



## If We Faint Not

by Dave Rogers

*“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”* (Galatians 6:9)

**Eternity is in these words.** When God deems the time fulfilled, we shall certainly receive the inheritance reserved in heaven for us, if we faint not (1 Peter 1:4). If we continue in well doing, there is no uncertainty in this prospect; but the “variable” in this proposition is us! God is the “constant;” we can rely on Him completely (Malachi 3:6, Hebrews 13:8).

“If we faint not” presupposes that we have planted good works in our lives and lived faithfully as Christians. God’s children are to plant the seed of the kingdom (Matthew 28:19; Luke 8:11). We cannot substitute seeds of our own choosing, no matter how “close” to God’s they may appear to be (in the parable of the tares among the wheat, the tares are to be burned up in the end, Matthew 13:36-40). Sometimes, much work is needed to “prepare the soil” because not all hearts are ready to receive God’s word (Luke 8:1-10 shows the differing “soils” we may encounter). Preparing the ground of human hearts and planting the seed of the gospel is often hard (and sometimes, disappointing) work: Some minds and hearts are not open to God’s message, while others accept it only to cast it aside before it can bear fruit in their lives. Teaching a lost soul takes as much labor and effort as doing a day’s manual labor; both can tire us out, and in both situations fatigue can lead to carelessness. We must not “faint” before the day is done!

“If we faint not” presumes that we are both patient and persistent in our efforts for the kingdom. Just as an acorn takes time to sprout and a wound

needs time to heal, so it sometimes takes time for the gospel “seed” to sprout or for an erring soul to come to repentance (Note both 1 Corinthians 3:6 & Revelation 2:21). Like the patient farmer of James 5:7, we must patiently persist in the work of softening hearts and planting God’s word.

“If we faint not” tacitly acknowledges the great temptation to “fade” in our efforts. The word “faint” in Galatians 6:9 conveys the image of a person’s grip on a lifeline slowly loosening over time; it’s a picture of someone gradually letting go because of exhaustion. Thus Paul challenges us to sustain, and even to increase in our “well doing!” To avoid “fainting,” we must plan ahead for discouraging times of weariness, when it seems the seed is being rejected and choked out on all sides. If we keep our eyes focused on Jesus’ example, the trials of the moment will shrink into their proper perspective. Our spiritual enemy wants us to believe that immediate results are the only fruit we can expect, and that our efforts are pointless when they don’t bear immediately visible fruit. Don’t forget, however, that God only sent Jesus into the world as our Savior when the time was right, Galatians 4:4.

“If we faint not” emphasizes that every person controls their own destiny; we can relax our hold on eternal life (but note Paul’s warning, 1 Timothy 6:12), or we can cling to the Rock of Ages, but we cannot do both. The choice is ours; the fields are “white;” the “seed” is plentiful while laborers are few; and our God will provide the increase; let us be renewed day by day, keeping our eyes firmly on the eternal (2 Corinthians 4:15-18)!

# Practical Suggestions on Prayer

by Batsell Barrett Baxter

**Pray Immediately Upon Rising.** In what better way can we begin the day than by thanking God for His protection and care during the night and by asking His guidance and help during the coming day?

**Pray Before Every Meal.** God has provided for our every need in such a bountiful manner: Surely, the least we can do is express our gratitude as we sit down to enjoy each meal! when we eat in restaurants, a few moments of silent prayer may serve for the audible prayer which we pray around our tables at home.

**Pray at Set Times.** The ancient Jews, and others, found it helpful to reserve certain periods of the day for prayer. We may find it helpful, too. Those regular times serve as reminders and help to keep the busy, on-rushing world from crowding out our periods of communion with God.

**Pray With the Whole Family.** There is something particularly wonderful about a prayer in which both children and parents have a part.

**Pray When You Feel Discouraged.** Most of us need little encouragement to pray when we feel discouraged or when we face some special problem. At such times, prayer comes unsought. It is a great comfort to know God listens to our prayers in times of crisis. One of the greatest privileges of the Christian is the privilege of leaning upon the Lord in times of difficulty.

