

## How To Survive a Dry Season

by David Maxson Northwood church of Christ Northport, AL

### Jeremiah 17:7-8

*Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.*

*He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when the heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.*

Several years ago I had the opportunity to visit the city of Albuquerque, New Mexico. It's one of the driest places I've ever been to. It receives less than 10 inches of rainfall each year! Thus, most of the landscape is made up of plants that can survive under such dry conditions (like cactuses).

However, if you go down to the Rio Grande you find a very different landscape. There are trees... lots of trees, in fact. While the rest of the land suffers from dry sandy soil, the Rio Grande provides a steady flow of water to all of the trees that surround its banks.

Isn't that the way it is with us and God? As long as we're trusting in Him, we're okay. Our branches remain fruitful and our leaves flourish. We are like the trees planted next to the gently flowing waters of the Rio Grande.

While those around us trust in flesh (Jer 17:5), we trust in the LORD. We do not worry about the drought or the heat. God is to us a constant source of spiritual strength and health.

Allow your roots to be nourished today by spending some time with the LORD by listening to his Word and communicating to him in prayer!

## Giving Blood

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### Matthew 26:28

*"...this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."*

I've had the opportunity to give blood several times. On a few occasions it has been done for a friend or family member. It makes you feel good to be able to give something like this to someone you love.

I don't like needles. I get a little light headed whenever I give blood, but I've never found giving blood to be a difficult experience. The blood bank staff has always done their best to make the process as easy and as comfortable as possible. I've been given a warm blanket to cover myself, a pillow to put behind my head, cookies and juice to drink once I'm finished to keep me from getting dizzy.

What a contrast between our experience giving blood at a blood bank and Jesus' shedding of blood on the cross! We give blood and are treated with great respect and dignity. We're given an "I saved a life" sticker to wear when we leave.

The Roman soldiers were not gentle with Jesus. They provided no pillows or warm blankets. The cross was not padded for comfort. The nails were not sterilized. They didn't praise him for His act of kindness. They made Jesus' experience as painful and as shameful as possible!

Jesus didn't do this for his friends either. He died for His enemies (Rom 5:6-8; Col 1:21-22).

The greatest contrast of all is that Jesus didn't just give a pint of blood; a portion of his life. He poured it out until He died. He gave it all!

Father of mercy, we praise and glorify the Lamb that was slain, who poured out his precious blood for us!

## NEWSLETTER

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## Schedule of Services

Sunday AM Bible Study 9:45 AM

Sunday AM Worship 11:00 AM

No Sunday PM Service

Wednesday PM Bible Study 7:00 PM

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### We welcome all who are here today.

If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you) so we may have a record of your visit. Later in the service we will pass around a collection plate. As a visitor you are obviously not expected to give but we would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in the collection plate. Thanks.

*There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs for infant care.*

**Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent during worship.**

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**Prayer List** *In our prayers let's praise God, recognize His greatness, and thank Him for His blessings.*

***Those that attend:*** Mildred Lynum, Bill Flanagan, Anna Brink, Frank Marsden, Bill Kinney, Pat Hazlett, David Alcorn, Darlene Reed, Butts & Edie Sumner, Chris Highway, Candi Butcher, Cheryl Mellott, Joyce Cameron, Willow McFarland, Tahlia Willis, Logan Bennett, Kyra Kyle, Bev McArthur, Maria Swindlehurst, Jean Cameron, and Diane Mellott.

***People in other places:*** Renee Kinney, Tim Mellott and family, T.J., Wednesday Rahelich, Jack Openshaw, Paul Stewart, Betty Leistner and also Denise Garlitz' grandchildren, Mary Lou, Carol's sister Holly, Frank's niece, Tony & Eglia Grana, Susan Barrett & family, Karen Anstee, Randy Marten, Doris & Mary Jane Mess, Andrea, George Beckwith, Red & Goldie Crow, Samantha Allee, Brenda Baptiste, Cheryl Wheeler, Karen & Joe Costanzo, Cindy, Jeanne Johns, and Emily Sestack, Levi, Loretta Gorito, Kay Ables, Lionel Weir, Mary Lou, Gloria, Kevin & Gail Bodie, Linda Mudd, Dorothea Johnson, Tammy, Rita D, Jenna, Michael, Billie Jo Potter, Louise Kohlbacher, Debbie Curry, Jay Boyle, Barry Mitchell, and Jeff - Denise's son.

