

- In Memory -

Edward J. Brewer**1923 - 2007****THREE FACTS**

There are three facts which, when accepted, will keep one's life on a proper course. They are: (1) This world is not our home, (2) life is, at the longest, very brief, and (3) only spiritual things are of real importance.

(1) **This world is not our home.** "Love not the world" (1 John 2:15), "be not conformed to this world" (Romans 12:2), "my kingdom is not of this world" (John 18:36) are typical New Testament warnings not to become enamored with, or attached to this world. We are at best "strangers and pilgrims" (Hebrews 11:13) merely visiting with no provisions for settling in.

(2) **Life is, at the longest, brief.** "Man that is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow and continueth not" (Job 14:1,2). Other Biblical phrases such as "a tale that is told" (Psalm 90:9), a "weaver's shuttle" (Job 7:6), and "water split on the ground" (2 Samuel 14:14) are used to remind us that life is soon over. There is no power, no wealth, no doctor who can avert death. Shakespeare wrote, "By medicine life may be prolonged, yet death will seize the doctor too."

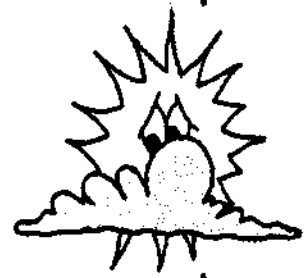
(3) **Only spiritual things are of real importance.** The drive for money, houses, land, prestige and power consumes many. How foolish, since this world is not our home and we will be here for such a short time. Marshall Keeble was once given a tour by a very wealthy man. After showing all his great possessions the man said, "Well, brother Keeble, what do you think?" In his inimitable style brother Keeble replied, "God's going to burn it all up". ". . .the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." (2 Peter 3:10).

In view of these three facts only one exhortation seems appropriate: "Prepare to meet thy God!" (Amos 4:12). Nothing else is nearly so important.

- James Simpson, *Bulletin Digest*, via Biblical Messenger, San Angelo, TX

You Are Light

*If we should hide our shining light
And not reflect God's Son,
Then how will people in sin's night
Be guided, helped and won?*



All would live long, but none would be old.

News & Notes

SYMPATHY: To Harry & Imogene Nice at the passing of their daughter-in-law, Susan Nice; to Ruth Brewer at the passing of her husband, Ed; and to Bill Wright at the passing of an uncle, Tom May. God comfort and bless each of these families.

POTTERS DONATIONS: Cash & checks: \$860; approximate donated items value: \$400. All who contributed are to be commended for helping with this worthy cause.

SUNDAY EVENING SINGING: This evening following the worship period and June 24th.

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS: Bonnie Sheville (Bobby's mother).

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: June 11-15, 7:00 p.m., Adult Class: John Board. Classes for all ages. **VBS PICNIC:** Money donations are needed. See Donna Stevens or Crystal Spencer.

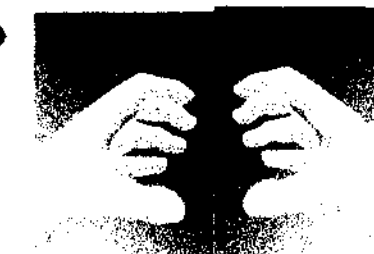
PANTRY: Soup & crackers.

TABLE GAMBLING VOTE: Vote on Saturday, June 30th. Hancock County, WV residents are urged to vote **NO** to oppose and defeat this evil.

SICK & SHUT-IN: AT HOME: Buzz Burdine, Janet Malcomson, Ella Beagle, Lloyd Ferrell, Lynn Duncan McCall (in Texas), Ruth Brewer, 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:** Virginia Ferrell, Virginia Clutter (sister-in-law of Eva Stefl). **Nentwick:** Ruby Kenny. **Weirton Geriatric Center:** Edna McKitrick, Ila Plum. **Aspen Manor, Wellsburg:** Ione Asher.

How Did She Know?

While I was working in the men's section of a department store, a woman asked me to help her choose a white dress shirt for her husband. When I asked about his size, she looked stumped at first, then her face brightened. She held up her hands, forming a circle with her forefingers and thumbs. "I don't know his size," she said, "but my hands fit perfectly around his neck."



- *Glad Tidings of Good Things*, Jacksonville, AL