



The Caller

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From Where I Sit

Michael D. Greene

I want to remind the folks here in Etown and those who live close by of two wonderful opportunities for spiritual growth that are on the immediate horizon. First is our Gospel Meeting with Mel Futrell. Mel will be with us Friday through Sunday, September 21-23. Mel

always has some challenging, thought provoking, Biblically based lessons that will benefit anyone who is present. So make sure you plan to be present for each service.

The second opportunity is the "Teacher's Training Series" that will be held Monday and Tuesday, September 24-25 at the South Green Street church in Glasgow, Kentucky. If there is an area in which every congregation needs to excel, it is in the Bible teaching program. And every teacher that I know appreciates the need to be constantly learning to be a better teacher. There will be classes for teachers of all age groups from Preschool to Adults. There will also be song leading classes for our song leaders. There will also be edifying classes for non-teachers. This well planned program certainly has something for everyone.

I pray that many members of the Etown congregation will take advantage of these wonderful opportunities.

Take Time to Be Holy

In his book, *A Sense of Presence*, Edwin White makes the following observation: "Recent studies by time management specialists reveal that during a lifetime, the average American spends six months sitting at red lights, eight months opening junk mail, one year searching for things that are lost, four years cleaning house, five years waiting in lines, six years eating, and seven years in the bathroom."

Isn't it amazing that the time taken by little things in our lives adds up to such big totals? It can almost be depressing. But there is a bright side to all of this. How much time is spent each day opening junk mail? Probably not very much. Yet over a lifetime it adds up. Think about how much time over an entire life that would be spent in Bible study and personal devotion to God if we spent only ten minutes each day in those activities. Ten minutes a day may not seem like much, but those minutes and the benefits gained from the study and devotion add up. It can make a real difference in our lives.

Let me challenge you to find ten minutes today to spend with God and His word. You will be surprised at the blessings you will find.

--Patrick Hogan

From: *The Shady Acres Servant*, Sikeston, MO

Fall Gospel Meeting

September 21 - 23, 2005

Speaker: Mel Futrell

Minister of Shades Mountain Church of Christ
Birmingham, Alabama

Mel's Lessons

Friday Evening
Are We Wrong?

Saturday Evening
The Effective Christian

Sunday Bible Study
Things to Remember as We Study

Sunday AM Worship
For What Will This Church Be Known

Sunday PM Worship
Why I Want to Go to Heaven

Schedule of Services

Friday Evening 7:00 PM
Saturday Evening 7:00 PM
Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 PM

For more information or directions to our building please
call (270) 765-6446.

Mel will also speak at the monthly Youth Devotional
Sunday night, September 23,
at the home of Dennis & Peggy Hogan.

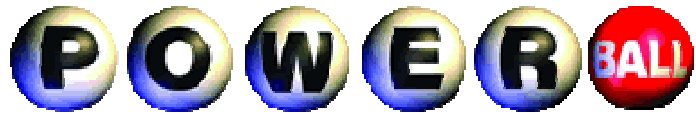
Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. - *To the Unknown God,*
Acts 17:22-25

P.M. - *The Temple of the Holy Spirit,*
1 Corinthians 6:15-20

You're a Winner!

It was announced on the morning news that there was one winning ticket sold in Indiana for the multi-state Power Ball Lottery. The estimated amount exceeded three hundred and fourteen million dollars. It is not my desire to



encourage people to play the lottery. It still troubles me that regardless of where the proceeds go from these lotteries it is still state sponsored gambling. However, just imagine for a moment that you had suddenly become the winner of such an enormous fortune. Or what if the Publishers Clearing House Prize Patrol suddenly showed up at your house with that check for ten million dollars. What would you do with your winnings?

Most people would say they would give a large sum to their church, to mission work, to benevolent organizations or to good reliable charities. Some probably would, but strangely I have never heard of many of these big winners who have done that. One story I remember hearing about was that of the man in Florida who won about \$800,000 in that state's lottery, and he wanted to give 20% to his church. The church pastor refused the money because it had been won in a lottery even though the man claimed he did not purchase the winning ticket but found it. Ira North would probably have said, "The devil has had it long enough. Give it to the Lord." Interestingly many of these big money winners blew all of their money frivolously and do not have anything to show for it. That would not have been true if they had actually "laid up treasures in heaven" (Matthew 6:19-21).

On a recent 20/20 ABC news magazine program they explored the subject of giving. In the first segment they sought to find the best givers in America. There is even a magazine now that lists the names of our nation's top givers. It is probably no surprise that Bill Gates, the richest man in America, and his wife top that list with their foundation. Warren Buffett, the second richest man in America, was so impressed with their work that he gave the Gates Foundation the bulk of his fortune because he said, "They were doing a better job of giving their own personal wealth away than he was." The Walton family, heirs of the fortune left by Sam Walton, founder of Wal-Mart, were collectively worth around eighty-two billion dollars, but the report said they gave away only about 10% of their total assets. Although Ted Turner gave away less than these top givers, he actually gave away more per capita than any of them. Wouldn't it be wonderful to be in a position to give that kind of money away? Interestingly it was not the super rich who were shown to be the best givers. It was the religious people of America who gave a greater percentage of their income, and also gave of themselves and of their time.

In writing to the church at Corinth concerning their contribution to relieve the distressed Christians and others in famine stricken Judea, Paul wrote, "Now concerning the collection of the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also: On the first day of the week, let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there will be no collections when I come" (1 Corinthians 16:1, 2 NKJV). He later wrote, "For if there is first a willing mind, it is accepted according to what one has, and not according to what he does not have ... But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 8:12; 9:6, 7 NKJV). So it is not a question of what you would do with a sudden huge financial windfall, but the question really is "What are you doing with what God has already blessed you with?"

