

## **Have you betrayed God?**

David Brown

All of us at one time or another have had or will have our trust betrayed. Perhaps a close friend, a coworker, or maybe even family members whom you expected to stand by your side, to stand up and defend you, only to have them turn their back on you. You were probably thinking, "How could they do this to me?" or "I would never turn my back on them when I was needed."

Wasn't this the very same thing that Peter told Christ, when he was told that he would deny him three times? "Peter answered and said unto him, Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended." (Matthew 26:33)

As we look at the betrayal of Christ, we see how Judas allowed greed, pride, and perhaps disappointment to overcome him in his betrayal of our Lord. As we can see in verse 16 of Matt. 26, once the bargained price of 30 pieces of silver was set, Judas wasted no time in finding an opportunity to betray the Lord.

When evil is contemplated, Satan will often quickly provide us with the means. Today, the world is willing to betray Christ just as Judas did. Even Christians, who you would expect to be there by his side, defending His word, will turn their backs on him. Christ is betrayed sometimes for a lot less than the price of 30 pieces of silver. He is betrayed with angry words spoken against him, greed and love of worldly possessions, or perhaps allowing our ego to come between us and our obedience to God. We are told in 1John 2:15 to "Love not the world neither the things that are in the world." John lists the things that we are not to love in verse 16, which are: the lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and the vain glory of life (ASV).

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**Happy Birthday this week:**



Jackie Dixon Sept 7  
Cameron Starnes Sept 10

**Happy Anniversary This Month to:**

Wayne & Jackie Dixon Sept. 2  
Lyn & Annette Shrader Sept. 8  
Jeff & Rebecca Durham Sept. 17  
Mitch & Kristie Jearls Sept. 17  
Gene & Nancy Benefield Sept. 23  
Herb & Shirley Baker Sept. 23  
Paul & Yvette Mays Sept. 26  
David & Hazel McFalls Sept. 26

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When we allow worldly influences to cause us to turn our back on Christ, we have betrayed Him, denied Him, just as Peter betrayed Christ. When we allow activities such as sports, summer vacations, or a favorite program on TV to come between us and our worship to God, we have betrayed and turned our back on God.

As we compare Peter's denial of Christ and Judas's betrayal of Christ there is one thing that we can notice between the two that can help us to understand the difference. First we should notice that they were both sorrowful for what they had done, but the difference between Peter and Judas was that Peter had godly sorrow. Peter went and wept bitterly. These bitter tears indicate the deep penitence he experienced. 2Cor. 7:9-10 tells us that "Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death." Repentance is produced by godly sorrow; repentance is a decision to alter one's life from that which is wrong to that which is right; it is followed by a change of life (2Cor. 7:10). There is a difference in the worldly sorrow that Judas had and the godly sorrow that Peter had. It is evident that Judas was afflicted with worldly sorrow when he returned the 30 pieces of silver and then hanged himself. It was just as evident that Peter was moved by godly sorrow to weep bitterly and then repent in that process.

Romans 3:23 tells us "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." We need to ask ourselves: have we betrayed God and allowed ourselves to put the world first in our life?

**West Side Youth**

September 16-18—RUSH weekend @ FHU

September 18—TBS @ Teen Center

Upcoming: Bowling (September)

Bonfire at the Edwards (October)

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**Nine Good Minutes**

*5 weeks to go!!*

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**\*\*\*Ladies Night Out has Moved\*\*\***

Ladies Night Out - **September 22** at (6:30 pm) **Jeanny Gilpin's house**. Jeanny and Jennifer Laplante will host. Details will be posted on the bulletin board.

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**Coming soon:  
TNT v2—"Barnabus Project"**

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**FALL TEACHING QUARTER  
BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.**

**Adult classes: Auditorium -Eddy Gilpin  
(SUN), Don Pettit (WED)  
Ladies Class -Charlene Guard;  
Sr. High -Danny Guard (SUN)  
Lyn Shrader (WED)  
Jr. High -Harry Higgs (SUN)  
Bob Garby (WED)**

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**MILITARY**

Ty Stricklin is at Balboa Hospital in San Diego, CA.

Lcpl Harper, Matthew D.; is a Marine from Galax who is now serving in Afghanistan. (Some of our teens may remember Derek Harper, Clint's son, from VCC. Send him a note with VCC news.)

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Send cards to Garrett Durham at: (Removed for privacy)

## TUESDAY NIGHT TALENTS

Tuesday Night Talents continues **Sept 13**. Bring your dinner at 6:00 PM or come at 6:30 and join us for the work. Also get ready for TNT v2—"The Barnabus Project" coming soon.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT WEST SIDE

**September 18—Friends & Family Day**

**October 8—TTT Ladies' Day at West Side**

**October 16-19—Gospel Meeting with Steve Hall**

**November 12—Men's w/s planning breakfast**

## Area Events

**September 4-7 Pulaski Church of Christ -Gospel Meeting**

7:00 PM (M-W). Details posted.

**September 18-21 Fort Chiswell Church of Christ –Gospel**

**Meeting** with Mark Bass 7:30 PM (M-W) Details posted

**September 24 Rich Creek Church of Christ – Ladies Day**

8:30-2:15 Details posted on bulletin board.

### SEPTEMBER ITEMS FOR THE STAFFORDS:

**"Snack pack" 100 calorie snacks (Cheetos and Ritz Mix);  
sliced pepperoni**

Give these items to Jeanny to be  
shipped out.

## Friends and Family Day

*...simply invite*

**Sunday, September 18**

**Fellowship meal afterwards**

**Team 1-Set UP Team 2-Drinks Team 3-Clean UP**



Please remember the Green and Erlanger families in your prayers. Their son, Doug Green (age 23) was killed in Khandahar, Afghanistan on Sunday August 28. He was from Sterling, VA and a family friend of Leah's boyfriend, Dan Ceglowski.

