

## **“Go Ahead, Joseph”**

**Maxie Boren**

When Potiphar’s wife attempted to seduce Joseph, don’t you suppose the voice of temptation said, “Go ahead, Joseph?”

Satan very likely suggested several “reasons” to Joseph why he should go ahead and commit fornication with her: (1) “Joseph, you are lonely, your brothers and forsaken by God; why not do this thing for a reason?” (2) “And if you refuse, you will risk her wrath and the wrath of Potiphar and the Egyptians!” (3) “And you probably could get away with it in Egypt by having an affair with her--after all, she’s in a position to make it easier for you.” (4) “And, too, there’s that strong biological drive that frustrate you to suppress.”

In the face of such temptation, the easiest thing for Joseph to do would have been to “go ahead”. He could have “reasoned” like a lot of modern thinkers: “I don’t believe there is any absolute standard of conduct. It seems to be the right thing to do at the time and this is all that matters. Besides, I don’t see that it will hurt anybody as long as Potiphar doesn’t find out about it. And, after all, she is a consenting adult! And, too, I believe in the complete freedom of the individual to do what he wants to do, regardless!” He could have rationalized like that had he wanted to and gone ahead and sinned.

But, no! Joseph resisted her advances and did not succumb to the temptation of the devil. He asked, “How can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?” (Genesis 39:9). He knew he was a responsible being before the Almighty One. He knew that God had laws to govern the conduct of people and that to do this thing would be to break His law. To do this would be wrong. It would be a sin.

Whenever you are tempted to do wrong, remember Joseph! Temptation said to him, “Go ahead, Joseph!” But he replied, “No! I will not sin against God!” Let us always pray for God to grant us strength that we may always say “No” in an unequivocal way to wrong doing!

West Side Youth



**Birthdays this week:**

- Halle Edwards—10/5
- Claude Crowe—10/5
- Cameron Brown—10/6
- Yvette Mays—10/6
- Nicole Munsey—10/8
- Bonnie Wood—10/8
- Dylan Tyler—10/8
- Glenn Hartman—10/9

**Happy Anniversary this week to:**  
Charlie & Patti Gwaltney—10/10



**WOW**

The regular meeting will be on October 12th at 10:30.



Daniel Ceglowski, Leah Durham's boyfriend, finished basic training for the Army National Guard. He will stay in Missouri for Advanced Individual Training for several more weeks.

Ty Stricklin has received his orders to Afghanistan in November.

Angela Halling is currently stationed in Korea.

**BUNCO KICK-OFF**

The new BUNCO game kick-off will be October 15th at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Come learn how to play. Sign up sheet is posted. See Amanda Brown for more details.

**Bible Memory Tic-Tac-Toe**

**2 Timothy 3:16-17 (King James Version)**

<sup>16</sup>All \_\_\_\_\_ is given by \_\_\_\_\_ of God, and is profitable for \_\_\_\_\_ for, \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_, for instruction in \_\_\_\_\_: <sup>17</sup>That the man of God may be \_\_\_\_\_, thoroughly furnished unto all \_\_\_\_\_.

We will publish a memory verse each week for several weeks to go along with the original version of this. It's for all to use to increase our knowledge of God's word.

**TBS at the Teen Center will be rescheduled. Don't forget the BUNCO night 10/15 @ 7pm**



**TEAMS**

Please let the office know of any planned upcoming team events.

**"POWERFUL PROMISES"**

The Ladies' Day with Donna Faughn, Sandi Stilwell, & Elizabeth Bailey was a very uplifting event Saturday. There were many congregations represented with more than 80 ladies in attendance. Thanks to all who put in many hours of work on this.

**TEMPORARY BULLETIN CHANGE**

Starting with this week's bulletin, October 3rd, the office will be using "un-perforated" bulletin paper to make use of some older sheets we have had for a while.

Beginning with the new year's, 2011, "100 day readings" we will go back to using the sheets that have the perforation on the outer edge. Thank you for your patience with this change.

**OCT. ITEMS FOR THE STAFFORDS:**

Crystal Lite mixes (strawberry, kiwi, tangerine, orange classic) & Slim Jims.

Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!

## For Your Information

### TUESDAY NIGHT TALENTS

Tuesday Night Talents continues this week. Bring your dinner and join us for the work!

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### UPDATED PICTURES

Starting today after services we want to begin getting updated and new members pictures for our hall board. Herman Lowe will be in the fellowship hall to take pictures of members whose last name starts with the letters A-D. Please go to this area as quickly as possible.

### AREA GOSPEL MEETINGS

Central church of Christ has a meeting scheduled in Bedford Oct. 8-10. Dale Ridge meeting with Garland Elkins will be October 17-20. Collinsville meeting is October 24-27 with Steve Canup. More details for these events are posted on the board.

### ROCKY MOUNT LADIES' DAY

A Ladies' Day will be held at the Rocky Mount church of Christ on November 13th with Jeanny Gilpin as the featured speaker. More information is posted on the board.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Preachers' Meeting is at West Side October 18th with Garland Elkins speaking. All are welcome to attend.

The 14th Annual Cold Harbor Lectures are November 4-7 in Mechanicsville, Va. Flyer is posted on hall board.

