

He Refused Just One Beer

Several years ago I read an article by Dan Jenkins that impressed me greatly. It had to do with what some who call themselves Christians will do when put to the test, and also what one Christian refused to do, and it cost him his life. Please read the following and ask yourself, "Which of these would I be?"

▶ Following a recent Friday night football game many high school students were having a "victory party." The air was full of laughter; the victory had been sweet! Some Christians were present, and when offered a beer they did not refuse.

▶ A bill was before the state legislature. It would allow wine to be sold at a much cheaper price, by the removal of certain taxes on it. Another bill was also presented that would allow billboard advertising of liquor. Christians, who were members of the legislature, were asked for their support. They did not refuse. In fact, they led the fight to get both passed.

▶ A Christian helped his neighbor with some yard work. In the hot afternoon sun. They had known each other for a long time and had often fished and golfed together. When they went into the neighbor's house to cool off, the neighbor offered the Christian a cold beer. He did not refuse.

▶ A Christian businessman sat across the table from an important client. All was going well. The client offered him a drink and he knew that if he took it, the sale he had longed for would be clinched. He did not refuse.

Several years ago, a report from Jim Petty, a preacher in South Africa, said, "One of the former graduates from Umtali Bible School, Douglas Dabangana, was killed by the terrorists where he was preaching in Southwest Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe), the last part of June. A group of terrorists tried to force him to drink beer, but he refused, saying he was a Christian and couldn't. So they shot him right then, killing him."

One day, the Christian high school students, the Christian legislators, the Christian businessman, the Christian neighbor, and Douglas Dabangana will stand before Christ to give account for the deeds done in the body. Which of these would you want to be?

(Cont'd.)

West Side Youth

Happy Birthday This Week:



Charlene Guard—6/5
 Bob Garby—6/9
 Austin Whitlow—6/9
 Peggy Paxton—6/12
 Lila Conklin—6/12

Happy Anniversary This Month to:

Josh & Lori Whitlow—6/20
 Barry & Gloria White—6/25



WOW

The event will be planned for August. Keep an eye on this spot for details!!

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Ty Stricklin is in Afghanistan .

Angela Halling is currently stationed in Korea.

Katie Halling is now stationed in Norfolk, Va. She is in training with the Navy Search & Rescue unit.

Lcpl Harper, Matthew D.; 1/5 Bravo Co., 1st Plt Unit 40330, FPO-AP 96427-0330 is a Marine from Galax who is now serving in Afghanistan.

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After reading the previous, please give consideration to the following. If you were placed in the same or a similar situation, what would you do? Are there not times when we are prone to compromise rather than "offend" someone? Are we always willing to stand up for truth and right and let there be no doubt in anyone's mind where we stand on every issue? Are we willing to speak out, or do we just remain silent for fear that we will be embarrassed if our associates learn what we really believe? Please listen and heed these words of our Lord: "Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels" (Mark 8:38). Yes, we live in an "adulterous and sinful generation," but can we afford to be ashamed of our Lord?

Remember, we must be willing to confess Him before men if we expect Him to confess us before the Father (Matt. 10:32-33). Let's sing and mean, "I'm not ashamed to own my Lord nor to defend His cause." But, do we really mean it, or are we just saying words?

-Adapted from an article by Virgil Hale

Sunday, 6/5—Youth Night 7-8:15/pizza party

Sunday, 6/12— TBS at 7:00

Sunday, 6/19—6/24—VCC at Camp Christi

Monday, 6/27— SYD at West Side, 7-8:30

NOTICE!!!

The EDP Meeting time has been changed to 4:30 pm today.

BABY SHOWER



A shower to welcome the newest Beavers addition will be held June 26th in the fellowship hall. Charlotte Harrington is hosting and will have more details to follow.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please update your home directory address for Jeremy, Jessica and Kylie White.

BIBLE TIC-TAC-TOE

I Corinthians 16:2

Upon the ____ day of the week let ____ of you lay by him in ____, as God hath ____ him, that there be no ____ when I come.

JUNE ITEMS FOR THE STAFFORDS:

Gums—Dentyne fire (spicy cinnamon) and Blast (cool lime). Flavorings—almond, butter (no glass bottles please). Give to Jeanny to be shipped over.

SYMPATHY

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of Neil and Emily Richey in the death of his mother, Debbie. Address is on the hall board.

SUNSHINE BASKET

A Sunshine basket will be in the foyer for Bradford Durham. He will be in a neck brace for 3 months and will need some cheering up!

Some gift suggestions would be: Candy, Snacks, Gift cards to iTunes, Subway, Game Stop.

If you have any questions contact Melissa Rogers.

For Your Information

TUESDAY NIGHT TALENTS

Tuesday Night Talents continues June 7th. Bring your dinner at 6:00 or come at 6:30 pm and join us for the work!

