

## Planning Ahead!

**Special Congregational Meeting:** Today, evening service: financial report; 2016 budget; “corporation meeting”.

**25<sup>th</sup> Annual “Last-Saturday-in-February”** meeting: just 2 weeks away! Saturday, February 27. A **workday** will be held on Saturday, February 20; start about 9:00 a.m.

### February Birthdays

8 Zoie Perales                      18 Hazel Brouillette  
25 Mike McKnight

### February Anniversaries

5 Mike and Morgie McKnight

### Read through the Bible in 2016!

(Submitted by Mike McKnight)

Suggested chapters to read so that we might read through the entire Bible during 2016! **This week’s “schedule”:**

- **Day 46** - Leviticus 8-10 Monday
- **Day 47** - Leviticus 11-13 Tuesday
- **Day 48** - Leviticus 14-15 Wednesday
- **Day 49** - Leviticus 16-18 Thursday
- **Day 50** - Leviticus 19-21 Friday
- **Day 51** - Leviticus 22-23 Saturday
- **Day 52** - Leviticus 24-25 Sunday

#### Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.  
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.  
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

**Preacher:**  
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## Trust the Lord

By Mike Vestal, Midland, Texas

*“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding”* Proverbs 3:5

The pressures and anxieties of life can lead us to trust worldly wisdom rather than in our all-knowing God. However, real peace and strength are only found when we place our confidence in Him (Psalm 32:10; 125:1). We should trust the Lord

**In Everything.** *“In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths”* (Proverbs 3:6). Some revel in their independence; others think they are self-sufficient (Revelation 3:17). Nothing could be further from the truth! We are insufficient (James 4:10) and are desperate for God’s help. *“The Lord shall help them . . . because they trust in him”* (Psalm 37:40).

**For Everything.** *“Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass”* (Psalm 37:5). Every good and perfect gift comes from the heavenly Father (James 1:17). It is easy for us to think that everything we attain is solely through our own efforts, but that is not so, for in God we live and move and have our very being (Acts 17:28).

**With Everything.** *“For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also”* (Matthew 6:21). Some people cling to possessions or pride as though they were going to have them forever. To the faithful child of God, the Father must come first (Matthew 6:33; Luke 14:25–33).

**Through Everything.** *“For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory”* (2 Corinthians 4:17). We must trust God even in the midst of trials, for although we may not understand the purpose of those difficulties, He will get us through them.

*"The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate"* (Psalm 34:22). May we truly be able to say, "In God we trust!"

***"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart."***

Proverbs 3:5

## **Trusting God when Afraid**

by Wayne S. Walker

*"Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You"* (Psalm 56:3). Jesus told us, *"And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell"* (Matthew 10:28). The fact is that *"God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind"* (II Timothy 1:7). Indeed, as John reminds us, *"There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love"* (I John 4:18). In other words, there is really nothing in this life of which the child of God needs to be afraid.

While the Christian knows these things to be true, fear is still a natural human emotion to certain situations. When we are threatened with danger, when economic conditions point to a possible loss of job, when we are stricken with a serious illness, or when other problems arise which might disrupt our normal lives, we are likely to become afraid. What makes us most fearful about all such situations is that we simply do not know what the future holds. As long as things are going reasonably well, we usually assume that they will continue to do so and are not fearful. However, difficulties cause us more to look to the future and remind us that we do not know what will happen, so we feel afraid.

It is certainly true that *"you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away"* (James 4:14). John Henry Newman noted, "I was not ever thus, nor ever asked that Thou Shouldst lead me on; I loved to choose and see my path; but now Lead Thou me on." When events occur that darken the way so that I cannot "choose and see my path," I tend to become

somewhat frightened. That is why Jesus teaches me, *"Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble"* (Matthew 6:34).

The Psalmist knew that times would arise when he would be afraid. However, his determination was that in such times he would trust the Lord. In fact, he went on to say, *"In God (I will praise His word), in God I have put my trust: I will not fear. What can flesh do to me?"* (v. 4). The Hebrew writer quotes this statement to remind us that we need to trust God whenever we are afraid. *"Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.' So we may boldly say, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?'"* (Hebrews 13:5-6).

**Give these some thought...**

