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Malachi 3:6, “*For I am the LORD, I change not . . .*”

Today marks 25 years that Ruby and I have been with the Munfordville congregation. My first Sunday to speak here as the regular minister was September 6, 1992. There have been many changes here and in society in the past 25 years.

We have many new people here not only from moving in, but from being born. We have many from here who have gone on to eternity. We all have grown older and are ourselves heading toward eternity.

Munfordville itself has changed. Some businesses are gone, and some have come to town. There is always constant construction of homes and buildings and constant destruction of buildings no longer needed.

Our automobiles have changed much in the past 25 years. Though they are basically the same, the electronics in them have caused them to become rolling computers.

Technology has changed vastly in 25 years. I didn't even have a cell phone when we came here and now most everyone does. I didn't

have access to the Internet whatsoever and almost no one in the area did. Now it's used everyday from either a home computer or phone. We had no computer at the building, but now we broadcast our services live to the entire world. Our services are not only broadcast live, but they are archived and anyone can go back and listen.

Sometimes such vast changes can be overwhelming. They probably would overwhelm us if they didn't happen gradually. Some changes are for the better and certainly not all changes are. What will the next 25 years bring? Truly, only the LORD knows.

There is a great comfort I take when I see things or people not changing. It's nice to return to a town you have not visited in years and see so many things exactly as you remember them. It's always enjoyable to see an old friend after many years and they are the same person you knew from years ago. Things not changing gives comfort because things are how we remember and expect them to be.

There is a great comfort I take in what the LORD told Malachi. He said, “I change not.” We can know that the LORD is always the same and will never change. Jesus said in Hebrews 13:8, “*Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.*”

We can count upon the LORD not changing. The promises of eternal life when we are obedient will be there at the end. We can count upon those precious promises.

We know that the Word of God will always be with us and never change. We are told in Revelation 14:6, “*And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.*”

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Sunday 9 AM & 6 PM — Wednesday 6 PM

News

—Continue to remember **Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, and Brad Terry.** **Jerry Edwards** has been quite sick the past week with pneumonia but is recovering.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Mike & Kathy Burd — September 22

—I had three omissions from the August list: Rachel Riffle had a birthday on August 29. Kim Quigley had a birthday on August 12 and Mark and Kim Quigley celebrated their anniversary on August 1.

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Near the end of Revelation in 22:18-19 Jesus said, “¹⁸*For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: ¹⁹And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.*”

Jesus said we are not to add to nor take from the words of this book. The same general admonition is given in Deuteronomy and Proverbs. The Bible is unchangeable and it's eternal. I take the greatest comfort I possibly can in that.

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Sunday, August 27, 2017		
Classes	16	I Thessalonians 5:12-16
Preaching	24	Luke 19:1-10
Contribution	\$815.75	
Evening	18	Revelation 20:1-15
Wednesday, August 30, 2017		
Classes	17	Amos 2:1-17

Bible Quiz

Blessed and holy are those who have part in what?

Last Week's Answer— An angel (Revelation 19:17)

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I know the words that I read, study, and obey are always the same. There will be nothing new added, nor anything taken away from the Bible. There is change all about us, but I can count on the LORD and His holy word never changing and ever being with us.

—Marty Edwards❖

—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)