

WE WILL NOT

My scripture reading this past week had me reading in the book of Jeremiah. I have always found this book to be a fascinating book. Jeremiah kept preaching what God told him, regardless of the outcome. One of the chapters that I found most interesting was Jeremiah 44. He begins the chapter by reminding them of what God has already done to those who refuse to listen to Him. They were going down this same road with their lives. The people had refused to humble themselves and start doing what God instructed them to do. The men being addressed were well aware of what had been going on, yet they answered Jeremiah, *"As for the word that thou hast spoken unto us in the name of the Lord, we will not hearken unto thee. But we will certainly do whatsoever thing goeth forth out of our own mouth..."* (Jer. 44:16,17). Their attitude was, we are not going to listen to the words of God, we are going to do what we want to do. They went on to say things were a lot better when we burned incense to the queen of heaven and offered drink offerings to her. Problems seem to find us when we serve God. The women stated, what we are doing we are doing with the approval of our husbands. They were only viewing the here and now. That attitude is still prevalent today.. I know what the Bible says, but I am going to do this or that because I like it and life is better. It is important that we listen to God and look at the big picture of eternity. *L. Cole*

THE MOST OFT REPEATED COMMAND

Of all the commands in the Bible, which one is repeated the greatest number of times? I think you may be surprised! Love is the greatest command, but it's not the one most often repeated. Writers often speak of pride as being at the root of human failures, but warnings against pride or encouragement to be humble are not the most often repeated commands. Neither are the warnings against sexual impurity or the urging to believe or repent.

The single command that occurs more often than any other is "Fear not." There are other forms of this command. "Do not be afraid," "Be strong and courageous," etc., but according to Lloyd Ogilvie, there are 366 "Fear not" verses in the Bible—one for every day of the year, including one for leap year!

Someone suggested that the reason God tells us to "Fear not" so often is because "fear is the number one reason human beings are tempted to avoid doing what God asks them to do." Fear causes us to lie to avoid pain or embarrassment. Fear of rejection causes us to listen to gossip. Fear of being poor causes us to neglect family, friends and God to work more hours. Fear causes us to flatter someone because we're afraid they won't like us if we don't. Fear causes us to go along with the crowd instead of standing apart. Fear of being lonely causes us to justify unwholesome companions. Fear is the reasons so many will not step out of their comfort zones and teach a class or lead a

song or prayer. Fear is one reason so little evangelism is being done. Fear is the reason we deny the Lord in difficult situations. Fear is the reason the storms cause our faith to falter. Fear is the reason we betray our values and friend in times of need. Yes, I'd say fear is a major problem for us. We need to be told often to "Fear not." At least I do.

There is another kind of fear that would help us overcome these other fears if we would learn to use it. Solomon wrote centuries ago, "Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man" (Ecclesiastes 12:13). In other words, we need to have deep seated reverence and awe of God in everything we do every day of our lives—to live by faith in God alone—to keep our eyes focused on Jesus and nothing else. Ironically, if we choose to "Fear God" in the sense Solomon said we would be far less likely to need the 366 commands to "Fear not." Pity the person who is more afraid of the winds and the waves than he is of the God who created and controls them.

Joe Chesser, Taken from Livingston Lamplighter 08/20/17

CAN'T STOP TO CHASE OFF EVERY DOG

The following article by Leroy Brownlow sets forth a philosophy that every Christian should embrace in his or her life.

CAN'T STOP TO CHASE OFF EVERY DOG. *"Ye shall observe to do therefore as the Lord your God hath commanded you: ye shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left" (Deuteronomy 5:32).*

When I was a boy we had one possession that not every family had. It was our pride and joy - an automobile, a Model T Ford. Values are a relative matter.

Occasionally we made the trip into town in that Model T. It was a luxurious, pleasurable ride. It certainly beat walking or riding in a buggy or a wagon. The ride was slow, over a narrow, bumpy, dirt road.

Our slow travel subjected us to the harassment of all the dogs along the way. They would run out and bark at us; however their bark was much worse than their bite. I shall never forget my father's philosophy on this point. He said, "If we stop to run off all the dogs that bark at us, we never will get there."

That principal, learned at an early age, has stuck with me. I have tried to live by it. If I had stopped every time somebody barked at me, I never would have accomplished anything.

There are many things to divert our attention. Pulls from every source and every direction. Therefore, to reach our goal: Look ahead...Go... Keep Going.

You may not completely reach it, but there's one thing sure: you will get closer and put on muscle for the effort...
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**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
WORSHIP—SUNDAY AM**

Sept. 17, 2017

Coordinator Steve Anderson
Announcements Kaleb Bush
Scriptures Reading.. Matt. 5:10-12... Dallas Eddie

Song Leader Jacky Carver, Jr.
Opening Prayer. George Clay

Lord’s Supper-Preside: Roger Draper
Serve: Glen Reece, John Leonard
Ethan Leonard, Billy Halliburton
Closing Prayer.....Jacky Carver, Sr.

Greeter— Jacky & Jacqueline Carver
Greeter— Glen & Patsy Reece
Count Offering. Dallas Eddie
. Kaleb Bush
AM Sermon— Kaleb Bush speaking
PM Sermon— Jacky Carver, Sr. speaking

WORSHIP---SUNDAY---6:00 PM

Announcements George Clay
Song Leader. Jacky Carver, Sr.
Scripture Reading...Titus 1:9..... Dallas Eddie

Opening Prayer Mitchell Brooks
Lord’s Supper Roger Draper
. Billy Halliburton
Closing Prayer George Clay

BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY---7:00 PM

Announcement..... George Clay
Song Leader Dallas Eddie

First Prayer. Billy Halliburton
Opening Prayer Mitchell Brooks
Closing Prayer Jacky Carver Sr.

Prepare Communion for **Sept**
Patsy T & Lesa L.

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09/10/17

Wednesday.	46
Worship Sunday AM	75
Bible Study Sunday AM	68
Daily Bible Readers	29
Worship Sunday PM	49

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sept. 16th. Run4Don, Gainesboro, TN
Sept. 24th. Fellowship Meal
Sept. 27th. Prepare Nursing Home Bag
Oct. 1st. Nursing Home and Bag Delivery

READING SCHEDULE FOR SEPT

01 Lam. 1-3	11 Ezek. 30-32	22 Hos. 5-7
02 Lam. 4-5;	12 Ezek. 33-35	23 Hos. 8-12
Ezek. 1-3	13 Ezek. 36-38	24 Hos. 13-14
03 Ezek. 4-6	14 Ezek. 39-41	25 Joel 1-3;
04 Ezek. 7-9	15 Ezek. 42-44	26 Amos 1-4
05 Ezek. 10-12	16 Ezek. 45-48	27 Amos 5-7
06 Ezek. 13-15	17 Dan. 1-3	28 Amos 8-9
07 Ezek. 16-18	18 Dan. 4-6	Obed. 1
08 Ezek. 19-21	19 Dan. 7-9	29 Jonah 1-4
09 Ezek. 22-26	20 Dan. 10-12	30 Micah 1-4
10 Ezek. 27-29	21 Hos. 1-4	