**Pray at Odd Times.** Pray whenever you feel the desire. The real Christian will often find cause to pray — while driving his car, while working at his desk, while waiting for a friend or while doing a host of other things. When the desire comes, pray. The prayer need not be long — perhaps only a sentence or two. It does not need to be spoken aloud, for God can hear “silent” prayers, too.

**Pray When You Are Happy.** It is easy to pray in times of crisis, and equally easy to forget to pray when the affairs of life are going well. Most Christians need to thank God for their happy, prosperous lives far more than they do.

*“...men ought always to pray, and not to faint”*  
(Luke 18:1)

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## The New Covenant

Rick Laing

A covenant is an agreement, a contract or a will. We are not in a contract with God under the old covenant. We have accepted His gracious terms based on a new covenant. Consider a few verses, which undergird this:

- \* It involves the blood of Jesus, Mark 14:24; 1 Cor. 11:25.
- \* Jesus is the guarantee of the better covenant, Hebrew 7:22.
- \* It is a better covenant with better promises, Hebrews 8:6.
- \* It is faultless; **not** like the OLD covenant, Hebrews 8:7.
- \* It was prophesied, Jeremiah 31:31; Hebrews 8:8-10.
- \* The NEW covenant makes the first one obsolete, Hebrews 8:13.
- \* The OLD was merely a shadow/symbol of the NEW, Hebrews 9:9; 10:1.
- \* Transgressions under the OLD are forgiven under the NEW (Christ's blood saved Moses, Abraham and David), Hebrews 9:15.
- \* Jesus is the mediator of the NEW covenant, Hebrews 12:24.
- \* The NEW covenant is an eternal one, Hebrews 13:20.

Thank God you are not under the OLD with its animal sacrifices, tithing, cleansing, incense and compulsory visits to the Temple. Thank God you enjoy grace, mercy, liberty and the clear promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

via [The Highland Village Messenger](#)

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# Family Matters

Becky Higginbotham – Is recovering from eye surgery last week.

Jo Ruffer – Is recovering from a fall last week.

**Members With Health Problems:** Steven Burdette, 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:** Valerie Whitaker, Butch & Joann Trawick, David & Shirley Lee, Annette Benefield, Lillian Gray, David Nash, Audrey Shaw, Jane Lankford, Joe Clark & Frances Elder

**Others With Health Problems:** Marvin Dixon, Sybil Hedden, 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.


## Calendar

**Aug 28** - Marriage Enrichment Meeting after the AM Service.

**Aug 29** – GSOP classes will resume (fall quarter)

**Sept 2** - Family Game Night at 6pm

**Sept 6** - Tuesday Morning Bible Study at 10am

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

**Sept 13** - Tuesday Ladies Night Out hosted by Susan Pelfrey in the fellowship hall.

**September 18-21** – Fall Gospel Meeting, Speaker: Joey Barkley. Lunch on Sunday after the AM Services.

**October 7-8** – Ladies' Retreat at Calvin Center. The theme is "Setting My Table with Soul Food". If you plan to attend, *please sign up*; the cost will be \$80.00 for overnight (Dinner & Lunch) and \$15.00 for Saturday.

**Oct 21** - Silverwings Apple Barn Trip, the bus will leave the building at 9:30am.



**Nov 11-12** - Marriage Enrichment Week-end

**Nov 20** - ThanksSinging at 2-4pm



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

## Fall Gospel Meeting and Luncheon

September 18-21

Speaker: Joey Barkley, East  
Main Church of Christ  
Murfreesboro, TN

## Youth Events

**Sept 18** - Area Wide Youth Devo – Shannon  
**Sept** – Stone Mountain Trip – All L2L, leaving the church building at 2 – late

**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:

**Sept 8 - October 20** – Buford COC GSOP Enrollment, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Instructor: Mike Gifford

**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

**Oct 16** – Forest Park COC Ladies' Day

**Oct 19-23** - World Mission Forum at Forest Park COC

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## WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

