

## How to Avoid Lion Attacks

How would you react if you saw a hungry lion prowling through your neighborhood? You might shoot him, watch him, film him or call the police. But I suspect you'd try to keep a safe distance away.

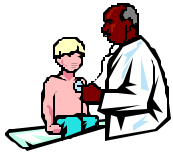
However, many Christians get curious and see how close they can come to Satan, who "*walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.*" ( I Pet. 5:8). The Christians get too close and the lion attacks them. To avoid lion attacks, let me recommend the following:

1. **If you know something is right, do it.** "*Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.*" ( James 4:17)
2. **If you know something is wrong, don't do it.** "*For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins.*" (Hebrews 10:26)
3. **If some situation might prompt you to have wrong thoughts, avoid it.** "*Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.*" (Philippians 4::8)
4. **If doing something might cause someone else to sin, don't do it.** "*But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.*" (Matthew 18:6)
5. **If doing something might be misunderstood as sin, don't do it.** "*I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean. But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died.*" ( Romans 14:14, 15)

When the lion comes, use the sword of the Spirit and respond like Jesus, "*It is written...*" (Matthew 4:1-11)

# Sick

Continue to remember in prayer:  
**Marguerite Charles, Lyn Anderson,  
Martha Keith, Miriam Majors,  
Betty Jenkins, WJ Wood, Dee  
House, Evelyn Scott, David Wilcox,  
Cora Acres, Edna Stricklin, Judy  
Bowman, Beulah Wright, Roy Doss.**



EV Wimmer is home but will have out patient procedure in 3 weeks.

Margaret Kratz is in need of prayers.

Several are out with the usual illnesses.

## Happy Birthday this week to:

**Conner Jearls—3/29**

**Jim Dorsett—3/30**

**Dee House—4/1**

**Tiffany Gibson—4/2**

**Olivia Valentine—4/3**

**Esther Greene—4/3**

**Garrett Durham—4/4**

**Norma Biller—4/5**



## MARCH ITEMS FOR THE STAFFORDS:

Ink pens (Grip, medium Pilot and fine Zebra) and tic tacs—favorite is lime green. Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!



## Red Envelopes

Be a voice for the voiceless—the unborn!!!

Address a red envelope to: President Barak Obama, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20500.

On the back write the following message: This envelope represents one child who died because of an abortion. It is empty because the life that was taken is now unable to be a part of our world.

Mail the envelopes on March 31, 2009.

Red envelopes are available in the foyer!!

## Upcoming Events:

Team 3 (Valentine) will be having an April Fools Dinner on Wednesday, April 1, at 5:45.

Jo's Catering will be providing the meal and the cost will be \$5 at the door and a clean joke!

Sign up sheet located on the board—No foolin'.

Team 2 (Garby) will be having a get together at Herb & Shirley Baker's home on April 25. Details soon.



## Teens

March Dates

3/29—Young Men conduct services

April Dates

4/19—TBS



Attention Youth and your Parents: Your summer intern Luke Guard is wanting to find out what you want to study and what your parents want you to study about this summer. He is planning on having split devos {male & female} and is looking for devo speakers for the girls and the guys. If you can assist, let Luke know by contacting him. The best way is his new email address: [luket-guard@gmail.com](mailto:luket-guard@gmail.com) or call him at 540-556-8855 or send snail mail to: 158 E Main Street, Box 199, Henderson, TN 38340. Let him hear from you soon!

## WOW

Next WOW meeting will be on Tuesday, April 14, at 10:30.

## For Your Information

### DISCOVERY CLUB

There will be an informative meeting today at 4:30 in the fellowship hall for kids and their parents. Sign up sheet on the youth board.

### MAKIN' MUSIC WEEKEND @FHU

Makin' Music Weekend at Freed Hardeman will be April 3-5.

### CARDS & CRAFTS

The cards and crafts will meet in the large classroom on Sunday, April 5, at 3:30 to work on cards and Easter baskets. See Melissa Rogers for details.

### EDP MEETING

The bi-monthly EDP meeting will be on April 5 at 4:00.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

The monthly Men's Breakfast will be at Famous Anthony's on April 11 at 8 AM.

### AREA WIDE PREACHERS MEETING

There will be 2 different area wide preachers meetings in April. On April 13 at 10:30 Winford Clairborn will be speaking and on April 20, Keith Kasarjain will be speaking. Make plans to be here if you have a chance.

### LADIES NIGHT OUT

April Ladies Night Out will be on April 27 at 6:30. Details will be available soon.

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### A Little girl and Lightning

A little girl walked to and from school daily. Though the weather that morning was questionable and clouds were forming, she made her daily trek to the elementary school.

As the afternoon progressed, the winds whipped up, along with lightning. The mother of the little girl felt concerned that her daughter would be frightened as she walked home from school and she feared the electrical storm might harm her child. Full of concern, the mother quickly got into her car and drove along the route to her child's school. As she did, she saw her little girl walking along at each flash of lightning; the child would stop, look up, and smile. Another and another flash of lightning followed quickly and with each, the little girl would look at the streak of light and smile.

When the mother's car drew up beside the child, she lowered the window and called to her 'What are you doing?'

The child answered, 'I am trying to look pretty because God keeps taking my picture.'

Just have a good day today and everyday as you face the storms that come your way.

