

## Seven Attacks on Our Faithfulness

1. Persecution—Matt. 24:9,10. It is hard to keep getting up just to be knocked down again. Jesus told the church at Smyrna, “Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer,” and then he said, “Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life” (Rev. 2:10). I suspect that Paul would say that the persecution which really saps our strength is not that which comes from without, but from that which comes from our own brethren.
2. Temptation—Luke 8:13 & Heb. 3:13. In interpreting the meaning of the seed which fell on the rocky ground, Jesus said, “these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away.”
3. Worldliness—2 Tim. 4:10. As Demas forsook Paul, having loved this present world, so will our zeal for the Lord be diminished if we love this world.
4. A moral lapse—2 Sam. 12 & Ps. 32. When we feel unclean or when our conscience is bothering us, it is hard to get excited about serving the Lord.
5. Forsaking worship and spiritual living—Heb. 10:25-31. When we miss worship, we must be careful that a slow, progressive callousness is not setting in. Many who would not defiantly blaspheme and repudiate their faith find themselves slowly doing just that.
6. Not seeing the light at the end of the tunnel—Job.
7. Thinking you are the only one—1 Cor. 2:3.

## The Just and the Unjust

With the further decay of moral values in our country, the contrast between the upright and the ungodly becomes clearer each day. The ungodly shout louder, are given more exposure and are becoming more prevalent in our society. The upright say little and are deterred at every turn when they do speak. Values that once were held without question are now questioned as to whether they should be honored at all. Politicians who support immoral practices are presented as more acceptable than those who hold to “traditional and outdated” values systems.

Solomon stated, “An unjust man is an abomination to the just: and he that is upright in the way is abomination to the wicked” (Prov. 29:27). The recent and repeated transgressions of O.J. Simpson illustrate these facts. Those within the justice system and every honest person know that the overwhelming evidence shows his guilt in the murders of two people in 1994. His run-ins with law enforcement prior to that and subsequent crimes and brushes with the law since, show his true character. Now, he has been arrested yet again and charged with ten felonies, including kidnapping. To all who claim any sense of decency and justice it is an outrage that he is still able to walk around in a free society. He is “an abomination to the just.” However, in spite of all the evidence against him, he still has his sympathizers and supporters. To those individuals the justice system, “racists” and “hardliners” are to blame for his plight. To them, “the upright in the way” are “abomination.”

It is interesting to note that even in Solomon’s day the just were condemned by the unjust and the unjust were considered a blight on society by the just. Although the law system is different, technology more advanced and man more “modern,” justice still repudiates injustices and the unjust; and, the unjust still despise that which is right. Man really hasn’t changed that much at all.

-Eddy

## Teens

### September Date to Remember

9/23—Girls Tanzania Project after morning services

9/23—Teen Bible Study after evening services

9/30—Youth Conduct services

**Youth Girls Tanzania Project** – The West Side Youth Ladies will be needed to work on a project that will be sent to Tanzania soon. We will be staying after services today for lunch and to work.

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

Our fall gospel meeting is fast approaching. Be making plans now to be here for this event.

**Welcome and encouragement letters** are needed for the visiting MSOP students coming for our door-knocking campaign. Addressed envelopes are available in the foyer. Pick one or more up today!

Also **housing** is needed for these students. If you can house one or more of these students please let Bob Garby know ASAP. You would be responsible for breakfast & snacks and transportation to the building of the mornings and from the building in the evenings.

There will be a Fellowship Meal on Sunday, Oct. 28, after morning services. Team 4 will be in charge of set up and clean up.

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

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### Congratulations!!

Congratulations to Aaron Anderson who proposed to his girlfriend last week. She said yes— no wedding plans yet!



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## WOW (West Sides Older Workers)

The regular scheduled WOW meeting will be cancelled in October due to scheduling conflict.

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Drop them a card or an e-mail for encouragement!!

## SICK

**Luetta Gregory** has been moved to Friendship Manor for Respite Care for a few days while **Collin** recovers from his back problems.

