

- In Memory -

**Ruth McMahan**

1915 - 2007

**LET US THATCH OUR HOUSE NOW**

On a cold and stormy night many years ago in the rugged highlands of Scotland an elderly man lay dying. The wind shrieked and howled and the snow veiled the humble cottage in which he lay, calmly awaiting his departure. His daughter brought his precious Bible to the bedside and said, "Father, shall I read a chapter to you?" The dying man, being in much pain, said, "Na, na, theeked (thatched) ma hoose in the calm weather." Those who thatch their spiritual house in calm weather are the wisest of all people on the earth.



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Amos said, "... Prepare to meet thy God" (4:12). We must prepare to meet God because "he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead" (Acts 17:31). To prepare to meet God, we must come to Him through Jesus Christ by obedience to the Gospel (John 14:6; Romans 1:16,17; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:36-41) and then "live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world" (Titus 2:11,12; 2 Peter 1:5-11).

If you are not in a right relationship with God, you are in critical need of making the necessary preparation. God's Book says, "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth" (Proverbs 27:1) - G. F. Raines, via *House to House Heart to Heart* archives

*The Lord has promised good to me: His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.*

*And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.*

- John Newton, from *Amazing Grace*, verses 4 & 5

Trust God for today - and prepare for tomorrow.

**News & Notes**

**SYMPATHY:** To the McMahan Family: Bob & Joyce, Glenn & Mae, the grandchildren, the great grandchild, Ruby Eddy, and the extended family members at the passing of our beloved Ruth McMahan. She was a great Christian example and will be missed by all who knew and loved her. God bless and comfort each of the family members.

**CARE & SHARE BEARS:** Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. All the ladies are invited to participate.

**PANTRY:** Pancake mix & syrup.

**SICK & SHUT-IN: AT HOME:** Mary Beth Robinson, Lloyd Cowdery, Mabel Sprout, Virginia Rickerd, Bette Gentry, Fred & Jean Larrimore, Sr., Fred Larrimore, Jr., Cheryl Stackpole, George & Betty Dunn (Pat Wright's parents). **NURSING HOMES:** **Fox:** Ray Baker. **Calcutta Health Care:** Glenn Beagle, Virginia Clutter (sister-in-law of Eva Stefl). **Nentwick:** Ruby Kenny. **Rivendale:** Ione Asher. **Weirton Geriatric Center:** Edna McKitrick, Ila Plum.

**BROKENNESS**

by Steve Higginbotham

You finish the phrase: "If it isn't broken..." You're probably right. I'm sure most of you finished the line by saying, "If it isn't broken, don't fix it." And that's the way most of us would respond.

However, if the Lord were to finish that phrase, it might go something like this: "If it isn't broken, break it." At least that's how he would respond if we were talking about the human spirit and the human heart. Before we can be pleasing and useful to God, we must be broken; broken by the weight of our sin and broken of our pride.

The psalmist said, "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart; These, O God, You will not despise" (Psalm 51:17).

Most things in life function best when they're not broken and don't need to be fixed. However, there are a few things in life that must be broken in order to be fixed.

Question: Just how broken are you by your sins? Give it some thought.

- via mercEmail

**MEETING**

Chester ----- Mar. 25-29 ----- Tim Hatfield