<b>Call To Worship</b> 8/28	
Scripture Reading	Zeke Poskevich
Prayer	Rory Bell, SR
Song Leader	
Preside Lord's Supper	Jack Sorrell
Server	Shirley Allender
Server	Randal Bell
Server	Rory Bell, JR
Server	Ray Russell
Server	Gayle Pelfrey
Server	Jake Garner
Server	Jimmy Garner
Server	Morris Jones
Sermon	Dave Rogers
Response Elder	Tom Durden
Announcements	Greg Nash
Song	
Closing Prayer	Jim Pelfrey
<b>Evening Service</b>	
Prayer	Ray Russell
Sermon	Song Service
Server	Jimmy Garner
Server	Jake Garner
Closing Prayer	Tom Durden

	9/4	9/11	9/18	9/25
<b>Call To Worship</b>	Greg Nash	Greg Nash	Dave Rogers	Greg Nash
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Randall Bell	Jake Garner	Luke Quinn	Zeke Poskevich
<b>Song Leader</b>	Stan Mitchell	Jimmy Garner	Stan Mitchell	Jimmy Garner
<b>Prayer</b>	Rick Sharpe	Anthony Ravenell	David Poskevich	Dale Findley
<b>Preside Lord's Supper</b>	Tommy Chapman	James Walker	Brad Hopkins	Bobby Lawrence
<b>Server</b>	Mike Fields	David Riley	Mike Fields	David Riley
<b>Server</b>	Wade Foster	Jack Sorrell	Wade Foster	Jack Sorrell
<b>Server</b>	Michael Madison	Ben Rogers	Michael Madison	Ben Rogers
<b>Server</b>	Rory Bell, Jr	Jerry Riner	Rory Bell, Jr	Jerry Riner
<b>Server</b>	Thomas Quinn	Shirley Allender	Thomas Quinn	Shirley Allender
<b>Server</b>	Charles Nash	Steve Hopkins	Charles Nash	Steve Hopkins
<b>Server</b>	Jim O'Brien	Andy Johnson	Jim O'Brien	Andy Johnson
<b>Server</b>	Jerry Kendrix	Hugh Kelly	Jerry Kendrix	Hugh Kelly
<b>Sermon</b>	Dave Rogers	Graham McDonald	Joey Barkley	Dave Rogers
<b>Response Elder</b>	Greg Nash	Greg Nash	Greg Nash	Greg Nash
<b>Announcements</b>	Greg Nash	Greg Nash	Dave Rogers	Greg Nash
<b>Shepherd's Prayer</b>	Greg Nash	Jim Garner	Tom Durden	Jim Pelfrey
<b>Evening Worship</b>				
<b>Announcements</b>	Greg Nash	Greg Nash	Dave Rogers	Greg Nash
<b>Song Leader</b>	Stan Mitchell	Rory Bell	Coney Johnson, Jr	Stan Mitchell
<b>Prayer</b>	Lewis Armstrong	Larry Fields	Ken Fincher	Greg Curtis
<b>Sermon</b>	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers	Joey Barkley	Song Service
<b>Lord's Supper</b>	Ray Russell	Ron Biles	Dennis Ethridge	David Hopkins
<b>Lord's Supper</b>	Larry Rose	Keith Killingsworth	Stan Mitchell	Eric Hagen
<b>Prayer</b>	Bill Ruffer	Anthony Stinson	Paul Lyons	Michael Boelsterli

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Dennis Graham  
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

Sept Linda Johnson

### Nursery

28 Tara Johnson

### Care of Building

16-31 Dennis Graham

1-15 Andy Johnson/Curtis Hurt

16-30 Shirley Allender/Ray Cozart

### Ushers

28 David Hopkins/Harry Williams

### Media Center Helpers

Aug 28 Brad Hopkins

Sept 4 & 11 Zeke Poskevich

### Open Arms

28 Jessa Quinn, Martha Vickery,

Sally Wallace, Connie Kelly,

Linda Armstrong,

Tommy & Gail Chapman

### Wednesday Evening Devotional

31 Jake Garner

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# September 2016

## Evangelism

Response Elder - Greg Nash

"For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat." 2 Thessalonians 3:10

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