**Marguerite Charles** will be having a pain management treatment on Monday.

**Effie Wimmer** has completed her in-office treatments and will now be able to stay home and have her treatments.

**Hazel Maness** will be having surgery on Oct. 1

Remember the following in prayer: **Betty Jenkins, Evelyn White, Danny Blevins Harold Harrison, Roger Whitley, Morgan Tew, Cora Akers.**

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Happy Birthday this week to:

Bradford Durham—9/24

Ed Mickens—9/25

Ivy Bush—9/25

Lyn Shrador—9/25

*Happy Anniversary to:*



Gene & Nancy Benefield—9/23

Herb & Shirley Baker—9/24

Paul & Yvette Mays—9/25



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## 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

E-mail from Ty is posted in the hallway.

Also John Duran left last week to spend a year



## OUTLINE FOR THE OT CLASS

Outlines for OT class are ready for those who signed up. You are encouraged to purchase a 3 ring binder to keep **all** of the outlines in. The first 13 lesson packets are labeled with your name and located on the table in the foyer.

## CRADLE ROLL & TODDLER CLASSROOMS

These class rooms have been cleaned and sorted. The changing station has been moved out as well as the rocking chairs and filing cabinets. Excess toys have also been removed. The teachers are now ready to start teaching the new curriculum! Thanks to Jeanny for taking the time to get all this together! And to Jeff & Charlie for moving the big stuff!!

## PRIMARY TEACHERS MEETING

Teachers meeting today at 4:00 in the fellowship hall.

## T3 PLANNERS MEETING

The final T3 planners meeting for this year will be on Sunday, September 30, at 4:30.

## TURN, TURN, TURN

\*T3 will be on October 6 from 8:30—2:15.

Registrations are located in the foyer. Deadline is today.

\***Also** drinks can be donated by placing them in the kitchen!

## OCTOBER DATES:

EDP Meeting—10/7

Area-wide Preachers meeting—10/8

Men's Breakfast—10/13

TBS—10/14

Primary Teachers Meeting—10-21

Gospel Meeting—10/28—11/1

Fellowship Meal—10-28



**September 2007**

**Announcements** Danny Guard  
**Song Leader (AM)** Eric Earnhart  
**Opening Prayer (AM)**  
**9/2** Charles Maness  
**9/9** Tom Rogers  
**9/16** Squeaky Valentine  
**9/23** Wayne Dixon  
**9/30** Tom Duff  
**Preside at Communion** Greg Edwards  
**Serve Table** Roger Mays Bobby Martin  
Fred Altizer Jeremy White

**Closing Prayer**

**9/2** Richard Simms  
**9/9** George Mellon  
**9/16** Tom Richardson  
**9/23** Bob Garby  
**9/30** Jim Cooke

**Song Leader (PM)**

Jeff Durham

**Opening Prayer (PM)**

**9/2** Don Pettit  
**9/9** AC Janney  
**9/16** Glenn Hartman  
**9/23** Jim Bush  
**9/30** Youth

**Scripture Reader**

Shawn Simms

**Closing Prayer (PM)**

**9/2** Jerry Anderson  
**9/9** Sam Valentine  
**9/16** Mark Brooks  
**9/23** Crawford Keith  
**9/30** Youth

**Serve Table (PM)** Preston Duff Ethan Rogers

**Song Leader (Wed)** Josh Whitlow

**Prayer (Wed)**

**9/5** Mike Durham  
**9/12** Paul Mays  
**9/19** Claude Crowe  
**9/26** Adam House

**Open/Close Bldg** Tom Rogers

**Greeters** Browns Paxtons

**Nursery Attend** Velda Gearhart Jo Ann Edwards

**Ushers** Norris Gearhart Curtis Oakes

**Handouts** Shawn & Ryan Simms  
Herb Baker & Mark Brooks

**Alternates** Mike Durham

**Prepare comm.** Audrey Gabbard & Betty Buckner

**Cards & Pencils** Chandler Jearls & Andrew Gibson

**Last weeks attendance** 9/9&12/2007

Bible Class— 113 Worship Service—163

Eve. Worship— 123 Wed. Service—143

Contribution—\$4485