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### REMINDER

Before coming into the building for worship, be sure to lock your cars and hide any valuables left in them. Also turn off cell phones prior to services. When leaving the building-check the lights and doors and the thermostat in the fellowship room.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Gianna Grace Yopez was born to Carlos and Amy Richardson Yopez on Wednesday, September 29th. She weighed 7lbs, 5oz. The proud grandparents, Tom & Nancy Richardson, parents and child are all doing well.

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### SYMPATHY

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Jimmiel Johnston, a member of the Andrew Lewis Middle School library, who died suddenly last Sunday.

# Senior Servants

Lynn Anderson  
Norma Miller  
Betty Buckner  
Marguerite Charles  
Jim Dorsett  
Al Furrow  
Collin Gregory  
Walter & Betty Jenkins  
Martha Keith  
Margaret Kratz  
Miriam Majors  
Jo Musgrove  
Grace Myers  
Evelyn Scott  
Elsie Smith  
Ruth Stanton  
Evelyn White  
EV Wimmer  
WJ Wood

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- Kelli Railey (4) sister of John Gay, has been diagnosed with terminal cancer.
- Willard Campbell is scheduled for heart valve surgery 10/5.
- Sarah Cook had successful knee surgery Thursday.
- Marguerite Charles was moved Friday, Oct. 1st, to the Berkshire N.H. in Vinton for rehab.
- Collin Gregory is in LGH room 658 following hip surgery. He is in critical condition.
- Hazel Maness will surgery tomorrow, Oct. 4th, for a spinal fracture.
- Cayden Abbott (5), a friend of Ashley White Jones, had his arm torn off at the elbow.

**Continue in prayer:** Ruth & Glenn Hartman, Claude Crowe, Shannon VanRavestein, Lori Whitlow, Brooke Nicholls, Natalie Valentine, Don Pettit, Cindy Nicholas, Yvette Mays, Erica Regester, Annette Shrader, Jan & Kyle Shadix, Melissa & Milton Webster, Naola McCormick

**Announcements:** Jeff Durham

**Song Leader (AM)** Eric Earnhart

**Opening Prayer (AM)**

- 10/3 Jim Harrington
- 10/10 Marc Laplante
- 10/17 Herman Lowe
- 10/24 Bob Martin
- 10/31 Wayne Dixon

**Preside at Communion:** Mike Durham

**Serve Table**

- Jeff Williams, Mitch Jearls
- Nathan Pelfrey, Herb Baker

**Closing Prayer (AM)**

- 10/3 Mark Brooks
- 10/10 Jim Cooke
- 10/17 Squeaky Valentine
- 10/24 Roger Mays
- 10/31 Josh Whitlow

**Song Leader (PM)** Adam House

**Opening Prayer (PM)**

- 10/3 Tom Rogers
- 10/10 Barry White
- 10/17 Don Pettit
- 10/24 Glenn Hartman
- 10/31 Cameron Brown

**Scripture Reader:** Andrew Gibson

**Closing Prayer (PM)**

- 10/3 Charlie Gwaltney
- 10/10 Jack Cook
- 10/17 Glenn Gabbard
- 10/24 Greg Edwards
- 10/31 Bob Garby

**Serve Table (PM)**

- Ethan Rogers, Sam Valentine

**Song Leader (Wed)** Josh Whitlow

**Prayer (Wed)**

- 10/6 Ron White
- 10/13 Jerry Anderson
- 10/20 Danny Guard
- 10/27 Ethan Rogers

**Open/Close Bldg** Mike Durham

**Greeters** R. Mays/Neighbors

**Nursery Attend** Olivia Valentine  
Mary Halling (PM)

**Ushers** John Black, Norris Gearhart

**Handouts** A. Gibson, Dylan Tyler

**Prepare communion**

- Lisa Valentine, Jo Ann Edwards

**Care of Bapt. Garments-** M. Earnhart

**Cards/Pencils -** Williams/Kevin Mickens

**Last weeks attendance** 9/26 & 9/29/10

Bible Class— 156 Worship Service—174

Sunday Eve.— 127, Wednesday Eve.—125

Contribution—\$5307

In continuing our look at this phrase (which occurs some 44 times in the Bible), we come next to a passage that is often misunderstood and, thus, misapplied. It comes from the book of First Corinthians and occurs in a context of warning regarding falling away from the Lord. It is of interest to note that such a subject exists (as it so often does) even though many in the religious world share the view that once one is saved he can never be lost. If such is the case, words such as these found in First Corinthians 10 have no meaning.

After citing the example of those of Moses' day who rebelled against God's will and perished, Paul stated that these things have been revealed unto us as an example, lest we should fall in the selfsame way (I Cor. 10:11). He then stated, "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" (I Cor. 10:12). Question: Why issue such a warning if it is impossible to fall? A good question indeed for the "once saved, always saved" advocates.

Following this warning Paul then makes the statement alluded to earlier that is so often misunderstood. He said, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: *but God* is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it" (I Cor. 10:13). Many view this statement as God heaping trials and temptations upon us until just before we reach the breaking point. However, the truth is this passage states that God provides for us a way of escape from every temptation. He doesn't pile on the trials or lay on the temptations just to see how much we can take. He doesn't want us to yield to temptation (cf. Jas. 1:13). It is God rather Who is faithful in providing us a means of escape from temptation. Regardless of the situation we get ourselves into or allow Satan to manipulate us into, there is always a way of escape from sin. When we yield to temptation it is not because "the devil made me do it" or because some associate made me do it; it is because we refused to accept the means of escaping and chose rather to participate in the sin. Above all else, God is faithful!

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