



# The Sentinel

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## *“If I Had My ‘Druthers...”*

*“Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish.” - John 21:18*

The slogan attached to the car, directly ahead, states, “I’d rather be flying.” Perhaps we should take a poll of to measure the numbers of people who would rather be doing something other than what they are doing at that time. Count me in. Although, doing “this” is not all that bad. My mother used to say, “If I had my druthers, I’d be ...” Of course, we are mostly aware that life just isn’t that simple.

Where did the easy days go? We may use a kind of retrospect to view the times behind us and wonder how we got to where we are. Think about it. When was the last time you lowered all the windows in the car simply to feel the flow of the air, and hear all the sounds around you? Safety and comfort challenge us to close the windows, lock the doors, and dismiss the exterior sounds. After all, it wouldn’t do to arrive at your destination with your hair all disarrayed by the wind, and your clothes moistened by some perspiration. In our pressed obsession, we win and lose. It is sure that our locked doors, safety helmets, and cautious restrictions protect us in the event of uncontrolled danger. Still, we may never again know the exhilaration of cruising with the wind driving around us and tossing our hair as we spit in the face of danger.

We are busy. We are busy with all the demands of the advantaged and climate controlled life. To be sure, we all want to gain the best that we can in terms of personal preference. We want to be as secure as possible, and to be comfortable at the same time. So, when a course takes us to areas outside our comfort zone, we are inclined to retreat once again to that environment of safety. Even if we don’t know where we would rather be, we know where we would rather not be.

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**God is Good! -**  
**- All the Time!**

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We know that we may find ourselves with choices and circumstances that are not what we would prefer. We may wonder why we are in such a situation. We may want to blame other people. There may be many circumstances that are far outside of our vision and control. Most of the time, we are where we are as a result of choices we have made, for the good or for the bad. Sometimes we simply try to seek the least objectionable opportunity, and hope for better days.

Jesus met such a challenging moment. His decision was to accept what was in keeping with God’s will. That pattern and choice took Him to the cross. So, you and I are the beneficiaries of His trusting choice.

Have no delusions about it. We will not always get our personal “druthers” in life. What we will get is the opportunity to choose whether to trust God or not. It may be challenging to accept, and sometime hard to understand. Still, we will find that trust, in spite of personal preferences, will be the most beneficial course.

There will be times in our lives when we are exactly where we want to be. In those times, we do have our “druthers”. There are also times in which we go and do what we would rather not do. We will do in trust. We simply will do. — Russ

**August - Daily Bible Reading**

- 13. Psalms 87-88; 1 Peter 3
- 14. Psalms 89-90; 1 Peter 4
- 15. Psalms 91-93; 1 Peter 5
- 16. Psalms 94-96; Galatians 1
- 17. Psalms 97-99; Galatians 2
- 18. Psalms 100-102; Galatians 3
- 19. Psalms 103-104; Galatians 4
- 20. Psalms 105-106; Galatians 5

**Happy Anniversary**

- Brian & Emily Jaworsky 8/13
- Keith & Becky McDougal 8/14
- Layne & Donna Adams - 8/19

**Happy Birthday**

- Floyd Marshall - - - 8/13
- Joan Keenan - - - 8/14
- Ryker Lowrance - - - 8/16
- Rick Humphrey - - - 8/19
- Coen Henderson - - - 8/19
- Mattie Ruble - - - 8/22
- Melanie Shelton - - - 8/23
- Fred Jones - - - - 8/26
- Tres Lowrance - - - 8/29
- Mary Pelton - - - 8/31

**Homebound or Limited:**

- Aline McDaniel
- Ella McKeel
- Marguriete Shobert

# News That Is of Interest to You

## Keep In Prayer

- ◆ **Jayne Boykin** has been having some serious heart blockage issues and is working with some medical efforts to try to avoid surgery at this time.
- ◆ **Karen Elmore** took her final radiation treatment, and will be having evaluations soon.
- ◆ **Riley Baldwin** - continuing surgery every few weeks.
- ◆ **Norman Bagger** is renewing treatment on his cancer.

**Directory Notice:** If you have any directory changes or updates please advise Randy Vance as soon as possible. Anyone wanting a hard copy of the directory, a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. A complete hard copy version of the directory will be printed very soon in a letter sized format. If you have any questions please contact Randy.

## Coming Events

**The Back to School Bash** will be on Sunday, August 20, in conjunction with our August fellowship meal. If you would like to donate toward supplies for our young students, please see Lindsay MacDonald.

**Men's Breakfast** - Our next breakfast will be on Saturday, August 26, at 8 am.

**The Ladies' Coffee** meets on the 1st Friday of every month at the church building at 10 am, and is studying the book of Daniel.

**Labor Day** is right around the corner. Can Autumn be far behind? As school begins, it is a great time to renew our commitment to the church and attendance for worship and Bible classes.

**Retirement Reception for Paul Sparks.** There will be a reception on Sunday, August 27, from 2-4 PM, and the South Walker Church of Christ. An announcement of the event is on the bulletin board.

**Guest Speaker** this evening:

**Eddie Cloer**, with "Truth for Today" will be our guest speaker this evening. He will give us an update on this good work, as we are supporters.

## **27th Annual Area-Wide Men's Retreat at Camp Rock Creek**

Monday & Tuesday, August 14 & 15

Theme: God's Unchanging Hand

Brochures are available on the table in the foyer.

## **DOG DAYS OF SUMMER**



## **Who Said?**

- ◆ **Who said:** "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." - **Answer next week**
- ◆ **Last Week:** The formerly blind man to a group of Pharisees— John 9:27

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## Scheduled to Serve Next Week

(8/20/2017)

### *Announcements*

Brian Jaworsky

### *Greeters*

Arless & Sue Murray

Bill & Sue Fleming

Kevin & Joan Keenan

### *Lord's Table (am)*

*Prayers:* Brian Huff

Arless Murray Don Worden

Donavan Huff Floyd Marshall

George King Max McDougal

Nathan Henderson Roy Cowan

### *Lord's Table (pm)*

Layne Adams Bill Fleming

### *Prayers (am)*

Josh Dyer Kevin Keenan

### *Prayers (pm)*

Larry Baldwin Mark Hamm

### *Schedule of Services*

Sunday

*Bible Study* 9:00 AM

*Worship* 10:00 AM

*Worship* 5:00 PM

Wednesday

*Bible Study* 7:00 PM

## Order of Service

### Announcements

### Scripture:

Ephesians 1:3-6

### Prayer

Song - 173

God of Our Fathers

Song - 290

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

Song - 644

'Tis Set, The Feast Divine

### Comments

### Lord's Supper

### Collection

Song - 499

O to Be Like Thee!

### Sermon

### Before and After

Song — 762

Where He Leads Me, I Will Follow

Song — 340

Into Our Hands

### Prayer

<i>Elders</i>	<i>Deacons</i>		<i>Minister</i>
Kevin Keenan Keith McDougal Horace Phillips Bill Sherman	Joe Downs Brian Jaworsky	Darrell MacDonald Dwain Thacker Randy Vance	Russell Dyer