

Always Faithful

Pompeii was destroyed in 79 AD when Mount Vesuvius erupted. The town was instantly covered with volcanic ash, pumice, and molten lava. It is thought that some eleven thousand people occupied the city at the time of the eruption.

Pliny the Younger witnessed the devastation from a distance and described it in his writing.

It was in 1599 that the ruins were initially discovered, and then a much broader rediscovery occurred in 1748.

The eruption had been so quick, so intense, that people had no time to escape. Objects found beneath the ash were so well preserved that everything remained just as it was. When plaster was poured into the vacant spaces that once occupied bodies, one could tell what they were doing at the time destruction came. Some were in the streets running as if they were attempting to escape. Some were found in deep vaults, as if seeking security. Others were found in lofty places, as if trying to get above the lava flow. But because the ash and pumice was 25 meters deep, nothing escaped.

It's interesting to note that a Roman Sentinel was found standing at the city gate where he had been placed by his captain, with his hand still grasping his war weapon. He stood firm while the heavens threatened, faithful while the earth shook beneath his feet, loyal while lava streams rolled; steadfast for a thousand years ...

May we as Children of God be found so faithful, standing firm where our Captain placed us.

(Author Unknown) - *Lifelines*, Bella Vista Church of Christ, Bentonville, AR -

"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." - 2 Peter 3:10 -

SUNDAY NIGHT

I love the church that Jesus bought
I know that it is right;
I worship every Sunday morn'
But not on Sunday night.

I love to hear the gospel, too,
It gives me pure delight;
I hear it every Sunday morn'
But not Sunday night.

God bless our preacher, too,
And give him power and might
To put the sinner in his place;
I won't be there Sunday night.

I know I need more strength
To keep me in the fight;
For help I come on Sunday morn'
But not on Sunday night.

And if the Lord should come for you
To take you home on high;
Let's hope He comes on Sunday morn'
And not on Sunday night.

- Author Unknown -

Feed your faith and your doubts will starve to death.

News & Notes

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR ENCOURAGEMENT: Pat Allison.

NEW CONVERT CLASS: Each Sunday a.m. Bible Class in Room 401.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. All ladies are invited to participate. Come and help make these little bears for sick and needy kids.

MEN'S ENRICHMENT CLASS: Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Men are urged to come and spend an hour with other brothers and be encouraged.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Next Saturday, March 2nd, 8:00 a.m. at El's Restaurant in Chester. Sign-up sheet on the desk.

NURSING HOME DEVOTIONAL: Next Saturday, March 2nd, 2:30 p.m. at Fox.

ANNUAL SPRING SING: Next Sunday, March 3rd, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. at the Beaver Street Church of Christ in Lisbon, OH.

CARD SHOWER: For Margie Logston's 90th birthday on Tuesday, March 5th.

Margie was a former member here and the wife of one of our elders. Her address: Margie Logston, c/o Glenna Harrison, 169 Northwood Villa, Parkersburg, WV 26104.

OUR FELLOWSHIP DINNER & EARLY AFTERNOON SERVICE: Has been re-scheduled for Sunday, March 10th due to the annual sing in Lisbon on March 3rd.

MEMBER VISITS: Elders and Minister visits with members are being made and can be scheduled in your home or to meet here at the building. Please schedule an appointment so this outreach can be completed ASAP.

PANTRY: Noodles and tuna fish.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Sally Watson (Sue Collins' sister), c/o Donna Ellis, 2215 Clark Ave., Burgettstown, PA 15021. Sally has serious health issues. Joe Hornack (Jennifer Haught's dad) is in Wheeling Hospital with multiple heart issues.

SICK & SHUT-IN: At Home: Arlen & Joann Webb, Russell Martin, Blondenia Orr, Doris Dunham. **FOX:** Mary Jane Bowers. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

Planning For Tomorrow And Acting Today



O Henry tells the story of a New York artist who planned a great masterpiece. His picture was to be a colossal one. Those who heard him tell plans were thrilled by the conception. It would send his name echoing forever down the ageless corridor of time. It would make him a peer of the immortal Da Vinci, and the great Rembrandt.

Unfortunately, he could not start the picture today. Things were not right; a touch of rheumatism; a gloomy day; bad light; and so it went until one day his friends found him dead in bed. His friends took up his lifeless body and buried his masterpiece with him.

How many Christians have the same attitude that this great artist displayed in his life. We may concur with Acts 17:28 and say, "For in Him we live, and move, and have our being..." but if we are not doing that everyday, then we are kidding no one but ourselves. May we not meet our Maker with a pocket full of promises, but rather, may we live daily for the Lord, and paint our masterpiece in living for Jesus.

- Jim H. Crain, *Bulletin Digest*