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Today is August 23. This day is not normally celebrated unless one has a birthday, anniversary, or some other important personal event falling upon August 23. It stands out in my mind because on August 23, 1978, 31 years ago today. I left home to be on my own. It was on that day I left to enter Freed-Hardeman College as a freshman.

I'll never forget the emptiness I felt as I was leaving, but yet there was excitement and plenty of anxiety as I prepared to enter a completely new phase of my life. I was soon acclimated to a major change as I met hundreds of Christian friends and began my college career.

Even though I quickly adjusted to the newness, I still missed home. I'll never forget the excitement I felt as I returned home for the first time. I can still recall every feeling and nuance I experienced. There is no feeling like coming home to those who love you and care about you.

As good as it feels to arrive home after being away for a period

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of time, how wonderful it will feel to finally arrive in our Heavenly home. There we will exist eternally with the Lord and the redeemed of all ages— those of the past, present, and yet to come. We will be home to stay— never to roam.

Let's never lose sight of what is truly important. If we miss Heaven, we have missed everything. Don't let money, family, or anything keep you from Heaven. Never forget the words of Jesus in Matthew 16:26, "*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?*"

—Marty Edwards

[addendum— I arrived at Freed-Hardeman on a Wednesday. As was the norm, I attended services that evening. That one service did more to help alleviate homesickness than anything else. I did not know anyone there that evening, but we sang songs I had sung all my life. We read the very same passages of scriptures I had heard from my youth. The prayers, though not the exact same words, sounded like prayers I was familiar with. I felt right at home even though I had never been there.

No matter where you go, or what you do, you have family when you are with members of the Lord's Body

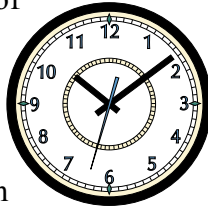
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News

Hallie Davidson is in the Hart County Health Care Center in Horse Cave. Continue to remember **Jean Coffee, Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jimmy Terry.**

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A gallon holds 128 ounces. If one put 138 ounces into a one gallon container, ten ounces will spill over the side. This is a simple idea to grasp. I believe the same concept is part of the reason attendance suffers, especially on Sunday and Wednesday evening. Not only attendance, but participation in the work of the church is certainly not engaged in as it should be.



In our society we have more than enough material possessions and activities with which to fill our time— so many that we are unable to contain them in the 168 hours we have each week. Just as with the gallon container, if we try to fill our week with more than 168 hours, some other activity must be sacrificed. How often is it that one's service to the Lord is that which is sacrificed?

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People often throw around the word “miracle.” I’ve heard people say something like, “It’s a miracle they graduated from school,” or “It’s a miracle I survived the accident.” Yes, some events may be amazing, even beyond our feeble understand, but are they miracles— NO! They are the results of circumstances that the Lord has permitted us to accomplish using the established laws of nature.

Miracles go beyond nature. Some examples would include, one raised from the dead, replacing a lost limb or organ by simply speaking the word to do so, walking on water, etc.

Sunday, August 16, 2009		
Classes	16	Matthew 5:22-25
Preaching	22	II Peter 2 (false teachers)
Contribution	\$434.00	
Evening	17	Daniel 8:1-27
Wednesday, August 19, 2009		
Classes	18	Exodus 28:1-25

Bible Quiz

Two onyx stones on the shoulders of the ephod were a memorial for what?

Last Week’s Answer— Beaten olive oil (Exodus 27:20)

We see a lot of amazing things in our time. The Lord has permitted us to learn and better utilize the elements about us to perform astonishing feats, but they are not miracles. Miracles ended when the last person to receive a miraculous measure of the Holy Spirit died. Study I Corinthians 13-14 for more on this.

—Marty Edwards ❖

—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)