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That They Might Be Saved

Galatians 6:14 But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

In the epistle to the Roman Christians, the Apostle Paul writes in Romans, “Brethren, My heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved” (**Romans 10:1**). No greater burden could a man or woman have than that to see his people come to know Christ in a free pardon of sin. In this very simple and direct biblical statement, we observe an acknowledgment of the apostle’s tremendous burden, heart’s desire, and prayer to God for this purpose. This coming from a man, who not long before, had sought out the persecution and destruction of Christians, Jew and Gentile alike – “But they had heard only, that he which persecuted is in times past, now preacheth the faith which one he destroyed” (**Galatians 1:23**). God can change the heart of the most vile and wretched person. Many a person has sworn, in their ignorant unbelief, great rebellion against God, to only be humbled and saved by his marvelous grace – “For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another” (**Titus 3:3**). It seems so often, that the preachers God places among us, who seemingly aforesaid were the most hardened sinners, become the greatest soldiers for the cause of Christ, when once acquainted with the saving Grace of God – “But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me” (**I Corinthians 15:10**).

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We know that not all of God's men have been called into the same vocation or place of labor - *"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets: and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers"* (**Ephesians 4:11**). According to the biblical record we know that the Apostle Paul was called to preach the gospel to the heathen, *"But contrariwise, when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as the gospel of the circumcision was unto Peter;"* (**Galatians 2:7**). We also know that despite the apostle's specific calling and field of labor, he never lost his burden for his kinsmen according to the flesh *"For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office: If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them"* (**Romans 11:13-14**). The apostle never lost his burden for his people. As we labor for the cause of Christ in the upcoming year of 2009, regardless of our field of labor, whether a faithful teacher in a Sunday School classroom or as missionary in a far away land, let us be reminded to maintain a burden for those closest to us, **THAT THEY MIGHT BE SAVED !**

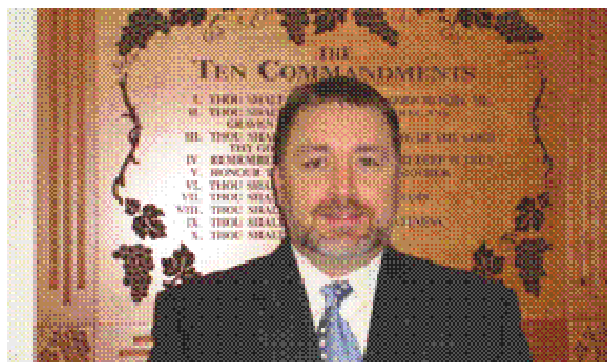
Your Obedient Servant,

Andrew S. Phipps, Jr.,

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The Help Mate How Will We Be Remembered?

In 2nd Kings Chapter 18, Hezekiah became king of Judah when he was only 25 years old. It states that *"he did what was right in the sight of God"*. And because he had such a great zeal for the true worship of God, he tore down the high places of worship for the other gods, broke the images and cut down the groves. He even broke in pieces, the brazen serpent that Moses had made in the wilderness, for even it had become an idol of worship for them. All of these things that the children of Israel had turned to instead of the old paths that had been given them to follow, had separated them from the blessings of God.

Hezekiah was involved in many wonderful events for God, including many great conquests over enemies much more powerful and numerous than them. But, in the latter years of his life, he as many Christians are prone to do, became *"at ease in Zion"*. He had become contented as long as everything was going well for himself. Does this sound familiar? He had become lax and slothful in the ways of God, as opposed to the earlier years of his reign. Because of his pride, he invited the ambassadors from Babylon to see the secret treasures in the temple. Things reserved for God's people only. Once the Babylonians saw these precious treasures, they began to conceive a plan to overtake Judah and take the treasures that they should never have seen in the first place. Shortly after this visit, the Lord sent word to Hezekiah that his nation would be overthrown after his death. Because of his spiritual coldness, this news didn't even seem to bother him. He was just thankful it wouldn't happen while he was still alive.

Let us now compare this to the life of Joshua, for his zeal to serve the Lord was an outstanding example to all. He was faithful, courageous, obedient and completely devoted to God and His laws. Joshua was chosen to be the personal attendant to Moses, and as a representative of the tribe of Ephraim he, along with Caleb and the ten other spies representing their respective tribes, scouted out the land of Canaan. Against the reports of the other ten, Joshua and Caleb tried to convince Israel that victory would surely be theirs with the Lord on their side. Before Moses died in the mountain, he commissioned Joshua as his successor. He, by the guidance of the Lord, led the children of Israel into the promised land.

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How Will We Be Remembered?

