

THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

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"BE STRONG IN THE LORD AND IN THE POWER OF HIS MIGHT"

PLEASANT PLAINS CHURCH OF CHRIST

JACKSON, TENNESSEE

Post #1,300...Should This Be My Last?

Good morning! It was 56 months ago that we launched this blog, ThePreachersWord, as a means to expand our ministry. We started with no readers, no posts, and no "hits." Today, according to WordPress we have 3,673 followers and 156 topics categorized for easy reference. ThePreachersWord has been read in 190 countries and territories around the world! Our posts have been reblogged. Copied for bulletin articles. Used for short talks. And delivered as Lord supper devotions.

Now, we have reached another milestone. This is post #1300. So, I wonder is it time to quit. Let me share a few reasons why it makes sense to discontinue this endeavor.

(1) I make mistakes. Lots of mistakes. My readers have been very kind to overlook grammatical errors. Typos. And misspelled words. Once in writing about marriage I meant to affirm that God's plan was between one man and one woman. Unfortunately, I left off the letters "wo" on woman. A kind reader called it to my attention. And the mistake was quickly corrected. But I can't seem to write the perfect post. So, maybe it's time to quit.

(2) Other writers are better than I am. I marvel at the writing ability of some of my colleagues. There are many who write blogs, post on facebook and publish on line magazines who are far more talented than I am. I am in awe of their skill. Their creativity. Their analytical insights. Since, I'm not as good as some of them, maybe I should discontinue this feeble effort, and leave the writing to those more talented.

(3) Some people criticize my posts. Not everyone likes what I write. Some disagree with the content. Others question my conclusions. And I've learned that there are readers who are not fond of my writing style. Since I want everyone to be happy with my blog, it makes sense to it give up.

(4) Sometimes I fail to live up to what I write. It's embarrassing. But true. As I challenge others to live godly, think more nobly, and serve with greater dedication, I realize I fall short. Too often. I must admit that I'm not perfect. Maybe it would be better not to be blogger until I can be better.

(5) Blogging requires a great deal of effort and takes a lot of time. In the past 4 ½ years, I have spent roughly 3,000 hours researching, writing, and posting my blog. That's 125 days! Think of all the fun things I could have been doing besides blogging? And considering the first four reasons, the fifth makes perfect sense.

So, I guess I should quit. Right? Not really. I'm not quitting. At least, not yet. But the above "reasons" have often been offered as a justification for quitting the church. Quitting the Lord. Quitting on a relationship. Or just quitting on life. They're not valid reasons. They're excuses. I hope by looking at them through a different lens that you will conclude that you should never ever give up on your faith.

While ThePreachersWord is but a speck in the blogosphere, I hope it will help you just a little bit to hold on. For whatever positive influence that we can exert, whatever good we can accomplish, and whatever reassurance we can offer, we rejoice in the Lord and give Him the glory.

I appreciate the encouragement, comments, and questions from our readers. Thanks to my wife, Norma Jean, who offers suggestions and proof reads many of the posts. Although I'm not planning on quitting this blog, I am taking a break. Our annual anniversary break. So, for the next 9 days we will enjoy some R & R as we celebrate our 48th anniversary on an Alaskan cruise.

This year, however, I'm having some past posts reblogged while we're away. They will be fresh for new readers. And hopefully be enjoyed again by our long time subscribers. Thanks for your support of ThePreachersWord.

-Ken Weliever, thepreacherswrod.com

We are so grateful that you have made the decision to join our family, today, as we worship our Almighty God! If you have any questions or inquiries, please feel free to ask any of our members and we would be more happy to answer as best we can! Please accept our invitation to join us, again, when you have the opportunity.



Speaker:

NICK ANGEL

Sunday AM Notes 8-21-2016

Melting Pot
Christianity

Romans 1:8-17

The Gospel overcomes _____ differences.

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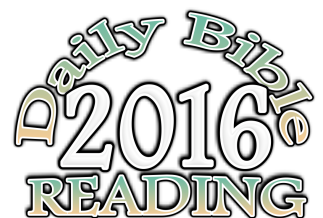
Joshua 22

The Western Tribes _____.

The Western Tribes _____ their _____
_____ they _____.

The Eastern Tribes didn't become _____, but
simply _____ their _____.

All of Israel _____ and _____ in it.



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Times of Worship & Bible Study

Sunday:
9:30 AM Bible Study
10:30 AM Worship Service: You can expect heart felt singing, reverent prayer, preaching from the Word of God, a focused and reverent observance of the Lord's Supper, and an opportunity for the saints of Pleasant Plains to give back to the Lord.
5:00 PM Worship Service
Wednesday:
7:00 PM Bible Study and Worship

Weekly Attendance

Last Sunday AM Worship.....125
 Last Sunday PM Worship.....104
 Last Wednesday Bible Study.....111

In Our Prayers

RECENT ADDITIONS/UPDATES:

-**Chad Edwards (friend of Anita Wagster)**...diagnosed with cancer and the prognosis is not good. She would appreciate the prayers of the church.
 -**Mary Tole**...will be having a procedure to remember a mass from her pancreas on September 1st. She has asked that we remember her in our prayers.

CONTINUED PRAYERS:

-**Our expecting mother:** Melody Brown.
 -**Our Shut-In Members**...Marvin and Becky Berry, Norma Griggs, & Barbara Leonard.
 -**Christian Benson**...battling leukemia.
 -**Louise Stitt (Amy Gailey's Mother)**... continuing cancer treatments.
 -**Wayne Wilkinson (father of Jim Wilkinson)**...undergoing cancer treatments.
 -**Keller Stephens (Kathy Raines' Uncle)** ... still struggling with his health.

-**Christy Bennett's Nephew Logan**... young man struggling with his health.

-**Robin Hill**.... battling cancer.

-**Jamie Neal and family (Nancy Phillips' friend)**..Battling Melanoma.

-**Ashley Pickens (Brent Holt's cousin)**... Battling Cancer and has been readmitted to the hospital with complications.

-**Pray for the work of this church. The fields are white & we need to be hard at work to spread the Gospel to as many lost souls as possible.**

-**Men & women making the sacrifice to protect the freedoms of this country.**

If you have any updates or additions to the prayer list, please see Nick (in person, phone call, text, or email) so we can keep the bulletin up to date.

Pleasant Plains News

Upcoming Pleasant Plains' Bible Studies & Events

✓**Men's Bible Class - No regular September class. Max Dawson will lead the men in a day of study on September 17th as a part of our special study with him that will begin the following day.**

✓**Ladies Class - September 6th** at 10:00am here at the church house. Lesson12 will be covered.

✓**Young People's Gathering - August 28th.** "The Big Picture" Lesson 12 will be reviewed.

Area Gospel Meetings

☉ **Please be making plans to be in attendance for our special study with Max Dawson that will be September 18-21.**

Daily Bible Reading For This Week: I Samuel 18-25

Please make an effort to be in daily reading and meditation of God's Word! This year we will be reading through the first 14 books of the Old Testament in an effort to learn along side our kids classes and to be instructed by those things written in earlier times. **(Romans 15:4)**