

Getting To The Barn

By Mike Riley

The story is told of a farmer who one day decided to plow the south forty acres in his field. However, his tractor needed oil, so he started for the barn to get it, but on the way, he noticed that the pigs hadn't been fed.

As he neared the corncrib, he saw a pile of sacks which reminded him that the potatoes were sprouting. On the way to the potato pit, he passed the woodpile and remembered that the kitchen stove was burning low and needed wood.

While picking up the wood, he saw that one of his chickens was ailing, so he dropped the wood to tend to the chicken and so distraction after distraction came along until the end of the day — and he still hadn't oiled the tractor or plowed the south forty.

Brethren and friends, the only way we will ever "get to the barn" of Christian service is to get our priorities in order (Matthew 6:33). The farmer in the above story didn't have any priorities — he just "rolled with the flow" of events occurring around him.

Is our Christian life ever like this trip to the barn? Do we ever have grand visions of achieving great service, but the service never gets done? Do we have too many distractions, allowing them to interfere with our goal of being a productive servant in God's kingdom?

There's no question that our life contains plenty of pigs to feed, wood to cut, and chickens to doctor, but we can't allow them to get in our way of serving God.

If we make the commitment to serve God (Joshua 24:14-15) and go the "extra mile" (Matthew 5:41), God will make a way for us to "get to the barn."



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Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.

Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshiping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

Those to Serve

Today

Announcements- Wayne Fowler **Opening prayer**- Travis Rogers

Communion- Lyle Russell **Closing Prayer**- Rick Cook

Sermon- Don DeLukie

February 4th

Announcements- Paul Simpson **Opening prayer**- Ronnie Hayes

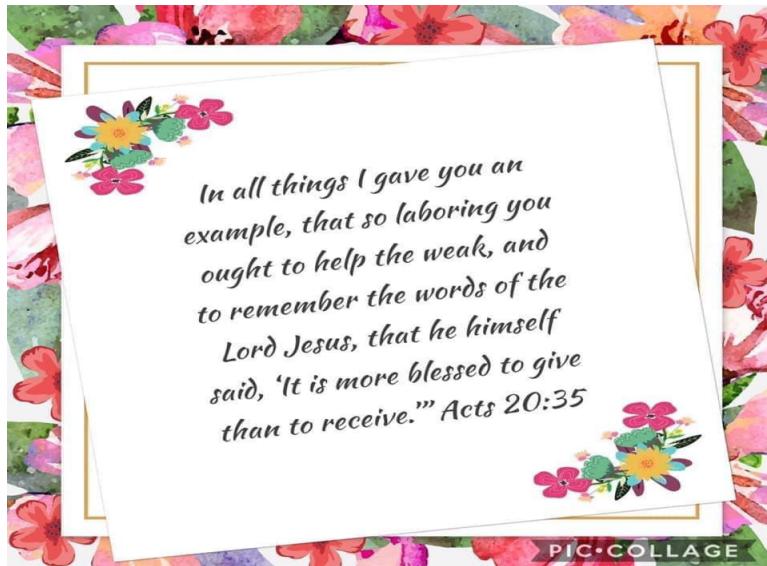
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Announcements

—Question & Answer Series: Tonight will be our next Question & Answer Series. Give your questions to Don or bring them with you.

—Children's Home Collection: Our congregation is collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. A list of needed items is in the foyer.



Please Pray For:

Ronnie Charrier, Barbara Wheeler, Joyce McDonald, Emmitt McDaniel, Misty Bible, Louvenia Dickson, Everett Frost, Bobby Wanderish, Jimmy Binford, Virginia Cook, Larry McDonald, Lynn Urban, Ronnie & Dena White, Kathrine Simmons, Billy & Carol Granger, Katy Harris, Dan Ross Jr.

Bereaved: Families of Lorene Johnson, Margie Smith, Rose Lester, Gail Sewell, and Debbie Love Brugman.

Continue to Pray For:

Joanne Randolph, Dwain & Bettye Flowers, Linda Garris, Sharon White-Ross, James Johnson, Bobby Barker, Ronnie Tatum, Cindy Smith, Renee Gee, Bobby Simmons, Tricia Muse, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.



THOSE WHO HOPE IN THE LORD WILL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH. THEY WILL SOAR ON WINGS LIKE EAGLES, THEY WILL RUN AND NOT GROW WEARY, THEY WILL WALK AND NOT BE FAINT.

Isaiah 40:31



January Birthdays

- 1 - John Chisley
- 6 - Carolyn Jones
- 15 - Tommy Franklin
- 21 - Gary Harris
- 24 - Buck Raus
- 26 - Arthur Binford

January Anniversaries

- 6 - Debbie and Rick Cook
- 7 - Charles and Brenda Fricke