In Joshua chapter 24:14,15, he is found instructing the people to fear the Lord, serve him in sincerity and truth. He went on to state, *"Choose you this day whom ye will serve, but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."* Joshua remembered the commandments of God, to *"be strong and of a good courage. Be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."* Doesn't this sound like the promise that God has given to us also? He said that he *"would never leave us, nor forsake us. But go all the way, even to the end of the world."* Comparing both examples in Hezekiah and Joshua, which one do we resemble? How will all of the years of our service be remembered? Are we faithful and steadfast, or do we think that yesterday's service has been enough? Are we continuing our labor of love for God as earnestly today as we did in the days "when we first illuminated"? It is pleasing to the Lord when we examine our daily walk and compare it to his blessed Word, and then ask Him to purge the sins from our life. We can dedicate our whole life to the service of the Lord, and, seemingly, in the blink of an eye, forsake our life of true worship and lose all of the influence we had gained of those who had observed our walk with God.

There is no discharge, or retirement, for the true soldiers of God. *"Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth, entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he might please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier."* (2nd Timothy 2:3,4)

*After I leave for
worlds unknown...
What will I
leave behind?*

From Sister Julie Dobbs,
Old Fashion United Baptist Church



The Help Mate Extra

He Is In Control

I am so excited to be writing my first article for the United newsletter. I am currently a Ball State student and am excited to be a young person trying to serve the Lord. At this point in my life, I find myself making a lot of decisions. Decisions about what classes I want to take, where I want to live, and what I want to do with the rest of my life. Among all of the decisions that I have to make, one particular verse frequently comes to mind: *Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.* (Proverbs 3:5-6). This verse is a great comfort to me and also reminds me that I am not really the decision maker. God is the decision maker. What a relief to know that God is in charge and is directing my paths. I know sometimes we get in a hurry and forget who is really in charge of our lives. I am also reminded of a man in the bible who ended up saving his family, all because he God directed his paths. People who knew Joseph might have thought that God was unfair to him and that he did not deserve all of the seemingly negative things that happened in his life. However, we know that there was a purpose for everything that happened to Joseph and that in the end he was placed in a position where he was able to save his entire family from famine and became a mighty ruler in Egypt. God truly had amazing things in store for Joseph's life and God was able to work through Joseph because he continued to trust, serve, and have faith in his God. I want to be like Joseph and serve God no matter what happens in my life. My prayer is that God uses me to be a light to others everyday on campus and anywhere else I may go. God is righteous and just and has a plan for all of our lives. I pray that God reminds me daily to trust in him, and to lean not unto my own understanding, but to always acknowledge my savior and friend.

Serving Him,
Amanda Phipps



JANUARY SERVICES

Memorial United Baptist Church
2911 S. Phillip Drive
Muncie IN
Pastor – Andy Phipps

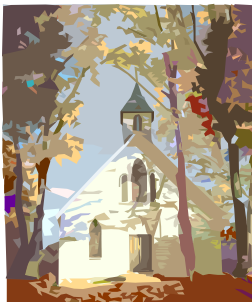
Guest Preacher: **Bro. Delmar Savage**
Tennessee

Dates: **January 17 & 18**
(Saturday & Sunday)

Times: **7:00 PM Saturday Night**
11:00 AM Sunday Morning
6:00 PM Sunday Night

“Come, let us worship together”

Memorial United Baptist Church
 2911 S Philip Dr.
 Muncie, IN 47302
 Pastor Andy Phipps
 Sunday School 10:00 am
 Morning Worship 11:00 am
 Sunday Evening 6:00 pm
 Wednesday Worship 6:30 pm



Riverview United Baptist Church
 6601 E Black Mill Rd
 Albany, IN 47320
 Pastor Tony Bilbrey
 Sunday School 10:00 am
 Morning Worship 11:00 am
 Sunday Evening 6:00 pm
 Tuesday Evening 7:00 pm

First Southern United Baptist Church
 1009 E. 20th St.
 Muncie, IN 47302
 Pastor Chris Sewell
 Sunday School 10:00 am
 Morning Worship 11:00 am
 Sunday Evening 6:00 pm
 Wednesday Evening 7:00

Community Missionary Baptist Church
 1005 E. 6th St.
 Alexandria, IN 46001
 Pastor Raymond Garret
 Sunday School 10:00 am
 Morning Worship 11:00 am
 Sunday Evening 6:00 pm
 Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm
 Monday Bible Study 7:00 pm

Lower Hickory Grove
 United Baptist Church
 Highway 741 (Blue Heron Mine Rd)
 Revelo, KY 42638
 Pastor Mark Sewell
 Sunday School 10:00 am
 Morning Worship 11:00 am
 Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Second Baptist Church
 P.O. Box 1188
 Whitley City, KY 42653
 Pastor Michael Casada
 Sunday School 10:00 am
 Morning Worship 11:00 am
 Sunday Evening 6:00 pm
 Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm

Faith United Baptist Church
 Brick Church Rd.
 Hagerstown, IN 47346
 Pastor Eldon Denney
 Sunday School 10:00 am
 Morning Worship 11:00 am
 Sunday Evening 6:00 pm
 Wednesday Evening 6:30 pm

New Salem United Baptist Church
 2311 E. Washington St.
 New Castle, IN 47362
 Pastor Brett Rains
 Sunday School 10:00 am
 Morning Worship 11:00 am
 Sunday Evening 6:00 pm
 Wednesday Evening 6:30