*Sellers Crain
Rivergate church of Christ
Madison, Tennessee*

News and Notes

J MARTIN underwent further surgery Tuesday at VA Hospital. He hopes to be released by this weekend.

BETTY DAVIS, friend of Diane Lewis, has been diagnosed with cancer. **ANN PETERS**, former member here, had surgery Wednesday in Michigan for cancer.

MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Betty Addington	Roy Johnson
Alyenne Bates	Doris Martin
Neil Burden	J Martin
Elonda Crafton	Tom Morgan
W. C. Davis	Marie Rose
Joyce Fulkerson	Terry Showers
Howard & Millie Gardner	Grace Speer
Bernard Gillim	Wilma Stull
Jacob Gringle	Barbara Underwood
Faye Guess	Lonnie Underwood

Let us continue to remember the following military personnel in our prayers: Justin Burg, Dave Fulbright, Scott Allen, Robert E. Wooten, Justin Gardner, Kelly Leverett, George Edwards, Joe Betterton, Myles Brothers, Dale Martin, Terry Turner, Cameron Ponder, Brett Fleming, Mike Chandler

Additional Prayer List: Jan Allen, Delsie Axton, Gil Berry, Christa Bradley, Sue Cantrell, Lindsay Corman, Martha Dillow, Sydney Dover, Ellen Duvall, Kevin Fox, Sadie Gentry, Betty Goheen, Renee Green, Jane Hack, Louie Hodge, Rose Johnson, Michelle Lawson, Lina Lee, Gayle Massey, Erman McClaskey, Lucinda McCune, Terri McDonald, Phil Noltemeyer, Joe Pawley, Stephen Pitcock, Charles Pottinger, Patsy & Joe Richter, Roge-Ge-Neal Smith, Florence Stull, Darrell Tade, Reiko Tarasavage, Patsy Taylor, Juanita Tillery, Andrew Verble, Laura Walker, Kevin Weaver

Thank You

Thank you so much for the flowers, thoughts and prayers I received while in the hospital. I am feeling much better, and I appreciate all the love and support that I received.

With love, Nickie Calloway

Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 9/09/07

Canned green beans

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **MONTHLY PHONE CALL** to Central brethren in Donetsk, Sunday morning, **September 9**, at 8:30 a.m.
- **K-5th GRADE BIBLE BOWLERS**—K-5th grade Bible Bowl participants and their parents are invited to meet in the South Wing after Sunday services, **September 9**. Awards will be passed out and ice cream will be served. See Ken or Monica Bybee with any questions.
- **CHURCH WORKERS WORKSHOP**, Monday, **September 10**, at 10:30 a.m.
- **FALL GOSPEL MEETING**, **September 21-23**, with Mel Futrell, minister of the Shades Mountain Church of Christ in Birmingham, Alabama
- **SUPER SAINTS BREAKFAST**, Saturday morning, **September 22**, at 8:00 a.m. at Ryan's. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.
- **TEACHER TRAINING SERIES**, **September 24-25**, at South Green Church of Christ, in Glasgow. Information is posted on the bulletin board. Mike Greene will be one of the speakers.

College Student Addresses

A list of our college students and their addresses is posted on the bulletin board.

Sympathy

Our sympathy is expressed to the Jean Aleshire family in her recent passing. Her funeral was held Tuesday in Brandenburg.

BENEVOLENT CENTER UPDATE AUGUST 2007

Food Center	150 families helped
Clothing Center	64 families helped

BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE AUGUST 2007

Courses graded	630
New enrollees	104

OUR RECORD FOR September 2, 2007

Sunday Bible Study	119
Sunday Morning Assembly	191
Sunday Evening Assembly	123
Tuesday Ladies Bible Class	13
Wednesday Bible Study	136
Contribution (Budget -- \$5,885)	\$6,013

Elder/Coordinator for September
Rick Whobrey

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Bible Question

This Week's Bible Question: What king had once worn the uniform of a prisoner?

Last Week's Bible Question: Who were these people: Nergalsharezer, Samgarnebo, Sarsechim, Rabsaris, Nergalsarezer, Rabmag? The correct answer is princes of Babylon, Jeremiah 39:1-4. Edna Ashlock, Joyce Pack, Kay Pack, Mary Greene, Kay Thomason, Mary Walker, Betty Bray, and Martha Cato correctly answered the question.

Please write down your answer and give it to Ray, put it in the box outside the church office before next Wednesday or email your answer to rpack119@bbtel.com by Tuesday afternoon. Please include the Scripture reference and your name.

Schedule of Services

Sunday:

Bible Classes	9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship	10:30 A.M.
Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class	10:30 A.M.
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Wednesday

Evening Bible Class	7:00 P.M.
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Daily Bible Reading Schedule

- 1. Job 6-8; 2 Thess. 1
 - 2. Job 9-12; 2 Thess. 2
 - 3. Job 13-15; 2 Thess. 3
 - 4. Job 16-19; 1 Cor. 1
 - 5. Job 20, 21; 1 Cor. 2
- Sept. 9 — Donetsk Phone Call
Sept. 9 — K-5th Grade Bible Bowlers Get-together
Sept. 10 — Church Workers Workshop
Sept. 14-15 — FHU R.U.S.H.
Sept. 21-23 — Fall Gospel Meeting
Sept. 22 — Super Saints Breakfast, Ryan's
Sept. 23 — Singing at Atria
Sept. 24-25 — Teacher Training Series
Nov. 9-10 — Ladies Retreat

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