

Utilizing Our Survival Kit

By Mike Riley

On June 2, 1960, there was a news story about an eight-year-old boy by the name of Walter Sedor being found sitting on a rock, about a mile from Tartan Lake, 12 miles north of Flin Flon, Manitoba.

The story is significant, in that Walter was the lone survivor of a plane crash that claimed his father's life. For fifteen days, he had waited beside the wrecked and burned plane, waiting for rescuers to find him.

The Royal Canadian Air Force and civilian planes had scanned over 70,000 square miles of land for days, but no trace had been found, until on the fifteenth day, a commercial airline pilot sighted the boy standing on a rock and waving feebly for help.

The boy had been without food for fifteen days, causing his emaciated and weakened condition. A few days longer would have caused his demise.

One of the tragic aspects of this story is that there was no need for the boy to have been hungry, for near the plane was a survival kit containing rations that would have lasted him approximately twenty-four days. The kit had been thrown clear of the plane when it crashed, but the boy was unaware of what it contained.

Spiritually speaking, many folks today are like Walter Sedor. They are lost in the wilderness — not in the north country, but in the wilderness of sin, doubt, and fear. Their souls are starving from spiritual malnutrition, while not far from them, is a survival kit with the abundant bread of life to nourish their starving souls (John 6:32-35-NKJV). The Bible contains the daily rations we need for survival, but so often, it lies unopened and unused, simply because we are unaware of its importance to our spiritual existence (cf. 2 Kings 22-NKJV).

It's tragic when mature adults, as well as young men and women, fail to avail themselves of the bread of life contained within the pages of the Bible (John 6:32-35-NKJV; cf. John 4:14-NKJV; Matthew 5:6-NKJV), when there are so many Bibles available to us today. God has provided us with the greatest survival kit known to man — all we have to do is open the survival kit and feast on its contents, satisfying the spiritual hunger of our souls.

Brethren and friends, let us utilize our spiritual survival kit this very day (and every day — Acts 17:11-NKJV; 2 Timothy 2:15-KJV), by opening and feasting on its eternal life-giving contents (Jeremiah 15:15-16-NKJV; Ezekiel 3:1-4-NKJV; Matthew 4:4-NKJV; 2 Timothy 3:15-17-NKJV; 1 Peter 2:1-2-NKJV; Hebrews 5:12-14-NKJV).



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Sunday Morning Bible Classes - 9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.

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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- Paul Simpson **Opening prayer-** Rick Cook
Communion- Jerry McDonald **Closing Prayer-** Ronnie Hayes
Sermon- Don DeLukie

October 1st

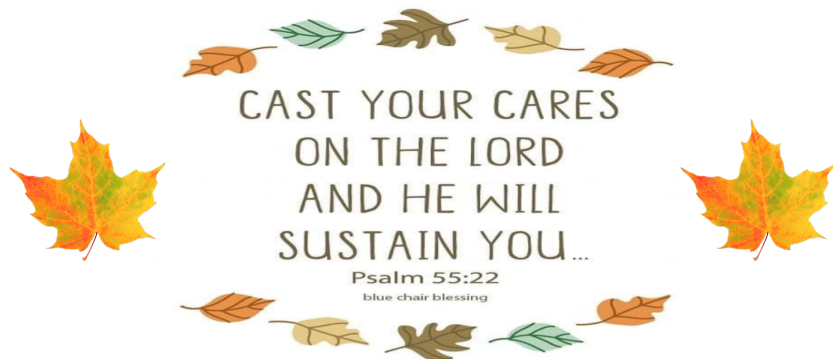
Announcements- Lyle Russell **Opening prayer-** Charles Fricke
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Announcements

—**Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** Charles Fricke will be starting a new Wednesday PM Bible Class series utilizing the book "Making the Most of Life from A -Z". Class starts at 6 PM.

—**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. **The next pick-up is scheduled for Sept 30th.**

—**Question & Answer Series:** Our next Question and Answer Series will be scheduled when enough questions are collected. Give your questions to Don.



Please Pray For:

Brad Farrington, Mike Wiggins, Bettye Flowers, John McDaniel, Alaric Fricke, Elaine Reppond, Marilyn Hemler, Carolyn Tobia, Cindy Smith, Phillip Simmons, Tommy Franklin, John White, Barbara Wheeler, Ronnie White, Aiden Richardson, Donna Llewellyn, Gena Granger.

Bereaved: Families of Carolyn Moy, Frank McDaniel, Florence Matthews, Judy Strickland, Randy Mitchell.

Continue to Pray For:

Joanne Randolph, Dwain Flowers, Susie McGough, Linda Garriss, Sharon White-Ross, James & Lorene Johnson, Bobby Barker, Gail Sewell, Renee Gee, Malea Zuber, Bobby Simmons, Tricia Muse, Elizabeth Hollis, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.



September birthdays

1 - Todd Chapman
9 - Carlon Hollis
17 - Sherry Miller
18 - Wanda Simpson
19 - Linda Herlong
22 - Jodie Chisley
23 - Maddie Magee
27 - Shirley Goodwin

September anniversaries

5 - Matt and Danielle Scharf
25 - Lyle and Miriam Russell

