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Sowing the Seed

A few years ago in the bulletin from the Robinson Avenue congregation in Springdale, Arkansas, I read a very intriguing article. A lady of the congregation there had sent a copy of a World Bible School lesson to a student in Africa. It was found in the roadway by another person who then searched for the church of Christ in his village. He was baptized two days later. What makes the story amazing is the fact that the lesson was mailed seven years before it was found.

Let us take a lesson from this incident. Never be discouraged when you do not see growth in the church overnight. Just as a physical seed will still germinate after many years, the Gospel will take root when it is planted and watered, even if it is years later. Let us do our part, and leave the increase to God. *“I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.”* I Corinthians 3:6

—Marty Edwards ❖

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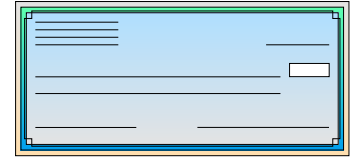
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What Will Your Checkbook Tell About You?

Some time ago I read about a man who has written many biographies. He noted that it was easy to find out what a man said and what he had done, but when it came to finding out what kind of man he really was, it was more difficult. Then he discovered that the surest way to get the truth was to look at the stubs of old checkbooks. What a man gives his money for— that tells the tale.



A checkbook register might say:

“This man cares more about entertainment— football, hunting, fishing, golf, tennis and movies than he does the Lord.”

“This man cares more about his personal appearance— clothes, grooming, haircuts, etc., than he does the church.”

“This man cares more about civic interests— clubs, community projects and charities than he does about the lost.”

“This man cares more about vacations and traveling than he does about the expansion of the Kingdom of God.”

“This man cares more about temporal security— stocks, bonds, and investments than he does about treasures in heaven.”

Would you be ashamed if suddenly your checkbook began to tell the truth about you to all your friends and neighbors? The Lord already knows the truth.

—adapted from G. K. Wallace
via Eastman, Georgia Church of Christ

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“But this [I say], He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. ¹Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, [so let him give]; not grudgingly, or of necessity : for God loveth a cheerful giver.

—II Corinthians 9:6, 7

News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton and Shirley Parson.**

—Ruby and I have been with the Munfordville congregation 23 years this Sunday. Our first Sunday here was September 6, 1992. Today happens to be September 6.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Mylaka Quigley — September 11

Mark Quigley — September 24



This week two years ago a large limb fell off a tree in our yard. It was a major portion of the tree and just simply came loose. There was no storm or wind at the time. In only about a day, one could quickly see the effects of being separated from the whole tree as leaves began to wither and the entire limb began to die. Even though there was still some connection to the main tree, it was not enough. It was dying and would not be able to survive

So many in the Church let this happen. They separate themselves from the body of the LORD by non-attendance, unfaithfulness, etc. They maintain some connection, but, it's not enough. They are withering and dying spiritually, and for many, they will never return.

Unlike the tree limb, there is hope when we repent and return to the LORD that we can once again become an active and living part of the body of Christ.

—Marty Edwards❖

Sunday, August 30, 2015		
Classes	17	I Corinthians 13:1-6
Preaching	21	Jeremiah 18 (The Potter and Clay)
Contribution	\$389.00	
Evening	19	Psalms 95:1-96:13
Wednesday, September 2, 2015		
Classes	19	Ezekiel 11:1-25

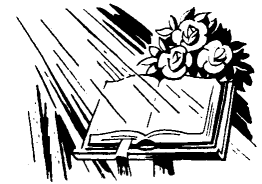
Bible Quiz

The LORD would remove what kind of heart from the people and then give them what kind of heart?

Last Week's Answer— The appearance of a sapphire stone and the likeness of a throne (Ezekiel 10:1)

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light."

—I Peter 2:9



—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)