

## Daily Devotional Thought: Is There Fire in Your Bones?

*“Then I said, ‘I will not make mention of Him, Nor speak anymore in His name.’ But His word was in my heart like a burning fire Shut up in my bones; I was weary of holding it back, And I could not”* (Jeremiah 20:9).

Jeremiah had one of the most undesirable tasks anyone should ever have. He was to announce to the nation of Judah who had become very wicked and rebellious that because of their sins, Jerusalem would be destroyed; and those who survived the carnage would go into Babylonian captivity.

Such a message spoken to a rebellious people became a burden to Jeremiah, a fire in his bones. There were times when he would hold his peace. But there would be a constant pain like burnt flesh; such pain would obsess a person. Jeremiah’s message obsessed him. He said, *“I was weary of holding it back, And I could not.”*

Every person needs a little fire in his bones. Each one of us should pray for such a fire, one of knowledge and understanding. We should pray that our concern for people become as fire burning in our bones. We should want this kindness, this forgiving spirit that was evident in Jesus. It should be our concern to see lost souls brought to Christ. We shouldn’t be content to teach and preach as a duty, but because we have a genuine love for the souls of people. We should pray that commitment to good moral practices would become as fire in our bones. We should heed all righteousness. It should make us walk in righteousness even if we have to walk alone. It should be our prayer we accept our responsibilities not only for ourselves, but also for the Lord and for one another. It should be our goal not to restrain godly forces within ourselves, but to use every talent we have to the glory of God.

Some might regard this as silly or ridiculous. It might even cause crisis in one’s life, as it did with Jeremiah. But a New Testament Christian shouldn’t be content to merely be called a Christian. We should strive for *“fire in our bones.”* Jeremiah cherished fire in his bones because he cherished spiritual success. Do you and I cherish the same? –Howell Ferguson

Please return your **Bible Class Teacher Survey** forms to Danny Guard ASAP. They were due May 16.

The new **Teaching Quarter** begins June 6th. On Wednesday, June 2nd, the last 5 minutes of class (at the first bell), ALL summer quarter teachers go to their classrooms so the kids can meet their new teachers. Also, spring quarter teachers will need to move kids up one level (next classroom) "IF" they are being promoted. You can check the posted class rolls in each hallway.

The **Summer Quarter Primary teachers** will be: Bonnie Mellon, Marsha Cooke, Rebecca Durham, Judy Durham, Dorothy Mays, Marc Laplante, and Adam House.

Eddy Gilpin will be teaching the **Old Testament class** in the auditorium on Sunday mornings. If you need an outline, please sign up on the board.

David Brown will be teaching **Building a Positive Christian Life** in the fellowship hall. If you plan to attend this class please sign up on the board.

Our Youth Intern, Ryan Davis will be teaching the combined **Middle and High School** class on Sunday mornings in the High School Classroom.

Our **Wednesday Summer Series** will begin on June 2 with Donnie Vick from Purcellville. Also this summer we will hear from the following: Adam Horn, Jerry Anderson, Clarence Lavendar, Danny Guard, Michael Jordan, Bob Horn, Ryan Davis, Keith Hovis, Garrett Durham, Sam Valentine, Ed Mickens, Eric Earnhart, Mitchell Floyd, and Tom Duff. Hope you will be here to hear all of these men!

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**Happy Birthday this week to:**

Paul Faw—5/23  
Paula Gibson—5/23

**Happy Anniversary this week to:**

Kim & David Brown—5/23  
Bobby & Peggy Paxton—5/25  
Claude & Mary Ellen Crowe—5/27



# Teens

May Events:



May 30—Grad Dinner  
May 30—Young Men conduct evening worship

VCC (June 20-26) registration forms are located in the foyer—deadline was May 15. WS pays 1/2 of member registration fees.

Horizons (July 4-9) forms are also located in the foyer. Bus forms (yellow) are available in the foyer!

Ryan Davis will be here in the next couple of weeks to start as our Youth Intern. Hope you plan to participate this summer!

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The Discovery Club has started their Summer Garden! At just the right time - God has sent the rain this past week!!



# WOW

The next regular meeting will be on June 8 at 10:30.



## MAY ITEMS FOR THE STAFFORDS:

Hormel real bacon bits, assorted Ziploc baggies, Nature Valley granola bars (honey nut or peanut butter flavor). Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!



Recent Responses: Bob & Sandy Garby, Mitch & Kristie Jearls, David & Katelyn Brown, Norce Lowe, Mark Brooks, Betty Buckner, Khalia Mickens, Dee House, Josh & Lori Whitlow, Susan Mountcastle, and Barry Dixon at the Dale Ridge congregation.

## For Your Information

# Senior Servants

### EVENING AT WEST SIDE

A great time was had by all who attended the 5th Annual Evening at West Side. A big thanks to all the hostesses and their servers for making this a night to remember!

### LADIES NIGHT OUT

Ladies' Night Out will be on Thursday, May 27th, 6:30 p.m. hosted by Jennifer Laplante and Jeanny Gilpin and will be at Jeanny's house. The theme will be "Sisters" and we will begin a "Secret Sister" year with the "reveal" next year at this time. Please bring a Mexican dish for our Mexican Fiesta. If you are unable to attend, but would like to participate in the Secret Sister for the coming year, please see Jennifer for a short information sheet and yours will be put in the hat with the others. You will get a "Secret Sister" for the year to surprise with little surprises throughout the year on special occasions. We hope to see you on the 27th.

