

Truly in Vain Is Salvation Hoped for from ...

- A politician or political party.
- Wall Street.
- Military might.
- Our net worth or economic savvy.
- Government programs.
- The Second Amendment.
- Popularity and fame.
- The worship of nature.
- Exercise and fitness.
- The appeal of our good looks.
- Walls.
- The importance of our occupation or position.
- Our national identity.
- The Supreme Court.
- Ethnicity and race.
- Science and technology.
- Any religious figure besides Jesus Christ (even those claiming to represent Him).
- Family members and friends.

In Jeremiah 3:23, the prophet writes, "Truly in vain is salvation hoped for from the hills, and from the multitude of mountains: truly in the Lord our God is the salvation of Israel." Jeremiah's brethren put all their eggs in the wrong baskets. They neglected to see where true hope was found and where saving faith was to be put. Their misguided trust led to their downfall. It cannot be otherwise in any generation, including our own.

We may never say we put our trust in anything besides God, but "the proof is in the pudding." We demonstrate what's first and foremost to us every day, in word and deed. Ultimate deliverance from our greatest trials, struggles, and challenges comes from only one source. Jeremiah succinctly identifies that source as God.

— Neal Pollard (*Glad Tidings of Good Things, House to House*) —



"O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee." - Psalm 84:12

News & Notes

NO FELLOWSHIP MEAL TODAY: Instead, it will be **Sunday, Sept. 25th**, the first day of our Gospel Meeting, followed by our early afternoon service.

LABOR DAY COOKOUT: Tomorrow, 1:00 p.m. at Thompson Park, Pavilion 1. Meats & soft drinks provided. Take your favorite covered dish or dessert and games. Sponsored by the Chester & East Liverpool congregations.

SYMPATHY: To the family and friends of **Bob Eddy** of the Weirton Heights congregation, who passed away this past week. Bob preached the Gospel for 60 years, and organized and headed the North Central Ohio Bible Lecture-ship in Lorain, Ohio for many years. He was an occasional visitor here during our Gospel Meetings.

WEDNESDAY SERVICE TO BE DISMISSED HERE, SEPT. 14TH: So that we can go en masse to support St. Clair Avenue's Gospel Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

PANTRY ITEM: Pancake mix and syrup.

SICK & SHUT-IN: *The Orchards Rehab, East Liverpool:* Charlotte Mader (David Steff's sister). **At Home:** Alex Harless, Linda Parkes, Becky McKittrick, Russell Martin, Mike West, Barbara DeLong, Claudette Miller, Sam Burdine, Cheryl Renfro Walker. **Fox, *Pepperberry Suites:*** David McCoy. **Weston, WV:** Rick Beck

GOSPEL MEETINGS

St. Clair Ave., E. Liverpool.....	Sept. 11-14.....	Terry Jones
Salem (Glen Easton)	Sept. 11-15	Gary Workman
Bridgeport, WV	Sept. 25-28	Clinton Rowand
CHESTER	Sept. 25-29	Tim Hatfield



**THREE WEEKS
until our
Gospel Meeting**

**Revive us again:
Fill each heart
with Thy love;
May each soul be
rekindled with fire
from above.**

- William. P. Mackay, 1863 -

Time to Open the Bible?

A survey of church going people revealed the following:

- The most widely known Bible verse among adults and teens is "God helps those who help themselves" — which is not actually in the Bible and even conflicts with the basic message of Scripture.
- One-third could not put the following in order: Abraham, the Old Testament prophets, the death of Christ, and Pentecost.
- Half could not sequence the following: Moses in Egypt, Isaac's birth, Saul's death, and Judah's exile.
- One-third could not identify Matthew as an apostle, from a list of New Testament names.
- When asked to locate the biblical book supplying a given story, one-third could not find Paul's travels in Acts, half did not know that Josus' birth was in Matthew, half did not know that the Passover story was in Exodus.

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" - Hosea 4:6

- Author Unknown (*House to House*) -