

God Has Not Lost His Way!

We Christians have a lot to contend with in our social environment. We are, as the apostle said, to strive for perfection (maturity) in righteousness. We are bombarded daily with mouths that have the stench of the unburied dead. We are mocked for righteousness sake by those who serve their god of personal lust. Satan has become militant, organizing disruptions against anything bearing any resemblance of Christianity.

We are in the midst of a generation trying to rewrite or completely wipe out our history to suit their private philosophies of life without respect for anyone outside their own views. However, it doesn't seem the faithful thing to do for us Christians to always be gloomily mouthing our national state of affairs as pessimistically as the non-Christians.

Of course we are very concerned, but we are not one whit beaten down. We are disillusioned with the sad political conditions that have developed in our beloved country as well as the horrible lack of good manners we are seeing continually, but we Christians must not forget that we believe our **God, in His own way and good time, will have the final word.**

We do believe in the victory of Jesus we sing about in worship, don't we?

Then, in all the sinful confusion we see about us we must believe our own faith. While we are the children of light, let us not forget that God knows what is going on in the darkness. He has always kept every promise that He has made, although sometimes it has taken a few generations for it to be fulfilled. God is timeless and therefore does not confine His actions according to the human calendar. He has not gone off on a far journey and lost His way or deserted His beloved creation.

While we never realized all the mature responsibilities of discipleship at our baptism, within a reasonable amount of time, disciples should recognize the true faith and know it is worth fighting for. The church is the pillar and support of the truth in all generations, in all circumstances. There is no other fellowship on earth that can be compared to it for a split second.

We hear daily loud, shouting, frantic voices yelling unitedly their deep party prejudices. But there is a voice that is much louder than theirs; however, Jesus said one must have ears to hear it. Each time the family of God assembles at worship that voice can be heard from loyal pulpits in league with the writer of Hebrews saying, "You have come to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven."

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Therefore, *"Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for you know your labor is not in vain in the Lord."* *"Blessed are they who die in the Lord ... that they may henceforth rest from their labors ..."* (1 Corinthians 15:58; Revelation 14:13).

- Fenter Northern, *Northern's Notes*, Montgomery, AL -
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"The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good." - Prov. 15:3

News & Notes

FACE COVERINGS REQUIRED: Our Elders have requested that due to the recent increase in Covid cases, **MASKS OR FACE SHIELDS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ALL OF OUR ASSEMBLIES AND FOR EVERYONE WHETHER SEATED IN THE AUDITORIUM OR THE BALCONY.** If you need a mask or face shield, they will be available. Please honor this request ... *"Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves ..."* (Heb. 13:17).

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m., and Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

ST. CLAIR AVE. GOSPEL MEETING: Sept 12-15 with Eddie Cooper. Monday through Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. We will dismiss here on Wednesday, Sept 15th to go and support their meeting.

OUR GOSPEL MEETING: Sept. 19-23 with Ed Melott. Sunday, 10:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.; Monday through Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Plan to support our meeting with your attendance.

PICTURE GALLERY OF PAST MEMBERS: Submit pictures (black and white or color) to David Malcomson.

PANTRY: Pancake mix and syrup.

SICK & SHUT-IN: AT HOME: Cindy & Casandra Miskimen, Randy Beagle, Jim Hadley, Peggy Linger, Marilyn Miller, Barb DeLong, David McCoy, Marlene Evans, Russell Martin, Emma Rine, Rick Beck. **CALCUTTA HEALTH CARE:** Sarah Miller (Room 6). **VALLEY OAKS CARE CENTER:** Fred Larrimore (Room 210). **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

GOD IS WITH YOU

Joshua was taking over the leadership of the people of God, and knew that Moses "left some big shoes to fill." But, God gave him the assurance he needed to lead the people into the promised land. He told them to *"be strong ... do not be afraid ... for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go"* (Joshua 1:9).

The future is always daunting and scary. What will it hold? But, every child of God should know that if God is with us, no trouble is too great, and no obstacle is insurmountable. Jesus said, *"... Lo, I am with you always ..."* (Matthew 28:20). An old song says, "If Jesus goes with me, I'll go anywhere." Enter life boldly! He will be with you all the way.

- Darwin Hunter, via *Bulletin Digest* -