Polly Beckner, neighbor of **John Black**, a lady who has been on our prayer list, passed away.

## Senior Servants

Lynn Anderson Norma Biller  
Betty Buckner Jim Dorsett  
Martha Keith Margaret Kratz  
Miriam Majors Jo Musgrove  
Evelyn Scott Elsie Smith  
Ruth Stanton Evelyn White  
WJ Wood Grace Myers  
Al Furrow



- ◆ Jerry and Jennifer Ogden, **Jessica White's** aunt and uncle, probable miscarriage
- ◆ **Connie Harrah** –inner ear problem
- ◆ **Ben Nikkel** –fever from sun poisoning

## Continue in Prayer:

**Ruth & Glenn Hartman, Sr.**

**Sandra Speir**

**Dale Janosik**

**Corey Ryan**

**David Hayes**

**Mary Valentine**

**Ron White**

**Willard Campbell**

**Susan Stinett –surgery 9/22**

**Naola McCormick**

**Mary Halling**

**Martha Harris**

**Mickie Janney**

**Sue and Jerry Wood**

**Deena Maio**

**Angelo Duran**

**Kevin Barnard**

**Monthly Servants**

<b>Announcements:</b>	<b>Marc Laplante</b>
<b>Song Leader (AM):</b>	<b>Jeff Durham</b>
<b>Opening Prayer (AM)</b>	
9/4/2011	<b>Jeff Williams</b>
9/11/2011	<b>Ron White</b>
9/18/2011	<b>Squeaky Valentine</b>
9/25/2011	<b>Wayne Dixon</b>
<b>Preside at Communion:</b>	<b>Don Pettit</b>
<b>Serve Table</b>	<b>Bob Martin</b>
	<b>Fred Altizer</b>
	<b>Herman Lowe</b>
	<b>Jeremy White</b>
<b>Closing Prayer (AM):</b>	
9/4/2011	<b>Tom Richardson</b>
9/11/2011	<b>Danny Guard</b>
9/18/2011	<b>Charlie Gwaltney</b>
9/25/2011	<b>Herb Baker</b>
<b>Song Leader (PM):</b>	<b>David Brown</b>
<b>Opening Prayer (PM)</b>	
9/4/2011	<b>Jerry Anderson</b>
9/11/2011	<b>Glenn Gabbard</b>
9/18/2011	<b>Bob Garby</b>
9/25/2011	<b>Tom Rogers</b>
<b>Scripture Reader:</b>	<b>Dylan Tyler</b>
<b>Closing Prayer (PM)</b>	
9/4/2011	<b>John Black</b>
9/11/2011	<b>Jeff Durham</b>
9/18/2011	<b>Dylan Tyler</b>
9/25/2011	<b>Charlie Maness</b>
<b>Serve Table (PM)</b>	<b>Bradford Durham</b>
	<b>Mark Brooks</b>
	<b>Bob Garby</b>
<b>Song Leader (Wed):</b>	
<b>Prayer (Wed)</b>	
9/7/2011	<b>Jeremy White</b>
9/14/2011	<b>Wesley White</b>
9/21/2011	<b>Squeaky Valentine</b>
9/28/2011	<b>Ed Mickens</b>
<b>Open/Close Bldg:</b>	<b>Lyn Shrader</b>
<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>Bakers; Browns</b>
<b>Nursery Attend:</b>	<b>Jean Argabright</b>
	<b>Olivia Valentine</b>
	<b>Curtis Oakes,</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Roger Mays</b>
	<b>Austin Whitlow;</b>
<b>Handouts:</b>	<b>Kevin Mickens</b>
<b>Prepare communion:</b>	<b>Martha Wood</b>
	<b>Nancy Richardson</b>
<b>Baptismal Garments:</b>	<b>Judy Durham</b>
<b>Cards/Pencils:</b>	<b>Austin Whitlow</b>
	<b>Emmalynn Whitlow</b>

Last week's attendance 8/28/11 & 8/31/11

Bible Class-175 Worship Service-191

Sunday PM-137 Wednesday PM-145

Contribution- \$ 5274

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It's that time of year that some dread and others look forward to with great anticipation. It's back-to-school time. Most have already begun, and others will start this week. We all pray for our young people (and all those involved in education) a safe, enjoyable and prosperous year in their educational endeavors.

Stores, of course, always have sales and special deals for "Back to School." There are normally lists provided by the schools at the schools themselves and at various retailers which describe the needs of all children going back to school. With that in mind, what are some basics that you need to remember from the standpoint of your Christian life as you go "back to school?"

Be sure to take the Lord back to school with you. Of course, He is always there and always knows our thoughts, words and actions. But, you have a choice as to whether you will allow His presence to be demonstrated in your life. We are told by Him to let our lights "so shine among men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Mt. 5:16). Be sure yours shines brightly during this school year.

Be sure to take the right attitude back to school with you. As the saying goes, "attitude determines altitude." Those in education will tell you that a child with a good attitude who is only average in his abilities is much more desired than one with a terrible attitude who has all the ability in the world. Also, your peers will take note of your attitude, whether that attitude involves school work, athletics, church activities or any other endeavor you undertake. First Timothy 4:12 reminds those who are young to be examples in "conversation" (manner of life). That certainly includes your attitude.

Whatever else you decide to include in your back-to-school list, make sure to include the Lord. He is the source of every good blessing you'll ever receive (Jas. 1:17). A good attitude and a gracious God is an impenetrable combination. Be sure both accompany you when you go back to school.

-Eddy