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 19-25—VCC at Camp Christi
June 28—Tubing Trip
July 2-8 is Horizons Junior & Senior week at FHU
July 9-15 is CTS series at FHU
July 17—Preacher Camp
July 30—Vacation Bible School
August 6—Anti Drug Program at ALMS auditorium/Tom House
August 12—18—Polishing the Pulpit
October 16-19—Gospel Meeting with Steve Hall
November 12—Men's w/s planning breakfast

YOUTH NIGHT

Youth Nite: Sunday, June 5

What: bring friends to evening services then stay for a pizza party and overview of summer youth program 7:00-8:15

Young people: bring friends

Adults: bring grandchildren, nieces, nephews, children of neighbors and co-workers

Everyone: greet all visitors

Wednesday Night Summer Series:

June 8- **Andrew Connally**- "Jesus Whom We Should Desire to See" (March 1991)

June 15- **Guy N. Woods**- "The Inspiration of the Bible" (March 1991)

June 22- **Dan Winkler**- "Some Things I Am Thankful For" (His first sermon after the murder of his son. April 2006)

June 29- **Alan Highers**- "What About Instrumental Music in Worship" (August 2004)

VCC CRAFT NEEDS

VCC Craft Department is looking for the following donations:

Gallon size ZipLoc bags; Sharpie markers (all colors); 1" Masking tape; 3" Masking tape; Felt back table cloth (rectangle size for 6' tables); Clean Icing Containers with lids; Assorted grit sandpaper. Please give to Jo Ann or Melissa ASAP. Thanks.

OUR GOAL

"Speak to Folks About Heaven in Two Thousand-Eleven-"

Senior Servants

Lynn Anderson
Norma Biller
Betty Buckner
Jim Dorsett
Al Farrow
Walter 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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- Jack Cook is making improvements. He is at the V.A.
- Elsie Smith remains in RMH.
- Missy Dye, sister of Mitch's co-worker, has breast cancer.
- Hannah Duke, Chet's sister, had surgery last Wednesday in Denver.
- Bradford Durham has two cracked bones in his neck from an accident.
- Brian Anderson, Eddy's cousin, had 2 stints inserted Wednesday in Hattisburg, MS.
- Garrett Pennington (14), Cheryl's nephew, is in UNC Pediatric Hospital.

Continue in Prayer:

Ruth & Glenn Hartman, Shannon VanRavestein, Hazel Maness, Don Pettit, Annette Shrader, Willard Campbell, Clarence Angelotti, Vicky Rogers, Dale Janosik, Renee' Galloway (LTF), James Paul, Jack Cook family, Herb Baker, Hazel McFalls, David Manno, McKinley Burch, Justin's cousin, Keely, Wes White, Debb Stricklin, Maurene Gearhart, Evelyn White, Donell Argabright

June 2011

Gleanings from the NKJV (6) “For What Does Not Profit”

Announcements: Bob Garby

Song Leader (AM): Jeff Durham

Opening Prayer (AM)

6/5 David Brown
6/12 Charles Maness
6/19 Charlie Gwaltney
6/26 Fred Altizer

Preside at Communion: Wayne Dixon

Serve Table

Glenn Gabbard, John Black
Sam Valentine, Jeremy White

Closing Prayer:

6/5 Paul Mays
6/12 Josh Whitlow
6/19 Don Pettit
6/26 Barry White

Song Leader (PM): Paul Mays

Opening Prayer (PM)

6/5 Jim Cooke
6/12 Jonathan Beavers
6/19 Tom Richardson
6/26 Ron White

Scripture Reader: Andrew Gibson

Closing Prayer (PM)

6/5 Danny Guard
6/12 Andrew Gibson
6/19 Bradford Durham
6/26 Bob Garby

Serve Table (PM)

Nathan Pelfrey, Jimmy Harrington

Song Leader (Wed): Chandler Jearls

Prayer (Wed)

6/1 Jim Bush
6/8 A. C. Janney
6/15 Tom Rogers
6/22 Eddy Gilpin
6/29 Jerry Anderson

Open/Close Bldg: Mike Durham

Greeters: Jearls, Valentines

Nursery Attend: Shree Lowe (am)
Leah Durham (pm)

Ushers: Curtis Oakes, Roger Mays

Handouts: Kevin Mickens, Cameron B.

Prepare communion: Myrtle Peverall
Wanda Martin

Baptismal Garments: Bonnie Wood

Cards/Pencils: Austin W., Dylan Tyler

Last week's attendance 5/29& 6/1/11

Bible Class— 163, Worship Service—187
Sunday Eve.— 150, Wednesday Eve.—122
Contribution—\$6000

We continue our study of some statements that are translated differently in the New King James Version. The difference in wording of these statements makes for some interesting studies and great lessons.

Jeremiah represents God's final attempt to save His people from Babylonian overthrow. Jeremiah was God's spokesman to warn this unruly people, a people who would even fight against him (Jer. 1:19). Through this prophet God asked them, "What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain?" (Jer. 2:5). He reminded them that He had brought them into a land of plenty and provided their needs (Jer. 2:6, 7). He then asked a question and proffered a rejoinder: "Has a nation changed its gods, which are not gods? But My people have changed their Glory for what does not profit" (Jer. 2:11 NKJV). His message was simple, and to their shame- "Look around you. Have these pagan nations exchanged their idols for other idols, none of which prosper them at all? But you, the very people of the one true God have exchanged the only Source of life for that which is absolutely profitless."

The lesson for us is the same. Have we traded our God for something else? If we have, we have "downgraded" and exchanged that which is the only Source of good (Jas. 1:17) "for what does not profit," regardless of what that might be. Jesus said, "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Mt. 16:26). Man has no greater needs than those that are spiritual in nature; and there is no other Source to fill those needs than God, and the Word He has given to us. If we seek to fill those needs with other things and by other sources, we become as those of Judah and stand condemned by the same God Who condemned them. Jeremiah's final statement in this particular matter is poignant indeed: "For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water" (Jer. 13). Who in his right mind would exchange a perfectly good drinking vessel for one that was broken and could hold no water? The same kind of person who would exchange the one true God for an idol, "for what does not profit."

-Eddy

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