### GRADUATION DINNER

We will be honoring our graduates on Sunday, May 30, with a fellowship potluck dinner after morning services. Our grads this year include: Caroline Doss, Garrett Durham, Ethan Rogers and college grads Kirk Gilpin and Caleb Guard.

### EDP MEETING

There will be an EDP Meeting on June 6 at 4:00.

### VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN CAMP

Hope you have already turned in your registration for VCC 2010. It's shaping up to be one of the best years yet!!!! Hurry and get your application in—deadline was May 15!!!!!!!

### CHRISTIAN TRAINING SERIES

CTS at Freed-Hardeman will be held July 11-15. Registration forms and bus forms (green) are available in the foyer.

## Virginia Christian Camp

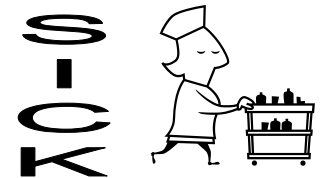
The VCC Kitchen is in need of 18 small squeezable bottles of Mayonnaise.

The VCC Craft Department is in need of small disposable drinking cups and paper towels.



Lynn Anderson  
Norma Biller  
Betty Buckner  
Marguerite Charles  
Jim Dorsett

Al Furrow  
Collin Gregory  
Walter & Betty Jenkins  
Martha Keith  
Margaret Kratz  
Miriam Majors  
Jo Musgrove  
Grace Myers  
Elsie Smith  
Ruth Stanton  
Evelyn White  
EV Wimmer  
WJ Wood



- **Annette Shrader** will be having surgery on May 24 at UVA.
- **Claude Crowe** is at LGH. Short visits would be appreciated.
- **Lynn Wilcox**, friend of Michelle Earnhart's, is suffering from a broken hip.
- **Norce Lowe** will have out patient surgery on Wednesday.

### Remember in prayer:

Madolia Rosette, Shannon VanRavestein, Kathleen Soliday, Elizabeth Lynch, Bob Watson, Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Hartman Sr., Mary Cannaday, Marty Clark, Earl Humbarger, Ronald Goodman

May 2010

## “But God...” (2)

**Announcements** Mike Durham  
**Song Leader (AM)** Eric Earnhart  
**Opening Prayer (AM)**  
5/2 Barry White  
5/9 Danny Guard  
5/16 Tom Richardson  
5/23 Charlie Gwaltney  
5/30 Jim Harrington  
**Preside at Communion** Paul Mays  
**Serve Table**  
Ethan Rogers, Jim Cooke  
Marc Laplante, Jack Cook  
**Closing Prayer**  
5/2 Bob Garby  
5/9 Jeff Durham  
5/16 Ron White  
5/23 Herman Lowe  
5/30 Bob Martin  
**Song Leader (PM)** Sam Valentine  
**Opening Prayer (PM)**  
5/2 Herb Baker  
5/9 Glenn Hartman  
5/16 Jeremy White  
5/23 Josh Whitlow  
5/30 Roger Mays  
**Scripture Reader** Nathan Pelfrey  
**Closing Prayer (PM)**  
5/2 Wayne Dixon  
5/9 David McFalls  
5/16 Don Pettit  
5/23 Ethan Rogers  
5/30 Gene Benefield  
**Serve Table (PM)**  
Jeff Guilliams, Bradford Durham  
**Song Leader (Wed)** Bob Garby  
**Prayer (Wed)**  
5/5 Fred Altizer  
5/12 Collin Gregory  
5/19 Garrett Durham  
5/28 Jimmy Harrington  
**Open/Close Bldg** Tom Rogers  
**Greeters** Anderson, Guilliams  
**Nursery Attend** Dee House (AM)  
Jo Hartman (PM)  
**Ushers** David Brown, Curtis Oakes  
**Handouts** Ron White, Claude Crowe  
Herb Baker, Mark Brooks  
**Prepare communion**  
Judy Durham, Michelle Earnhart

Of the 44 times the phrase “but God” appears in the King James Bible, 19 occur in the Old Testament. As noted previously, it is a phrase of contrast showing that something was said, done or had occurred which was followed by something God said or did that changed the matter completely.

As recorded in Genesis 31, Jacob discovered that the disposition of his father-in-law Laban had changed toward him. God instructed Jacob to get away from Laban and return to his homeland (Gen. 31:1). Jacob explained this decision to his wives and stated that their father (as they well knew) had deceived him and treated him improperly. Notice his words: “And your father hath deceived me, and changed my wages ten times; **but God** suffered him not to hurt me” (Gen. 31:7). It is with this contrasting phrase that Jacob revealed the providence of God upon him during the entire ordeal. Whatever Laban’s intentions might have been, God was going to protect Jacob. Man’s actions will not disrupt the ultimate plan of God.

Genesis 45 records the emotional occasion when Joseph revealed himself unto his brothers after many long years of separation. Doubtless he was conscientious of their guilt and sought to sooth their consciences immediately by revealing God’s hand in the matter which they had created in selling him to the Ishmaelites initially (Gen. 37). He stated, “So now it was not you that sent me hither, **but God**: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt” (Gen. 45:8). Obviously, they had sold him as a slave, the act that culminated in his being delivered to Egypt. However, through the years Joseph had come to realize that God’s hand was in the matter as well. Thus, what had originally been intended as an action to get rid of Joseph, God had used to preserve not only Joseph’s life, but the lives of his family members as well. And it was from this matter that the nation of Israel came into existence. God’s hand had once again trumped man’s.

-Eddy

### Last weeks attendance 5/16&19/10

Bible Class— 154    Worship Service—169  
Sunday Eve.— 144    Wednesday Eve.—154  
Contribution—\$5862