

Don't Put Your Trust in Horses!

Throughout history horses have been used in warfare, even up until the 1940s. In the Old Testament we know there are several references of mounted men on horses, and horses that were used to pull chariots. If they were so important to a country's safety and its ability to wage war, why did God tell the Israelite people not to have many horses?

We find God's warning to the Israelites: *"The king, moreover, must not acquire great numbers of horses for himself or make the people return to Egypt to get more of them, for the LORD has told you, 'You are not to go back that way again'" (Deuteronomy 17:16)*. We see Moses warning the Israelite nation to keep them from having anything further to do with the people of Egypt. However, I think there is more to it than that.

We know that this rule was not always followed. *"Solomon accumulated chariots and horses; he had fourteen hundred chariots and twelve thousand horses, which he kept in the chariot cities and also with him in Jerusalem" (1 Kings 10:26)*. There is some debate over the exact numbers in this verse, but we do know that he accumulated a lot of horses. We know that Solomon had great power and influence during his reign and went as far as marrying a princess from Egypt. We also know he was led astray.

God wanted the people to put their trust in Him. Not their weapons, armies, or horses. God had promised the Israelites that He would protect them and had shown that He could, and would destroy their enemies. However the people lacked faith at times and chose not to obey God. We see a reminder in the book of Psalms, most likely written by David, of how God wanted His people to be. *"Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God" (Psalm 20:7)*. Anytime we put our trust in something other than God we will fail. ~Brad Tolbert

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SUNDAY
Bible Study 9:30 AM
Assembly 10:30 AM
Assembly 5:00 PM
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study 6:30 PM



MONTICELLO

CHURCH OF CHRIST

"...speaking the truth in love..." Eph. 4:15

September 19, 2021

CLEANING HOUSE


If my math serves me correctly, in our 40 years of marriage, Cathy and I will be moving for the 15th time! In preparation for each move we've made, there was always sorting and tossing of things we never used or felt that we no longer needed. By the number of trips we have made to the dump this time, it is obvious that we have not always been successful at cleaning out stuff!

As we strive to live for Christ, it is necessary for us to take inventory of our lives and clean out the "stuff" we no longer need or perhaps should no longer give time to because of our pursuit of God's kingdom (*Mt. 6:33*). Before our confession of Christ as Lord, our lives have been filled with "stuff" that is contrary to the holiness the Lord wants in our lives. After baptism, we must clean house of the impurities and fill it with those things which are true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, of good repute... (*Phil. 4:8*).

As recorded in *Matthew 12:43ff*, Jesus told a parable of an unclean spirit going out of a man seeking rest. He doesn't find it, so returns to the house from which he came, finding it unoccupied, swept, and put in order. He proceeds to move in with 7 other spirits making it worse than before. Jesus' words were focused at the scribes and Pharisees who were more intent on cleaning the exterior of their lives while neglecting the interior. They were majoring-in-minors!

As Christians, we must be ever aware of Satan and his temptations. James wrote, *"Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (Jas. 4:7)*. It is not enough to eliminate the evil things in our lives. We must then fill the vacancy with good things which will bring glory to our Heavenly Father! We must dedicate our lives to His purpose, so we can keep the evil one away.

Our oldest daughter has always encouraged us in getting rid of stuff. She says, "When you buy something new, get rid of something old." That is what Jesus is saying. If your problem is spending too much time in front of the TV, then you must find something to take its place. Spend time in the Word, in prayer, visiting other Christians, etc. When we are busy for the Lord, we have no room for Satan in our lives! Maybe it is time for each of us to do a little cleaning house! ~P. Mowrer



"Therefore exhort one another, and build each other up, even as you also do."
1 Thess. 5:11

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The only wrapping is arms!"**

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HEART-TO-HEART

Beginning Sunday, September 26 (and until further notice), all information on the sick and any announcements need to be given to **Josh Pettigrew** or one of the *elders*.

Our sympathy is extended to the **Ellis** and **Moore** families on the passing of **Herbert McKeown**.

