

During this time of year, collegiate basketball teams are vying for the title of National Champion. Last Thursday there were sixty-five teams with hopes of becoming the national champion. After a few days, sixty-one teams shall have been



eliminated, and the final four will remain. By the time final night of the tournament, one team will remain to claim the title. Only one can win the title, and with each game played, one more team has its hopes dashed. Although being eliminated from the tournament can be quite disappointing, the school will have another opportunity for the title the following year.

If we are "eliminated" from Heaven by delaying our obedience until it's too late, there will be no "next year." There will be nothing to anticipate but an eternity of suffering, separation from saved loved ones, and never seeing the face of God.

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### Sunday 9 AM & 6 PM — Wednesday 6 PM

# Your Spiritual Garden

Spring is here, and many are preparing for their gardens. Consider "planting" the following spiritual "garden." Plant rows of :



## Turnip

"Turn up" for all the worship services.

"Turn up" when work needs to be done.

"Turn up" your fervor for the work of the Lord.

# Lettuce— A "row" of lettuce from "Ro"mans

- 13:12, "The night is far spent, the day is at hand: *let us* therefore cast off the works of darkness, and *let us* put on the armour of light."
- 13:13, "*Let us* walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying."
- 13:14, "*Let us* not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way."
- 14:19, "*Let us* therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another."

-Marty Edwards \*



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

—Thanks to all for the surprise birthday party given to me following last Wednesday evening services. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. —Ruby

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A few years ago, I walked out of the house and got in my automobile. I proceeded to start the car, and as I turned the key in the starter switch, the battery

exploded. Fortunately, no one was injured.

Even though I had seen the warnings written on the top of batteries for years, and heard many people talk about the possibility of an explosion, I had never actually had one explode. Due to this, I had grown somewhat lax

about the possibility of an explosion, and was abruptly reminded of the truth behind the warnings. Ironically, the very same day that my battery exploded, someone had mentioned to me how very unlikely it was that an automobile battery would ever actually explode.

How many people have become like this concerning eternity? They have heard the warnings for years, but because they are still on this side of eternity, they begin to become rather complacent at the warnings. They are lulled into a false sense of security. Heed the warnings. Eternity will come.

—Marty Edwards �

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Sunday, March 14, 2010		
Classes	19	Matthew 14:22-36
Preaching	22	James 4:13, 14
Contribution	\$416.00	
Evening	21	Ezekiel 19:1-20:5
Wednesday, March 17, 2010		
Classes	22	Leviticus 15:1-33

Bible Quiz

Ezekiel was told that Israel's mother is pictured as a lioness laying down among what?

Last Week's Answer— Twelve (Matthew 14:20)

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Unlike a crown given in a sporting event, the crown of righteousness is offered to all who properly obey the Lord. Paul wrote in II Timothy 4:8, "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." Whether you are awarded this crown or not is your choice.

#### -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)

