

## Lion Tamers Anonymous

"Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith..." (1 Peter 5:8, 9).

The devil, Satan, is real! He's our enemy, our adversary. He is called in the Bible: angel of the bottomless pit (Rev. 9:11), accuser (Rev. 12:10), Belial (2 Cor. 6:15), adversary (1 Peter 5:8), dragon (Rev. 12:7), god of this world (2 Cor. 4:4), liar and murderer (John 8:44), serpent (Rev. 12:9), prince of this world (John 12:31), tempter (1 Thess. 3:5), prince of the power of the air (Eph. 2:2). Someone has said, "A religion can no more afford to degrade its devil than to degrade its God."

One of the greatest weapons in Satan's arsenal is deception, his power to deceive. The first time we see the devil at work is in the Garden of Eden where he had his way with the first pair in paradise by deceiving them (1 Tim. 2:14). He is a better theologian than any of us, and may use 99 percent truth to float one lie. The devil has many "schemes" (Eph. 6:11). All evil is his handiwork.

In our struggle against Satan to keep him from getting a "foothold" (Eph. 4:27) in our lives, the first thing we must do is recognize the enemy. Then, we must put on the whole armor of God "so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground..." (Eph. 6:13). Peter admonishes us to "resist him, standing firm in the faith..." (1 Peter 5:9). James gives this formula for success, "Submit yourselves to ... God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7). Incidentally, this is the only formula for success. Only with God's help can we win! All of us are in a struggle with one common adversary. Welcome to *Lion Tamers Anonymous*.

- Charles Cash, Siloam Springs, AR

*The Devil does great business for being from such a poor location.*



### News & Notes

**SINGING TONIGHT:** Following the evening worship. All are invited to stay and sing.

**MOVED FROM AREA:** Andrew Malcomson has accepted a job in Rock Springs, Wyoming. We wish him the best in this new endeavor.

**CARE & SHARE BEARS:** Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Join the ladies in this good work.

**BABY SHOWER:** For Kathy (Collins) Hissam, next Saturday, April 5th, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Multipurpose Building. Given by Sue & Bobbie Collins. All ladies invited. Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

**NURSING HOME DEVOTIONAL:** Next Saturday, April 5th at 2:30 p.m. at Fox.

**CHESTER SENIOR CHRISTIAN DAY:** Saturday, April 12th, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Lunch provided. Speakers: Terry Varner and Charles Pugh III.

**PANTRY:** Pancake mix & syrup.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Jean Larrimore, Evelyn King (Rose Higginbotham's sister-in-law) in Wheeling Park Hospital.

**REMEMBER THESE SHUT-IN'S:** Virginia Rickerd, Fred Larrimore, Jr.

**SICK:** Weirton Medical: Jean Larrimore. UPMC, Pittsburgh: Gary Evans. AT HOME: Dan Williams, John McClung, Linda Parkes, Harry & Imogene Nice, Ruth Brewer, Geraldine Barrett, Bette Gentry, Bertha Seman. Calcutta Health Care: Wanda Donahue (John Sprout's sister). **Check the bulletin board for those in nursing homes and confined to their homes who also need to be remembered.**

## Every Good Gift

A poor man was given a loaf of bread. He thanked the baker, but the baker said, "Don't thank me. Thank the miller who made the flour." So he thanked the miller, but the miller said, "Don't thank me. Thank the farmer who planted the wheat." So he thanked the farmer. But the farmer said, "Don't thank me. Thank the Lord. He gave the sunshine, rain, and fertility to the soil, and that's why you have bread to eat." Regardless of how sophisticated, how advanced we may be scientifically, we still can't create, we still can't make a kernel of wheat. That has to come from God. God gives us the things we need in order to live on this planet. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights..." (James 1:17; Acts 17:24).

- Think on Good Things from House to House Heart to Heart



### MEETINGS

Hanoverton	----- April	6-10	----- F. Higginbotham
Southern Hills	----- April	13-16	----- F. Higginbotham
New Martinsville	----- April	13-17	----- David Newberry
Weirton Heights	----- April	20-24	----- Will Montgomery
East Liverpool	----- May	4- 8	----- Steve Snider
Mooreville	----- May	4- 9	----- F. Higginbotham