

I Did NOT Get “Skunked!”

(So Why Could They Smell It?)

by Dave Rogers

Several years ago, a skunk decided to die in our barn. I have no idea why it chose to squeeze under the door and enter an enclosed steel building in the extreme heat of a south Texas summer, but when I rolled the big doors open, the combination of aromas was unmistakable. I hastily “shooed” the dogs away from the door, and led them to their pen before they could get to the carcass (Why, oh why do dogs like to play with stinky dead things? Doesn’t the stench offend their supersensitive noses?). Once they were safely out of my way, I went in and gingerly scooped up the foul remains with a long-handled shovel, deposited shovel and skunk on the tailgate of the truck, and relocated the whole disgusting mess to a drainage ditch in the pasture about half a mile away (downwind!) from our house.

Upon returning to the house, I diligently rinsed both shovel and truck with water from the garden hose and then headed into town to attend to my daily affairs. All the way from our house into town, all I could smell was the overpowering musk of “skunk.” I assumed that I had simply breathed too deeply while moving the nasty creature’s remains; after all, I never got closer than six feet away (at the other end of the shovel!). Imagine my embarrassment and chagrin when I overheard one cashier at the bank remark to another, “I smell a skunk!” Surely that **couldn’t** be **ME!** I had never touched that skunk! I stayed upwind of it the whole time! I had bathed and put

on fresh, clean clothes that morning, but just by being in the vicinity of the dead critter, its scent “got” me anyway! There was nothing I could do but go back home and start over again!

Sin stinks worse than any dead skunk (Proverbs 15:8; Isaiah 1:13). When we choose to associate with it, we tell ourselves that it won’t affect us if we don’t personally **engage** in it – but that’s not true; the “stink” of sin can cling to us even when all we have done is just get close to it (e.g. Genesis 34:30). The effects of sin are not limited to the sinner; even those nearby may be contaminated by his actions. Paul warns us that “Evil companions corrupt good morals” in 1 Corinthians 15:33, and in 1 Thessalonians 5:22 he says that we should “abstain from all appearance of evil.” Simply expressed, these verses mean that we shouldn’t even “hang around” where sin is! If we do, there is no way to avoid being exposed to its stench; even if we are “technically innocent” the aroma still leaves the impression that we are guilty. Romans 12:17 instructs us to “provide things honest in the sight of all men,” and there is no way to obey this instruction if we associate ourselves with sin. None of us would willingly wallow in a pigsty, but if we associate ourselves with sin we will “smell” worse than the filthiest pig: Don’t hang around where the stink of sin is found!

God's Word And The Human Heart (Hebrews 4:12)

compiled by Neal Pollard

Proper Responses of the Heart

1. "Reproach hath broken my heart" (Psalm 69:20)
2. "I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart" (Psalm 86:12)
3. "My heart is wounded within me" (Psalm 109:21-22)
4. "But my heart standeth in awe of thy word" (Psalm 119:161)
5. "They were pricked in their heart" (Acts 2:37)
6. "Ye have obeyed from the heart" (Romans 6:17)
7. "With the heart man believeth unto righteousness" (Romans 10:10)
8. "Doing the will of God from the heart" (Ephesians 6:6)

Improper Responses of the Human Heart

1. "Deceit is in the heart of them that imagine evil" (Proverbs 12:20)
2. "Before destruction the heart of man is haughty" (Proverbs 18:12)
3. "Their heart went after their idols" (Ezekiel 20:16)
4. "Their heart goeth after covetousness" (Ezekiel 33:31)
5. "They set their heart on their iniquity" (Hosea 4:8)
6. "Their heart is divided" (Hosea 10:2)
7. "Their heart is far from me" (Mark 7:6)
8. "Out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts..." (Mark 7:21)
9. "They were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth" (Acts 7:54)
10. "Having the understanding darkened...because of the blindness of their heart" (Ephesians 4:18)
11. "They do alway err in their heart" (Hebrews 3:10)

"Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart" (Psalm 32:11)

Living Where You Do Not Belong

by John Curtis, Paul's Valley, Oklahoma

In Jesus' prayer to the Father in John 17, He states that His disciples are not of this world, just as He is not of this world. How can that be? Were we not born in this world? Of course we were. But, we have been called out of this world (2 Cor. 6:17, 1 Pet. 1:13-15), and we have been purchased with the precious blood of Jesus (Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 1:18,19). We do not belong to this world, or even to ourselves (1 Cor. 6:19-20).

If we do not belong to this world, than how do we live in this world? Missionaries, diplomats and others could give us some insight living in a culture that is not our own, but let's learn how from one that knows more than all of these put together, Jesus - the Son of God, who left heaven and dwelt as a man in a world in which He did not belong. How did He do it, and what did He teach that will help us do it?

