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COVERED BY THE HAND OF GOD by: David McDonald

“And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.” Exodus 33:14

Have you ever been discouraged? Disappointed? Disheartened? Has your family or your closet friend ever let you down? Has a group of people in whom you had confidence to do the right thing ever completely lost focus and gone against everything that was right? Have you ever really sacrificed for folks who just had no appreciation for your sacrifice and in fact seemed to really just spit in your face with a lack of concern and apathetic attitudes? Please consider God’s great servant Moses. It was during a period of intense discouragement that one of the most beautiful pictures of God’s love and care for his servants is presented.

Upon Moses’ return from forty days and nights in Mt. Sinai, he found the people whom God and taken out of Egypt in a most dramatic way drinking and committing a wide variety of sinful acts. Despite his extreme disappointment in his brethren, based upon Moses’ pleading with God to save the family of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as promised, God promised Moses, “*My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.*” Moses then further pleaded with God to allow His Presence to go with “us;” all the children of Israel, not just him (Ex. 33: 14-15). Moses, in His conversation with God, then asked God to “*Please show me*

Your glory” (vs. 18). While God would not show Moses His face, He did tell Moses, “*While My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock and will cover you with My hand while I pass by*” (Ex. 33:22).

God has many places of safety, or “clefts in the rock,” where He puts us when trials approach. When sorrow and heartaches come upon us, it is then God will elevate us on a pinnacle of faith to which we have never before attained. When earthly poverty and disgrace fall on us, it is then we can learn humility as He gives us insensibility to them. When pain comes our way and we are able to see that pain is exactly the chastening we need and should want, thank Him for it, while crying out with spiritual strength, “How kind! How gracious is the God I serve!”

Our God wants to be our “*cleft in the rock.*” He wants us in His hand. He wants to be our “*Rock of Ages.*” The best “*cleft in the rock,*” is that cleft in the “*Rock of Ages,*” which the soldier’s spear made. It is in our Lord that we can lie hidden from every danger and disappointment that can assail us. May we forever in this life sing with the writer, “*Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee!*”

BE A NEHEMIAH

How many times have you seen something that needed to be done but instead chose to ignore it? Or complained about a problem instead of stepping up to fix it?

Have you ever chosen not to mention Jesus to someone because you didn't want to get too involved with the person or family?

Nehemiah wasn't afraid to get involved. He was concerned about his people, God's people. The wall of Jerusalem had been broken and people were defenseless (Nehemiah 1:3).

Had their enemies threatened, they would've been unsafe. The dilemma brought him to tears (Nehemiah 1:4) and the plight of others inspired him to action.

Does it break our hearts that there are others who have fallen away from their first love? Does it bother us that we have brothers and sisters in Christ who are discouraged and disillusioned? Do the eternal lives of others even concern us at all?

Nehemiah didn't complain about his lack of free time. He didn't call the preacher to fix the wall. He didn't call a business meeting to discuss fixing the wall. He didn't gossip about the dire circumstances either. He went to God and then he went to work, Nehemiah saw a problem and reacted the way he was meant to.

There are those in and out of the church who need Jesus. They need to be encouraged. They need to be lifted up. Won't you pray for them, then make a phone call, write a note, or drop in for a visit? It's time to get involved. It's time to get busy. **It's time to be a Nehemiah.** -Forthright.net by: P. Harrington

NEW ADDRESSES

Several of our members have new addresses. Please make the following changes to your directories. The Clayton's and Garrett's are in the process of building new homes and have begun getting their mail there. The Crotts' will be living in Jackson, MS this year, while Martin finishes pharmacy school.

**Greg & Kim Clayton
Dillon & David
1067 Cr 26
Myrtle, MS 38650**

**Martin & Erica Crotts
3975 I-55 N
Apartment X-1
Jackson, MS 39216**

**Austin & Jessica Garrett
1119 CR 73
New Albany, MS 38652**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*August 08.....Kathy Jennings
August 08.....Mary Nell Smith
August 10.....Sue Stroud
August 11.....J. D. Stroud
August 12.....Bailey Adams
August 12.....Lindy Lambert
August 13.....Ronnie Griggs*

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*August 08.....David & Cindy Ashmore
August 18.....Shane & Barbara Crotts
August 21.....Roger & Kathy Clayton
August 21.....Jerry & Lucille Gibson
August 29.....Larry & Janet Drummond*

YOUTH NEWS

- The next Area Wide Youth Devo will be Sunday night, August 8th, at the Verona church of Christ. The van will leave at 5:40p.m.
- It will soon be time for the Junior & Senior Bible Bowls to begin. The Junior Bible Bowl will begin September 25th and the Senior Bowl on the 26th.
- We wish all our youth a great school year!

For daily devotional & updates call NEWSLINE @ 534-0016

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Marilyn Chittom, daughter of Ione Wall, is in room 287 of the Tupelo hospital recovering from quadruple bypass surgery.

Blake Ables, a friend of Victoria Botts, was injured in an automobile accident late Friday night. He is in the MED in Memphis.