***Updates:***

**Let's pray as we search for a new preacher.**

**Jean Cameron** was taken to St. Mary's last Sunday during the *potluck* and was admitted for a suspected T.I.A. She was released Thursday around supper time to go home.

**Diane Mellott.** She began treatments Tuesday Oct. 31. Let's also remember her daughter Renee Kinney as she continues to battle cancer.

**Sonny Stine** Let's continue to pray for him.

**Marvis Garrett** continues to deal with some health issues. He had two doctor appointments this past week.

**Brenda Nelson** needs our prayers. The cancer in her brain, that was operated on earlier this year, has returned and is malignant. She started 33 rounds of radiation treatments Oct. 12.

**Anna Brink** fell again recently which resulted in a broken rib.

**Eddie Sumner** needs our prayers concerning a return of lymphoma.

**Mary** (daughter of Don & Virginia Hipwell in Fenwick, ONT) is dealing with a health issue.

***Also***

Let's pray for family, friends, and loved ones of our members who are having health and other problems.

Let's not only remember those that are physically sick but those that are spiritually sick as well.

Let's remember to pray for our shut-ins and to call and send cards.

Let's pray for those dealing with family situations as well as work situations.

Let's pray for those of our number who are looking for employment.

Let's pray for those who may be traveling.

Let's pray for the work we help support in Sardinia, NY.

Let's pray for God's people that are doing mission work all over the world.

Let's pray for people the world over that we may all learn to get along with each other.

**Upcoming Events** *(Lord willing)*

**Nov. 17** Ladies fellowship. 6:30 PM at the building. Jean Cameron facilitating.

**Nov. 19** Men's Business Meeting

**Nov. 23** Thanksgiving Day

**Dec. 09** Ladies Holiday Party. Pane's Restaurant in North Tonawanda. Please see posting.

Sun. AM Adult Bible Study 2 Corinthians

**Sermon Topic Today:** Truly This Man Was The Son of God

**Scripture Reading:** Mark 15:33-39

No Sun. PM Bible Study

Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study 10 AM at the building.

Wed. PM Bible Study 7:00 PM

## Minister Search Questions

This questionnaire was handed out Oct. 29 and is due back TODAY.

## Thanksgiving Baskets

Signup sheets for donations for *Thanksgiving Baskets* are on the back bulletin board.

Forms for requesting a donation for someone are on the back table.

All forms and items are due back by Nov. 19. Baskets will be delivered Nov. 19 after the morning worship service.

Volunteers to deliver are needed. Please see Charles or Heather Bennett. Thank you.

## Attention Ladies - Ladies Holiday Party at Pane's

Please notice this minor change.....

Let Sherry know by Nov. 21 if you plan on attending.

You have until Dec. 03 to pay. Please see updated posting.

## THE WORLD'S INFLUENCE

Bulletin article North Main St. church of Christ Mocksville, NC

The Book of Proverbs is a book of wisdom - wisdom on how to live one's life. One of its early pieces of advice is this: "*My son, if sinners entice thee consent thou not.*" The passage then continues to warn against joining with thieves and murderers. But the principle applies more broadly. We must not let a sinful world seduce us to do any kind of evil. Exodus 23:2 says, "*Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil.*" In Psalm 1:1 there is a blessing pronounced upon the man that "*walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.*"

What we see and hear can have a tremendous influence on our lives. We must, therefore, always be on guard that the world does not draw us away from God's standard. In speech we must not imitate the world's profanity, in dress we must not follow society in immodest apparel. We must beware that we are not caught up in the world's emphasis on material success. We must not let our secular society steer our eye away from heaven and things eternal.

**Trays Today**

Linda Stine



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