read every day, some of our best spiritual food all week comes at services. We not only have the lessons, but we discuss the Bible and we always learn something new about the Bible. We have the fellowship of being with each other which encourages and gives us strength. We are worshipping God and pleasing Him.

Not only are you missed when your seat is empty, but you miss out on so very much.

—Marty Edwards❖

Sunday, September 10, 2017		
Classes	21	I Thessalonians 5:19-28
Preaching	23	Mark 10:37-11:2
Contribution	\$570.00	
Evening	18	Singing
Wednesday, September 13, 2017		
Classes	15	Combating Worry (Jerry Edwards)

Visitors— Sep 10 (AM) Jim & Barbara Newton (Huntsville, Alabama)

## Bible Quiz

What did Bartimaeus do with his garment when he went to Jesus?

Last Week's Answer— Summer house (Amos 3:15)

*“But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings.”*  
—Malachi 4:2

## —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)