Our sympathy is also extended to **Pam Beard** and *family* on the passing of her uncle, **Houston Berryman**.

Zachariah Draper, grandson of **Linda Forrest & Ray & Kathy Linder**, is recovering from a broken arm.

Janice Wright is home following a stay in Drew Memorial with pneumonia.

Continue to remember **Joe Moore** as he deals with Bell's Palsy.

All *Ladies* are invited to the **Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Class** beginning Wednesday morning, September 22 at 10:00 in room 134 at the building. **Regina Dunn** will be the teacher and they will be studying the topic of prayer.

The **WFC** is in need of help with food for **Tuesday** night Bible studies. There are sign up sheets on the table in the foyer.

Directory Update: New address for:

Seth, Lindsey, Kynslee, & Luke Baker
896 Bowser Rd.
Monticello, AR 71655

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today! - *Worship livestreamed at 10:30*
Elders & Deacons meeting @ 7:00

Sept. 22 - Ladies Wed. Morning Bible Class
WFC luncheon at UAM

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members:

Linda Bates...Tony & Judy Beard...Joe Moore...
Rita Stiles...Donnie & Janice Wright

Shut-ins:

Jean Enlow...Betty McGuire... Neva McKeown...
Bob & Pat Turner... Marie Wooten

Serving in the Military:

Mollie Aldridge...Corey Bryant...Bradyn Curtis...
Noah Draper... David Foret... Tucker Koonce...
Matthew May... Neil Rampy... Christian Stepanovich Mathew Tannehill...Curtis Walker

SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Christians in Afghanistan...Sherri Brown...Kathryn Burton...Gwenda Carroll...Terra Chambers...Shawna Cook...the family of Bob Crain...Levi Davis... Zachariah Draper...Adam Farmer...Mike Frost... Terry Gibson... Tina Jacks... Mike James...Tina Jarvius... Johnny Jeter... Jerry Lawrence... Kelly Owens...Judy Purvis...Christy Rice...David & Loyce Ray... John & Christine Riddle...Don & Suzette Russell...minister search...Homer Shirey... Elizabeth (Moore) Stepanovich (due in Dec.)...Katie Strickland... James Walton...William Woods...Sue Woodward

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Sept.	20	Jacque Davidson
		Kristen Smith
	23	James & Anna Miller
	25	Kerry Rice
	27	Josh Pettigrew
	28	Holly Dial
	30	Lynn Burton
Oct.	1	Lori Rabb
	2	Jean Enlow
	5	Ainsley Barnett
		Harper Bryant

September Daily Bible Reading Schedule

20	Ezekiel 23-25
21	Ezekiel 26-28
22	Ezekiel 29-31
23	Ezekiel 32-34
24	Ezekiel 35-37
25	Ezekiel 38-40
26	Ezekiel 41-43

HEART-TO-HEART cont.

The **WFC** ministry will be providing lunch to the UAM School of Math and Science Wednesday, September 22 at 12:00 noon. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer for the food items they will need.

The **Change Cans** for **Children** are due back by **Sunday, September 19**. **Micah Brinkley** will be here on the **22nd** to pick them up.

Cards of Thanks

Dear Ones,

Thank you for the beautiful cards. Please keep me in your prayers.

Love to all,

Jean Enlow

To the Monticello church family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful green plant. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers for our family during the loss of our mother.

The Betty Henry Family

Dear church family,

Thank you so much for the cards, calls, food, and prayers during the loss of our brother Ronnie.

In Christian love,

John & Janet Staudinger

goodbye...?

oh no, please. Can't we go back to page one and do it all over again?

~Winnie The Pooh

Attendance

Bible Class	91
Sunday AM Worship	100
Sunday PM Worship	101
Wed. Evening	86
Contribution	\$ N/A

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Communion Preparation

Sept 19	Jessica Pettigrew
Sept 26	Lori Rabb
Oct 3	Lori Rabb
Oct 10	Becky Rice

Ladies September Duties

Cards:	Barbara Newton
Food:	Lori Rabb Leah Bryant