Glen Hill, father of Steve Hill, will have surgery today to remove a large mass from his stomach. He is at Veterans Hospital in Memphis.

Gillian, Carly & Darrin Blackburn, children of a friend of Jim Dickerson, were seriously injured in an accident with a log truck in West, VA.

Eli Reed, had tubes put in his ears Friday.

Baird family, in the death of Mary Baird, a member of the Enterprise church of Christ.

Continual Prayer List

Jared Ward, Sonja Each, Ethel Russell, Betty Adams, Bill King, Marie Wells, Nance Family, Donna Weeden, Sylvia Plunk, Pauline Smith, J.D. Stroud, Terry Young

Shut-Ins

Jean Drummond, Lessie Bryant, Billy Joe Garner, Laura Mae Harris, Belle Cross, Pauline Smith, Raymond & Amy Vest

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Sue Collins, Shane Hutton, Corrine Hall, Eunice Mabry, Faye Owen & Anna Davis, J.A. Thornton

Military List:

David Wilhite-Navy-Florida Barry Wilhite-Marine-Navy -Virginia, Jimmie Stutts-Air Force—California, Tiffany Erwin— Army-Camp Rooker, AL; Aaron Raines-Army, Afghanistan; Jamie Vansandt, Alaska; Michelle Montgomery, Fort Leonard, Missouri, Jim Vest-Afghanistan

AREA EVENTS

Faith Basics Youth Rally 2010, to be held at the Gloster Street church of Christ August 21 from 9:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. Theme: "Rightly Dividing the Word" Keynote Speaker: Doug Burlison

BAPTISM

We are happy to announce that Erin Wall was baptized into Christ Wednesday night, July 28th. Erin is the daughter of Randy and Christy Wall. She was baptized by her dad. We commend her on her decision to become a Christian and may we all be an encouragement to her.

BRIDAL SHOWER

The bridal shower for Emily Walton, that was planned for Sunday, August 8th, has been cancelled.

MEMPHIS RED BIRDS GAME

A trip has been planned for those who would like to go to a Memphis Red Birds baseball game. The date of the game is August 28th. The price of the tickets will be around \$10, depending on the number that attends. You must sign-up by Sunday, August 8th. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer.

THANK YOU

Dear my Wonderful Friends at NACOC,

*Thank you so much for letting me have my Sweet Sixteen party in the Fellowship Hall. My family, my guests and I had a wonderful time. We are still eating the leftovers from the party. Thank you for all the friends who came. In Christian love,
Brenda Crow*

Thank you once again for your love and support of our family. We appreciate all you have done for us and continue to do. We couldn't do it without you. Please continue to keep our families in your prayers. We love you all dearly.

Raymond & Amy Terry & Betty

Thanks to all who helped in any way with our "Super Saturday VBS" . We had a great day!

Visit our website @ <http://www.nacoc.org>

OUR RECORD

Sunday School	99
Sunday A.M	117
Sunday P.M.	85
Wednesday	92
Contribution.....	2,598.50
Budget	\$3,305.70

TO SERVE

Scripture	Drew Drummond
A.M. Prayer	Roger Clayton
Closing Prayer	Shane Crotts
P.M. Prayer.....	Greg Clayton
Closing.....	Carl Smith
Wed. 8/11.	Richard Jennings
Wed. 8/11.....	Bobby Marques
Usher & Lock	Bill Botts
Greeters.....	A & S Clemmer

PANTRY ITEM: JELLY

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....	9:30
Morning Worship	10:30
Evening Worship.....	6:00
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00

Elders

Richard Jennings	534-6671
Troy Robertson.....	534-3491

Deacons

Bill Botts	316-2422
Greg Clayton	538-0791
Roger Clayton.....	534-5240
Andy Clemmer	816-5887
Harold Russell	534-4648
Randy Wall.....	316-9255

Minister

Office.....	534-4649
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WATER FROM THE ROCK

(Exodus 17; 1-6)

TRUE OR FALSE:

1. There was plenty of water for the people to drink. EXODUS 17:1
TRUE OR FALSE

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:

2. "Therefore the people contended with Moses, and said, 'Give us (**WATER, SODA**), that we may drink.'" EXODUS 17:2
3. "And Moses said to them, 'Why do you contend with me? Why do you (**FEAR, TEMPT**) the LORD?' " EXODUS 17:2

TRUE OR FALSE:

4. "And the people thirsted there for water, and the people murmured against Moses." EXODUS 17:3
TRUE OR FALSE

5. So Moses cried out to the LORD, saying, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to make me a king!" EXODUS 17:4
TRUE OR FALSE

6. "And the LORD said to Moses, 'Go on before the people, and take with you some of the elders of Israel. Also take in your hand your rod with which you struck the river, and go.'" EXODUS 17:5
TRUE OR FALSE

FILL IN THE BLANK:

7. And the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall _____ the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink." EXODUS 17:6

TRUE OR FALSE:

8. "And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel." EXODUS 17:6
TRUE OR FALSE

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