

## “Never Give In”

Winston Churchill's famous 1941 speech is often misquoted. These remarks were part of a longer speech, not the entire speech:

“Never give in. Never give in. Never, never, never, never--in nothing, great or small, large or petty--never give in, except to convictions of honor and good sense. Never yield to force. Never yield to the apparently overwhelming might of the enemy.”

During this dangerous time of WW II, Mr. Churchill felt it was time to stand strong against these enemies and not give in to them on any level. His words echoed throughout the world to help unify and strengthen the Allies against these powerful foes. Let's make a spiritual application to similar pleas from God's Word for Christians to remain strong, persistent in our service to God against our daunting enemy, Satan.

- 1) **Stand our ground.** **1Co 15:58** “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. “ So-called friends may tempt us to miss worship or Bible study to go to a movie, game, or civic function; don't let them pull us down! More serious temptations might come our way, so we need to “brace ourselves” to be prepared for these challenges. No matter what comes our way, even the prospect of death as discussed in this context, Paul exhorts us to be “unmovable” in our faithfulness to God.
- 2) **Still the waters.** In Romans 12, Paul gives some practical instructions to Christians for their daily lives on how to get along with one another. He challenges us to love one another and to not take revenge out upon another when we feel we've been wronged. Strive to live peaceably together; overcome evil with good. If the “waters” stay calm among the brethren, we can remain unified in our efforts to teach the Gospel and united in our efforts to defeat the Devil and his destructive ways (I Peter 5:8).
- 3) **Stay the course.** Paul had endured many hardships because of his faithfulness to the Lord (II Cor. 11:23-28). It would have been much easier to choose an easier pathway to follow. He was determined to “never give in”. In II Tim. 4:7-8, Paul tells us he had completed his “course”, never wavering in his faithfulness to God; because of this, he looked forward to the “crown of righteousness laid up” for him in eternity one day.

May we “never give in” to the Devil and the many devices he uses to entice us to sin.

– the Elders

## “Blessed is the Man” (2)

The phrase “blessed is the man” is found thirteen times in the King James Bible. “Man” is the generic word for humanity and includes in its promise all who fulfill the obligations or possess the qualities mentioned. Previously we studied Psalm 1:1, Psalm 32:2, Psalm 34:8, Psalm 84:12, Jeremiah 17:7 and Romans 4:8.

“Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple” (Ps. 65:4). The idea of God's calling rests upon His grace and the extension of His merciful hand. We cannot force our way into His presence by our own merits or good works. We come to Him only through His Son (Jn. 14:6). He does not call man today in some supernatural fashion, but through the gospel (II Thes. 2:14). Man comes to God and is “cause[d] to approach” unto Him through His word (Jn. 6:44, 45; Rom. 10:17). Those who accept the Lord's invitation (Mt. 11:28-30) may indeed “dwell in thy courts” (Heb. 5:8, 9; II Cor. 5:17; Acts 2:47).

“Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them” (Ps. 84:5). Our strength lies not in ourselves, but in our Savior. Paul said, “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me” (Phil. 4:13). When he pleaded with the Lord to remove his “thorn in the flesh,” he was met with these words by the Lord: “My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness” (II Cor. 12:9). And, he concluded, “For when I am weak, then am I strong” (II Cor. 12:10). The phrase “in whose heart are the ways of them” is translated “in whose heart are the high ways to Zion” (ASV). One whose strength is in the Lord and whose heart is fixed on the road leading to Him will indeed be blessed.

-Eddy

## Team Events

## Teens

### October Dates to Remember

10/14—TBS—after evening services

10/20—Day at the Duff's 3-8

10/28-11/1—Gospel Meeting and Door-knocking campaign

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### Gospel Meeting/MSOP Door Knocking October 28-November 1



Our fall gospel meeting starts in 2 weeks. Be making plans now to be here for this event.

**Welcome and encouragement letters** are still available for the visiting MSOP students coming for our door-knocking campaign. Addressed envelopes are available in the foyer. Pick one or more up today!  
**Special Thanks** to those who have already sent these out. The students are really enjoying them!!!!

Evening Meal update:

Monday night-Team 1 will furnish the deserts and drinks.

Tuesday night-Team 3 will be responsible for the meal on Tuesday night.

Wednesday night-Team 2 will be responsible for the meal on Wednesday night.

Thursday night-Team 4 will be responsible for the meal on Thursday night.

All team members-If your team leader has not contacted you with the details, please see your team leader as soon as you can for details.

If you have any questions see one of the elders or Barry White.

**Team 1**— will have a Sing-n-Sweets Fellowship on Friday, October 26, at Jack & Lori Cook's home. Starts at 6:30. Sign up sheet posted.

**Team 4**— will be in charge of set up and clean up of the fellowship meal on Sunday, 10/28.

They will also be having Team pot-luck fellowship meals on November 18 & December 9 after morning services.

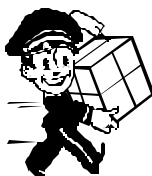
See your team leader with any questions!!