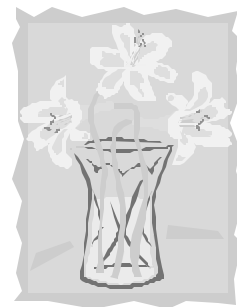
# Weekly Reminders

### Prayer list:

Lyn Anderson  
Marguerite Charles  
Dee House  
Betty Jenkins  
Martha Keith  
Margaret Kratz  
Miriam Majors  
David Wilcox  
Cora Akers  
Edna Stricklin  
Judy Bowman  
Evelyn Scott  
EV Wimmer  
Roy Doss

### Activities:

Youth conduct services—3/29  
Discovery Club Meeting—3/29  
Team 3 Dinner—4/1  
Makin' Music Weekend—4/3-5  
Cards & Crafts—4/5  
EDP Meeting—4/5



## “If Any Man” (5)

This week we continue our look at the phrase “if any man.” As noted previously, it appears 62 times in the New Testament. Like all such phrases that appear numerous times, a study of this phrase will give us greater insight into living the Christian life.

John 9 records the healing of a blind man by Jesus in a most unusual way. The Lord made clay of spittle and anointed the blind man’s eyes, commanding him to go and wash in the Pool of Siloam. When he did so, he was immediately able to see (Jn. 9:1-7). Much was made of his healing, especially by the Pharisees, who were the enemies of Jesus. They questioned both the man’s parents and him at length about this occurrence. They wanted to negate what Jesus had done, but were not able to do so by using this man. The Pharisees railed against Jesus, stating that they were the disciples of Moses, but this once blind man was a disciple of Jesus. They affirmed that they knew that God spoke to Moses, but they had no such knowledge that God spoke through Jesus (Jn. 9:13-29). The once blind man retorted with an irrefutable argument. He said, “Why herein is a marvelous thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and yet he hath opened mine eyes. Now we know that God heareth not sinners: *but if any man* be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth” (Jn. 9:30, 31).

There have been questions raised as to the validity of this man’s statement since he was not an inspired man. However, 1) inspiration recorded the man’s statement for a reason; 2) his argument was irrefutable; 3) Old Testament passages confirmed the truth he stated (cf. Job 27:8, 9; Ps. 34:15, 16; 66:18; Prov. 15:29; Is. 1:15). The once blind man concluded his argument by saying, “If this man were not of God, he could do nothing” (Jn. 9:33). This was the same statement Nicodemus had made earlier (Jn. 3:2). His statement regarding God’s not hearing sinners is true to Scripture (the special case of Cornelius’ prayer being a memorial being the only exception- Acts 10). Although he was uninspired, he spoke a valid truth. Likewise, his statement about any man who worships God and obeys His will is heard by Him is likewise true. Interestingly, in the only instance in which an alien sinner was praying to God, he was told to stop praying and obey what he was told to do to be saved (Acts 9:11; 22:16).

-Eddy

### Mar. 29 (Acts 4)

- Read Acts 4 three times today
- Pray today
- Memorize contents of Acts 4—Peter & John imprisoned
- Peter & John threatened and released
- Write a note or card this week
- \*Increase your contribution by \$1 today

### Mar. 30 (Acts 5)

- Read Acts 5 three times today
- Pray today
- Memorize contents of Acts 5—Ananias & Sapphira
- Apostles imprisoned
- Apostles beaten and released

### Mar. 31 (Acts 6)

- Read Acts 6 three times today
- Pray today
- Memorize contents of Acts 6—7 men appointed to care for Grecian widows
- Dispute with Stephen

### Apr. 1 (Acts 7)

- Read Acts 7 three times today
- Pray today
- Memorize contents of Acts 7—Stephen’s sermon
- Stephen stoned to death

### Apr. 2 (Acts 8)

- Read Acts 8 three times today
- Pray today
- Memorize contents of Acts 8—Philip at Samaria
- Philip & the Ethiopian eunuch

### Apr. 3 (Acts 9)

- Read Acts 9 three times today
- Pray today
- Memorize contents of Acts 9—Conversion of Saul
- Peter heals Aeneas
- Peter raises Dorcas

### Apr. 4 (Acts 10)

- Read Acts 10 three times today
- Pray today
- Memorize contents of Acts 10—Conversion of Cornelius’ household

### Those to Serve in March

**Announcements:** Roger Mays

**Preside at Communion:** Jason Oldham

**Opening Prayer:** Collin Gregroy

Next Week: Bob Martin

**PM Song Leader:** Sam Valentine

**Opening Prayer:** Paul Mays

Next Week: Squeaky Valentine

**Serve Communion:** Nathan Pelfrey, Tanner Reed

**Wednesday Song Leader:** Garrett Durham

**Open/Close Bldg:** Mike Durham

**Ushers:** Danny Guard, Curtis Oakes

**Greeters:** Hartman/Laplante

**Song Leader:** David Brown

**Serve Table:** Fred Altizer, Greg Edwards  
Jim Harrington, Cameron Brown

**Closing Prayer:** Adam House

Next Week: Mike Durham

**Scripture Reader:** Caleb Reed

**Closing Prayer:** Marc Laplante

Next Week: Jerry Anderson

**Prayer:** Danny Guard

**Prepare Communion:** Lowe/L. Maness

**Cards/Pencils:** S. Durham/O. Valentine

**Nursery Attend:** M. Halling/K. Jearls

Last weeks attendance (3/22&25/09)

Bible Class: 161    Worship Service: 177

Sunday Evening: 133

Wednesday: 134

Contribution: \$4996

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