1. Remember that you do not belong here (Matt. 6:19-21; 22:17-21). Jesus knew where He was from and often spoke of returning.

2. Do not fall in love with this world (Matt. 6:24; 1 Jn. 2:15-17; 2 Pet. 2:20). Jesus knew a better place, heaven, and knew that He was returning there when His mission on earth was complete.

3. Live holy lives (Matt. 5-7; 1 Pet. 1:15). Jesus lived a perfect life, without sin, even in this dark world.

4. Stay focused on why you are here (Matt. 6:33; Col. 3:22-24). Jesus constantly was concerned with fulfilling the will of His Father.

5. Stay in touch with the home land (1 Thess. 5:17; Matt. 22:29; 2 Tim. 2:15). Jesus frequently separated himself from the mob and disciples to pray. The Scriptures thoroughly. He also taught others to pray, and the importance of knowing the Scriptures.

6. Look expectantly to going home (Jn. 14:3; Lk. 12:36-37; 1 Cor. 11:23-26). Jesus spoke about returning to the Father and taking His disciples with Him.

If we will observe and practice the way Jesus lived and what He taught, then we too can live as we should in this world to which we do not belong.

Family Matters

Steven Burdette – Will have shoulder surgery Monday, August 22nd.

Valerie Whitaker – Is in Piedmont Fayette, room 461. Her cancer has spread to her spine, and she is undergoing treatment.

Butch Trawick – Is recovering at home.

Marvin Dixon – Curtis & Jo Hurt's brother-in-law is recovering at home following surgery.

Sybil Hedden – Has been diagnosed with cancer.

Deepest Sympathy

To **Linda Howell and family** at the loss of Bro. Bob after his fight with cancer.

To **Una Fortson** for the loss of her sister-in-law, Fannie Dooley.

Also to **Theresa Greene and her sister-in-law** for the loss of their aunt and uncle, Mr. & Mrs. Grimes.

Members With Health Problems: Lillie Jones, Mattie Croix, Ruby Fowler, Mary Lawrence, Amy Nash, Decieta Lyons, RuPearl Sharpe, Sally Wallace, Becky Higginbotham, Bob Howell, Brenda Mitchell, Equillar Butler, Theresa Green, Ruby Fowler, Bill Benton, Shirley Jones, Lucille Amon, Marlene Etheridge, Mattie Williams,

Bernice Gillespie, Maylon Swann, Hick & Estell Higginbotham, Una Fortson, Forrest & Burma Chapman

Shut-ins: Joann Trawick, David & Shirley Lee, Annette Benefield, Lillian Gray, David Nash, Audrey Shaw, Jane Lankford, Joe Clark & Frances Elder

Others With Health Problems: Caylee Williamson (Terri Durden's niece), Cole Gilman, David Fredricks (Jeannie Pyron's brother), Meg Wallace (Sharon O'Brien's cousin), Willard Mann, Bree Couch (Ginny's daughter-in-law), Gregory Crook (Lucille Amon's nephew), Jean Benefield (Annette's daughter-in-law), Norma Tolle (Lewis Armstrong's cousin), Greta Newsome (Jill Nash's sister), Joanne Daugherty (David & Wayne Nash's Sister), Carol Bomar (Charity Nash's aunt), Loretta Russell (Ray's mother), Nelda Hayes (Jack Sorrell's aunt), Tom Holcomb (Annette Benefield's S-in-L), Nancy Ford (Joann Crook's sister), Virginia Poskevich (David's mother), Xernonia Fortson (Una's daughter), Eddie & Lil Cauthen (Joan Poskevich's B-i-L/S-i-L), Joe Hand (Jim Scoma's B-in-L) and Marvin Cook (Jean Johnson's brother)

Prayer Requested - Scott Kelly's email address jpay.com (Web site) #1001380630 (Scott / Robert Kelly)

Prayer Requested - Jamie & Jason Campbell (Sylvester & Missy's sons).

Military Members Deployed: AM3 Candace Butts (Connie Elder's daughter), US Navy

FEMA Deployed: Sylvester Campbell is in Louisiana for 2 months.