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**Parking Lot Notice:** The **LOWER** parking lot was designed in part to give our kids a safe place to play after services. Please park on the WEST side on the centerline to reserve the other side for the kids. Parents, please make sure your kids use this area and not the other parking areas. – the elders.



### SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER ITEMS



**FOR THE STAFFORDS:** Torengo's and dream whip envelopes. Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!

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### MILITARY

Ty Stricklin—Stationed in Iraq  
John Duran—overseas.



True Prayer is a way of life,  
not just an emergency detour.

## SICK

**Luetta Gregory** continues to be in room 210 in Friendship Manor.

Rick Perry has asked that we find someone to transport Collin on Sunday (between services) to Friendship Manor to visit with Luetta for a couple of hours. The chiropractor recommends that Collin drive only short distances (like to church, grocery store, etc.) as much as possible. Rick said that others were helping for several days, but there is still a need for Sunday afternoon. See Jeff or Collin if you can help out.

Tirzah Cook, oldest daughter of **Jack & Lori Cook**, will be having brain surgery at UVA on Oct 15. Her address is: 811 Westover Drive, Apt. 4, Staunton, VA 24401.

Ruth Cooke, mother of **Jim Cooke**, has cancer and there is nothing more the doctors can do for her.

Remember the following in prayer: **Betty Jenkins, Marguerite Charles, Piet Jager, Cora Akers, Danny Blevins, Gene Still-well.**

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Sympathy is extended to Josh Whitlow in the death of his father, Terry Helms.

And also sympathy is extended to Bobby Paxton in the death of his sister, Virginia.

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Happy Birthday this week to:  
Martha Keith—10/16

*Happy Anniversary this week to:*  
Charlie & Hazel Maness—10/15  
Glenn & Sandra Neighbors—10/18

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Contacts for Christ: According to one count, the gospels record 132 specific contacts that Jesus had with people. Six were in the Temple; four in the synagogues and 122 were out with the people in the mainstream of life.

## PRIMARY TEACHER MEETING

This month's primary teachers meeting will be today at 4:30. Toddler teachers are furnishing the refreshments.

## WELCOME BAGS FOR MSOP STUDENTS

Annette Shrader is looking for donations to fill the **15** welcome bags for the students. Ideas for items include: chewing gum, mints, mini hand sanitizers, granola bars, travel tissues, etc. Please give all items to Annette ASAP.

## DESSERTS & COFFEE

We will be welcoming the MSOP Students on Monday, 10/29, with a dessert and coffee fellowship after services.

## EVENING AT WEST SIDE

The Evening at West Side Dinner has been cancelled. We will try again in the spring.

## LADIES NIGHT OUT

The October LNO hosted by Dorothy Mays, will be on October 16 at 7:00 here at the building. Sign-up sheet is on the board.

## OCTOBER DATES:

TBS—10/14

Gospel Meeting—10/28—11/1

Fellowship Meal—10-28

## NOVEMBER DATES:

TBS—11/4

Men's Planning Session & Breakfast—  
11/10

Area-Wide Preachers' Meeting—11/12

Teen Service Project—11/16

Team 4 Fellowship—11/18

Primary Teachers Meeting—11/18



**October 2007****Announcements** Fred Altizer**Song Leader (AM)** Jeff Durham**Opening Prayer (AM)****10/7** Barry White**10/14** Gene Benefield**10/21** Charlie Gwaltney**10/28** Collin Gregory**Preside at Communion** Wayne Dixon**Serve Table** Tom Rogers Charlie Puckett  
Garrett Durham John Black**Closing Prayer****10/7** Jim Harrington**10/14** Bob Garby**10/21** Greg Edwards**10/28** Murphy Scott**Song Leader (PM)** Charlie Gwaltney**Opening Prayer (PM)****10/7** Eric Earnhart**10/14** Jeremy White**10/21** Bob Martin**10/28** Danny Guard**Scripture Reader** Sam Valentine**Closing Prayer (PM)****10/7** Herb Baker**10/14** Jeff Durham**10/21** Ethan Rogers**10/28** George Mellon**Serve Table (PM)** Herb Baker Glenn Gabbard**Song Leader (Wed)** Bob Garby**Prayer (Wed)****10/3** Tom Rogers**10/10** Richard Simms**10/17** Norris Gearhart**10/24** Jim Bush**10/31** AC Janney**Open/Close Bldg** Lyn Shrader**Greeters** Pettits Gearharts**Nursery Attend** Hazel Maness Lisa Valentine**Ushers** Roger Mays Glenn Hartman**Handouts** Sam Valentine John Black

Preston Duff

**Alternates** Danny Guard**Prepare comm.** Annette Shrader & Sandy Garby**Cards & Pencils** Rebecca Doss & Sydney Durham**Last weeks attendance** 10/7&10/2007

Bible Class— 147 Worship Service—164

Eve. Worship— 103 Wed. Service—136

Contribution—\$4614

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