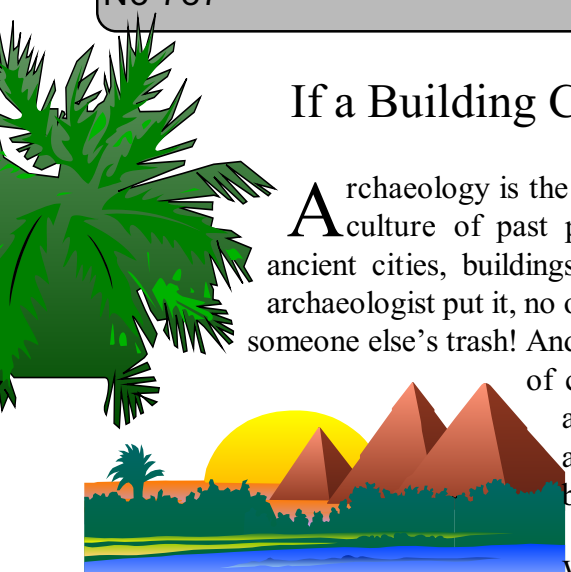


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## If a Building Could Talk



Archaeology is the scientific study of the life and culture of past peoples by the excavation of ancient cities, buildings, artifacts, and such. As one archaeologist put it, no one else could get so excited by someone else's trash! And yet, sifting through the debris of civilizations long gone, one is able to learn much about life in ancient times. The "trash" left behind has a story to tell.

While worship is expressed outwardly, it begins and is offered from within. Just sitting in a building where worship is happening doesn't mean everyone in it has worshiped. Of course, God knows our hearts, even if we can hide our thoughts and motives from others. Sometimes, however, you might learn what was going on inside a person, much like the archaeologist, by examining what has been left behind. Of all the experiences that any building has seen where people worship, it sometimes makes you wonder what it would say if it could talk?

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“Just look at all the bulletins crammed into the songbook racks, and left on the floor. Have they truly taken note of those mentioned in the bulletin that are ill and need prayer? Have they considered the good works promoted in the bulletin, and chosen some way to be involved? Did they think about the articles, and if there was someone they could pass it on to, who needed its encouragement or warnings? Why did they leave it as trash?”

If the building could talk, it might also say, “So many other things are scattered around. Candy wrappers, pieces of cookies and potato chips, tissues, and notes written back and forth to one another, are all left on the benches and the floor. Has respect become so outdated that no one takes the time to take these things with him or her to dispose of them properly? Adults and children both leave so much trash.

“Could they not take notes during the sermon, follow along with the Scriptures, and participate in the other avenues of worship? Is it so hard to set a proper example for our young people to commune instead of to be entertained?”

Yes, like the science of archaeology, much of what we leave behind has a lot to say about us, about who we are, and about how or whether we worshiped at all. Perhaps by examining our hearts and thoughts as we assemble to worship, our building could echo with the songs so joyfully sang, prayers so reverently offered, sermons diligently prepared and taken to heart, the Lord's Supper thoughtfully taken, and our financial resources gladly and bountifully offered. Maybe what would be known about us would be seen in our lives, and not the trash we leave behind.

—adapted from Robert Johnson  
Corpus Christi, Texas



The ability to speak in several languages is an asset, but the ability to hold your tongue in one language is priceless.

# News

—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 **Kerry and Vicki McDaniel** for helping all day Friday with the shelter for the families of the I-65 accident, and to **Ruby Edwards and Vicki McDaniel** for cleaning the building yesterday.

—Next Sunday evening we will change our evening service time back to 6:00.

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This past Friday we once again were reminded of the brevity of life when eleven people lost their lives on I-65 just south of Munfordville. The magnitude of the event made national headlines.

Like all of us, these people had plans for that day and for the days to follow, but, before daylight even came on this particular day, they abruptly left this life.

Though I'll mention this event publicly today in my verbal comments, I wanted it recorded in written form for any who read the bulletins in the future. We set up a shelter here at the building Friday morning for the families of the accident victims around 10:30 a.m. Red Cross and Kentucky Crisis Response Team members came to help the families with whatever needs they might have.

Food and drink were brought and other needs of the families were met during this time such as child safety seats for the surviving toddlers, phone and fax services to begin the process of funeral arrangements, and providing company and friendship during this time.

The families, as well as the emergency workers thanked the congregation here multiple times for what we did. Although it seemed little to do to open the doors of the building and be here, may we always be reminded that the simple things we do help people so much.

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Sunday, March 21, 2010		
Classes	12	Matthew 15:11-20
Preaching	16	Matthew 13 (Parable of the sower)
Contribution	\$432.00	
Evening	17	Ezekiel 20:26-49
Wednesday, March 24, 2010		
Classes	19	Leviticus 16:1-34

## *Bible Quiz*

What kind of man was to take the scapegoat into the wilderness?

Last Week's Answer— Lions (Ezekiel 19:2)

Each day around us, and we don't have to look far or wide, there are so many people who can use an encouraging word, a simple deed done for them, or just a kind smile and an expression of appreciation.

These acts cost nothing but offer so much to them, and to us in return.

—Marty❖

### —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)