Church Directory

Old Fashion United Baptist Church

9211 W. Arch Street

Yorktown IN 47396

Pastor Terry Dobbs

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Thursday Evening 6:30 pm

Gloryland United Baptist Church

2001 E. 8th St.

Muncie, IN 47302

Pastor Alvis Sewell

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Westside United Baptist Church

3021 W. Cornbread Road

Muncie IN 47302

Pastor Larry Waters

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Thursday Evening 6:30 pm

Eastside Missionary Baptist Church

100 Holland Ave

Muncie, IN 47303

Pastor Eric Lambert

Sunday Morning 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

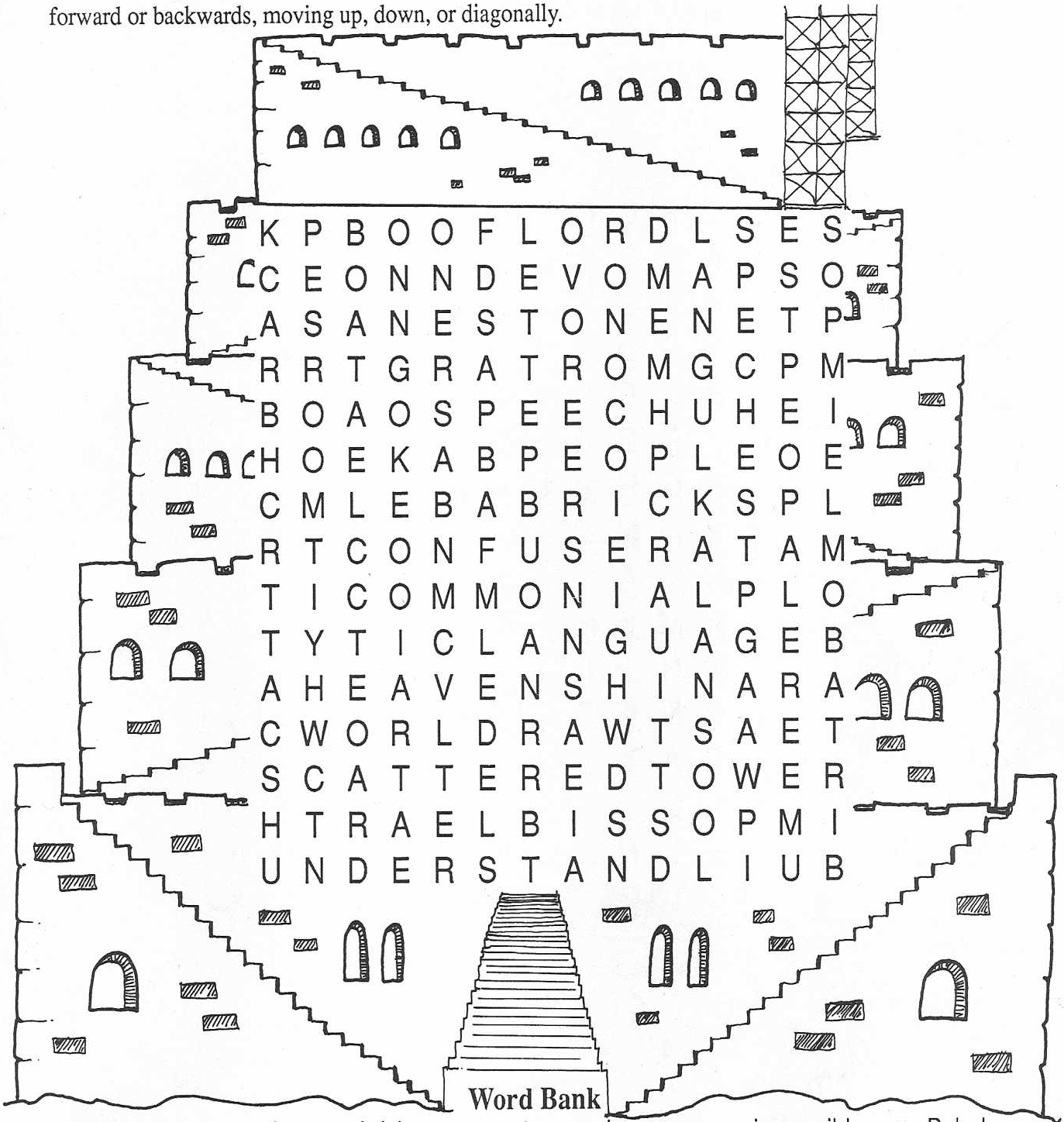
Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm



The Tower of Babel

Genesis 11:1-9

Read the Scripture, then circle each word from the word bank hidden in the puzzle. Words may appear forward or backwards, moving up, down, or diagonally.



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| world | moved | bricks | mortar | heavens | impossible | Babel |
| language | eastward | bake | build | earth | confuse | one |
| common | plain | stone | city | Lord | understand | of (2) |
| speech | Shinar | tar | tower | people | scattered | |