

"herald the good news" Romans 10:15

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UPS AND DOWNS

Bible characters were real people just like us. James points this out in James 5:17, "Elijah was a man with a nature like ours..." God's people were faithful, dedicated, brave, but at other times were weak, inconsistent, wavered in faith, and sinned. One story after another reveals the ups and downs they experienced in life. It is their human side that makes it possible for us to relate to them. We can learn from their struggles.

In the Bible godly men and women had their ups and downs. Adam was very pleased with Eve, the most beautiful of God's creation. Eve gave in to the serpent's temptation and then shared it with Adam so they both sinned (Genesis 2,3). Moses was a great leader of the children of Israel. God delivered unto him the law and the ten commandments, but he stumbled at Kadesh in disobedience and unbelief (Numbers 20:10-13). Elijah saw a decisive victory over the 800 prophets of Baal and Asherah in a magnificent display of God's power. Days later, Elijah was running from Jezebel, asking God to take his life because he was the only faithful one left (I Kings 18-19). Martha was serving Jesus while at the same time continually complaining and worrying about what Mary should be doing (Luke 18:38-42). Peter claimed that he would die for the Lord but he denied Him three times that same night (Matthew 26). Euodia and Syntyche were women who labored with Paul in the gospel, yet he later asked other co-workers to help settle the dispute between them (Phil.4:1-3). All of God's followers have their ups and downs.

The Bible is full of examples of godly people who experienced tragedy, family troubles, and consequences of poor choices that led to sin. We can learn from them. The beautiful thing about all the ups and downs in our life is that we will end on an UP and not on a down. "We who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air and thus we shall always be with the Lord" (I Thess. 4:17). Because Jesus was lifted **up** on the cross, **up** from the grave, and ascended **up** to heaven, no matter what **downs** we encounter here on earth, we can look **up** to Him for help and deliverance.

Dan Murphy -Rolling Hills Church of Christ

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. I MUST BELIEVE

"But without faith, it is impossible to please Him" (Hebrews 11:6)

2. I MUST REPENT

"Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3)

3. I MUST CONFESS

"And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God" (Acts 8:37)

4. I MUST BE BAPTIZED

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." (Mark 16:16)

5. I MUST LIVE RIGHT

"We should live soberly, righteously, and Godly in this present world" (Titus 2:12)

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Worship at 10:30 am & 6:00 pm
Bible Class at 9:30 am

WEDNESDAY

Bible Class at 7:00 pm

ELDERS

Fred Barnett, Mark DeLong,
Rodney Newton, Ray Poston, Stephen Stilwell

DEACONS

Micah Busbey, Karl Dawson, Bob McIndoo,
Jeff Morris, Juan Nunez,
Mark Springer, Leland Steely, Tim Tapp

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School has Started!

That means you're back into the daily grind of math, science, and homework! Don't be discouraged, before you realize it another school year will be over and you'll be a year closer to college and adult-hood! I want each of us to take a careful poll of our summer and what happened:

- How did we grow closer to God?
- How did we grow closer together?
- Did we miss out on any great opportunities?
- How can we make next summer better?

Fall 2009 Ideas

Are there any things you'd like to see our group add to the fall calendar? We've already mentioned going to games as a group. Here are some ideas that I'd like you to think about:

- "Fasting" Nights (only 1 meal!)
- Accountability Groups
- Weekly FNA's or TNT's
- Online Devotionals
- Weekly Prayer Groups

If you have any suggestions send them to: neal@hcofc.com.

Henderson Youth Group

Upcoming Events

Today
Visitation Brigade
Bring \$10 for lunch

September 11-12
Bible Bowl in Cookeville,
Tennessee

September 18-20
WKYC Teen Week Retreat
Sign-up sheets in HS Class

September 26
Devotional
Hosted by Puryear's

October 10
Devotional at Clay City Park
Hosted by Heldreth's

October 17
"Hottest is Modest!"
Girl's Convention
In Benton, Kentucky

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY (8/26)

Opening Prayer:	Josh Fletcher
Closing Prayer:	Warren Hust
Devotional:	David Leigh
Song Leader:	Ray Poston

SUNDAY (8/30)

AT THE TABLE

*Brad Carter	Ray Poston
Barry Green	Josh Fletcher
David Hust	Alan Carter
David Leigh	*Glenn Lewis

*Denotes those to serve communion Sunday night

AM Worship

Announcements:	Juan Nunez
Opening Prayer:	Bill Bridwell
Scripture Reading:	Russell Barker
Closing Prayer:	David Hust
Ushers:	Micah Busbey John Heldreth

DOOR GREETERS

Amy Zehner
Cheri Zehner
Carolyn Shepherd

PM Worship

Opening Prayer:	Mike Coffman
Scripture Reading:	John Barfield
Closing Prayer:	Sam Morris

FOR THE RECORD (August 16):

Sunday Morning Worship:	235
Sunday Morning Bible Study:	170
Sunday Evening Worship:	152
Wednesday Bible Study:	132
Contribution:	\$6551.03

NEWS AND NOTES

Prayer Request: Kathy Riggs, Debbie Hein (eye surgery), Mary Odom, Carolyn Clevenger, John Kavanaugh, Bobby Wade's niece, Beverly Thweatt, Rebeca Compos, Darrell Todd, Jenny Revlett, Sandy Risinger, Tom Koerner, William Neal, Wanda Gish, Rick Thomas, Greg Tapp, Joann Hayes, Gene Thomason

Sympathy: To the family of Lula Haskins. We were all saddened at the death of one of our own this past week. Her funeral was held at the church building this past Wednesday.

Benevolence Meeting: Today at 5 pm.

College Students: Would you please notify the office of your college students new address or e-mail so we can send the bulletin.

Building Fund: All of 5th Sunday's contribution will go into this fund.

Give-Away Statistics:

- 137 Requests for Bible studies
- 50 Requests for a personal visit
- 34 Bible questions were asked
- 115 asked for information about VBS and our youth program.
- 550+came through the doors (represented about 1,000 household members)
- 200 back to school supply bags

Gospel Meeting

Sturgis Church of Christ with Rob Whitacre, August 28-30 (GP)