# **Duty Assignments**

SUNDAY 7/ Announcements	R. Varnadore
Scripture Reading Psalm 20-21	M. Ward
Song Leader	M. Byars
Lord's Supper (Leading)	T. Head
Lord's Supper (Assisting)	A. Webb
Sermon	C. Bethea
Security	J. Townsend
Building	Townsend
Communion	Townsend

WEDNESDAY 8/03 Song Leader M. Ward Exhortation R. Molloy

## Children's Quiz Corner



Who wore camel's hair and a leather belt?
What angel told Mary she would have a baby?

1. John the Baptist 2. Gabriel

### Calendar

- 8/04 Bible Study at Café Euro @ 5:30 p.m.
- 8/06 Bible Study at Hog-N-Bones @ 8:00 a.m.
- **8/21** Men's Meeting @ 1:00
- 8/28 Singing @ 1:30 p.m.

Carilee Webb



Anniversaries

8/30

Please pray for all children and teachers as they return to school.



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"And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved." Acts 2:47

> WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

Hear — Romans 10:17

Confess — Romans 10:9

Be Baptized — Acts 2:38

Be Faithful — Revelation 2:10

Believe — John 8:24 Repent — Acts 2:38

#### **MEETING TIMES**

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Bible Classes 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Bible Classes

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### Welcome!

We are glad you have chosen to worship with the Lord's church at Walnut Street in Jesup. Visitors, we are delighted to have you with us and hope you will stay and let us get to know you. We would like for you to fill out a visitor's card so we can have a record of your attendance. We invite you to attend all of our worship and Bible study periods. God's word is the source of salvation that needs to be implanted into our lives. Since His word is going to judge us, we had better know what it says.

Hosea 4:6 "... my people are destroyed from lack of knowledge."

## **Sermon Notes**

# Remember in prayer:

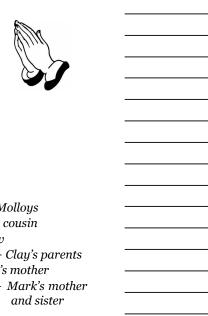
The Molloy Family Patsy Robertson Anthony Webb Thelma Adams Paul Martin Herman and Kim Manning Shelby Mumma's Family Kent Townsend Carrie Head Jase Martin Samantha Chopal Martin Brandon Miller – *friend of the Molloys* Tristan Acevedo – Jacqueline's cousin Clint Lashley – Marcia's nephew Buddy and Catherine Bethea – *Clay's parents* Rosalie Wilson – Peggy Parson's mother Mildred and Melanie Ward – Mark's mother and sister



What miracle do you associate with a boy who sneezed seven times?

Last week:

What was the name of the fish god of the Philistines? DAGON (Judges 16:23)





Scripture is filled with some pretty incredible statements of faith from some pretty incredible men and women of faith. One of my all-time favorites is

that of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in Daniel 3:16-18. In the text, king Nebuchadnezzar had built a lofty golden statue and ordered all the governing officials from the kingdom to bow down in worship of it. Refusal to do so would result in a painful death in the fiery furnace.

Having committed long before, with their friend Daniel (see Daniel 1), that they would remain faithful to the LORD in all things, these three young leaders refused to bow to the statue. After repeated opportunities to renege and increased threats from the king, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego boldly spoke their confidence and faith in YHWH.

"O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. **But if not**, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up." (Dan 3:16-18)

Pay attention to the phrase, "But if not..." It is a bit unique among other statements of faith in scripture because it addresses, head on, the reality that God does not always do what we want or expect. While the reality is there, no other Biblical "hero" (that I can recall), acknowledges this fact so directly in the moment of their stand. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego knew it was entirely possible that they would die a painful death in flames...and their faith could handle that reality.

I wonder, sometimes, if we don't need such a

challenge. In the pursuit of God, many people often deceive themselves into thinking that God will pull them out of every jam, eliminate every pain, and fend off every enemy just because they are a Christian. Then, when hardship strikes, that foundation proves to be weaker than anticipated and their faith crumbles under the weight of the adversity.

To prevent such an outcome, we need to come to grips with, "But if not..." We need to ask ourselves if the faith we profess is anchored ONLY in God's intervention, or in the rightness of following him. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego demonstrate that godliness should not be contingent on God doing what we want. Rather, godliness is doing the right thing because it is the right thing. There are going to be times when the all-wise God chooses not to intervene as we think he should. He will make us endure the trial because there is something to be gained from it. The question is...can your faith handle that?

> Cory Waddell via *The Daily Bread*

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

**That** nowhere in the New Testament is there a command or example for a baby to be bap-tized?

**That** everyone that has put Christ on in baptism is a "saint" (Ephesians 3:8; 4:12; 5:3; 6:16; Philippians 1:1; 4:2)?

**That** all the sins of the past and all sins of the future were paid for at the cross?

**That** your decision about what you will do with God's Salvation will be the most important decision of your entire life?