Join us to celebrate
the anniversary of
Curtis & Jo Hurt
Saturday, August 20th 2016
2pm-4pm
Fayetteville Church of Christ
RSVP: Text to Liz Morgan, 678 986 1099
No Gifts Please*

Fall Gospel Meeting

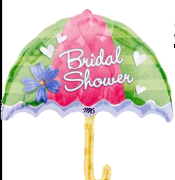
September 18-21
Speaker: Joey Barkley
Member at East Main
Church of Christ
Murfreesboro, TN

Calendar

Aug 20 – Hurt's 50th Anniversary, 2-4pm

Aug 19-25 – Polishing the Pulpit Week

Aug 29 – GSOP classes will resume (fall quarter)



September 11 – Bridal Shower for Maggie Mobley at 3pm. Her fiancé is Caleb McGaughy. They are registered at Target

Sep- tember 18-21 – Fall Gospel Meeting, Speaker: Joey Barkley

October 7-8 – Ladies' Retreat at Calvin Center. Please let Luann Rogers know if you would like to help organize it. If you plan to attend, *please sign up*; the cost will be \$80.00 for overnight (Dinner &

Youth Events

Aug 19 – Youth Program - Movie Night at 6pm
Aug 21 – Area Wide Youth Devo – Fayetteville.
Sept – Stone Mountain Trip – All L2L, leaving the church building at 2 – late
Sept 18 - Area Wide Youth Devo – Shannon
Oct 23 - Area Wide Youth Devo – Forest Park
October 29 – God's Ranch - Feed the Homeless
Nov 13 - Area Wide Youth Devo - Fairview
Dec 18 - Area Wide Youth Devo – Tara

Area Events:

Aug 19 – 20 - Deacon Seminar at Peachtree City COC, Speaker: Bro. Aubrey Johnson
Sept 10 – Gordon Rd COC Ladies' Day
Sept 17 - Ladies' Tea hosted by Douglasville COC
Sept 26-28 – Shannon COC Gospel Meeting
Oct 2 – 5 - Middle Fayette COC Revival, Speaker: Randy Kea
Sept 8 - October 20 – Buford COC GSOP Enrollment, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Instructor: Mike Gifford



First Annual Benefit Dinner & Live Auction
October 8th, from 6-9pm

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

Call To Worship

	8/21	8/28
Scripture Reading	Jordan Madison	Zeke Poskevich
Prayer	James Walker	Rory Bell, SR
Song Leader		
Preside Lord's Supper	Curt Hurt	Jack Sorrell
Server	Shirley Allender	Shirley Allender
Server	Randal Bell	Randal Bell
Server	Rory Bell, JR	Rory Bell, JR
Server	Ray Russell	Ray Russell
Server	Gayle Pelfrey	Gayle Pelfrey
Server	Jake Garner	Jake Garner
Server	Jimmy Garner	Jimmy Garner
Server	Morris Jones	Morris Jones
Sermon	Greg Nash	Dave Rogers
Response Elder	Tom Durden	Tom Durden
Announcements	Greg Nash	Greg Nash
Song		
Closing Prayer	Tom Durden	Jim Pelfrey

Evening Service

Prayer	Ray Russell	Ray Russell
Sermon	Greg Nash	Song Service
Server	Gayle Pelfrey	Jimmy Garner
Server	Ray Russell	Jake Garner
Closing Prayer	Jim Pelfrey	Tom Durden

GSOP FALL COURSES

Instructors:
Dave Rogers, Randy Kea, and Steve Vice

In depth examination of NT studies and world religions
Come "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Tim 2:15)

- ⇒ I & II Thessalonians
- ⇒ Introduction to NT
- ⇒ World Religions
- ⇒ Book of Acts
- ⇒ It's time to learn about our religious neighbors

Aug 29- Nov 21, 2016
Monday: 6-9 PM
Thursday: 6-9 PM
Upstairs Room 209

Credit: 1-2 Credit Hours
Audit: Spiritual Growth

EVERYONE WELCOME TO ATTEND

GSOP & Biblical Studies
South Metro Campus
Fayetteville church of Christ

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David Hopkins
Hugh Kelly
Jerry Kendrix
Andy Johnson
Paul Lyons
Stan Mitchell
David Poskevich
Anthony Ravenell
Jack Sorrell

Assembly Schedule:

Sunday
9:00 am Bible Classes
10:00 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Worship Service

10:00 am Tuesday Morning
Bible Class
(September 11—May 14)

7:00 pm Wednesday Night
Bible Study

7:00 pm Thursday Night
Ladies Class
(September-May)

Communion Preparation

Denise Greene

Nursery

21 RuPearl Sharpe

28 Tara Johnson

Care of Building

16-31 Dennis Graham

Ushers

21 Jimmy Garner/Rick Sharpe
28 David Hopkins/Harry Williams

Media Center Helpers

Aug 21 & 28 Brad Hopkins

Open Arms

21 Susie Graham, Zeke Poskevich,
Barbara Edmonds, Anne Siebert,
Rick & RuPearl Sharpe

Wednesday Evening Devotional

24 Eric Hagins
31 Jake Garner

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August 2016

Evangelism

Response Elder - Tom Durden

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." 1 Corinthians 15:58

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