

FROM ROUTINE TO RENEWAL

- I. “Remember your first love” (Revelation 2:4-5)
 - A. Who were you before you became a Christian? (Eph. 2:12)
 - B. Who are you now? (1 Peter 2:9)
 - C. Reflect on His love, grace, and mercy (Lam. 3:21-24)
 - D. Repent of complacency! (Prov. 1:32; Eph. 4:15; Psalm 42:1-5)
- II. Reengage in spiritual disciplines (1 Timothy 4:7-8)
 - A. Prayer (Luke 5:16; Hebrews 4:16)
 - B. Bible study (Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:2; Matthew 4:4)
 - C. Fasting (Matthew 9:14-15)
 - D. Spend time meditating upon the Word, drawing near to God (Colossians 3:16; James 4:8)
 - E. Worship with intention (Acts 2:42; Heb. 10:24-25; Jn. 4:24)
- III. Reconnect with Christ’s purpose (Matt. 20:28; Luke 19:10)
 - A. Teach the lost (Matthew 9:35-38)
 - B. Edify the body (Ephesians 4:11-16)
 - C. Serve one another (Phil. 2:3-4; 1 Cor. 15:58; Galatians 6:2)

PRACTICAL OBSERVATIONS ON SOLOMON

BY GUY N. WOODS

Solomon began his reign with such great promise that it is difficult to imagine so great a decline as that which characterized it at its end. But, his gradual lapse into sin was wholly inexcusable; he had been warned of the consequences. David, his father, had said to him: “And thou, Solomon, my son, now thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart, and with a willing mind; for Jehovah searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts, If thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever” (1 Chron. 28:9).

Solomon’s experiences demonstrate the fact that one may preach to others and yet lose his own soul. Paul recognized the danger of this, when he said: “I buffet my body, and bring it into bondage; lest by any means, after that I have preached to others, I myself should be rejected” (1 Cor. 9:27).

“Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall” (1 Cor. 10:12).

WHERE WERE YOU?

BY JASON T. CARTER

We are urged to give diligence to “rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15). The Scriptures “are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus” and are “profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” In fact, the Scriptures are so profitable that they can make the dedicated disciple “complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work” (2 Timothy 3:15-17).

We know that God cannot lie (Titus 1:2; Hebrews 6:18). Why, then, do so many of His children neglect the serious study of the Bible? If it is so beneficial to our completeness, why is it so often avoided?

Today marks the final lesson in our adult Bible class covering the United Monarchy in Israel. Next Sunday, we intend to begin a study of the epistle to the Romans. In addition to that, on Wednesday evening, we will meet to discuss “The Digital Disciple,” examining both the positives and negatives of technology and how the Christian should use it responsibly. If you have not been a part of our adult Bible studies, we urge you to take advantage of this opportunity going forward.

Where were you on Wednesday night as the saints gathered to praise our Lord? Where were you on Sunday morning as the church studied the Scriptures together?

We adjust our schedules for so many different reasons, be it work, family, or special events. Yet there is no work more important than the work you do for Christ (1 Corinthians 15:58) and His family (Matthew 12:48-50; 19:29), and there is nothing more special than worshiping and serving our God (Matthew 16:24-27).

Privileged to Serve	6/28/2026	7/5/2026
Announcements	Roger Bell	Kenny McCall
Song Leader	Craig Joslen	David Nance
Scripture	Ashton McCall	Wesley McCall
Opening Prayer	Thomas Phillips	Roger Bell
Speaker	Jason Carter	Jason Carter
The Lord's Table	Ron Barker Kenny McCall Wayne McKay David Nance	Paul Ashcraft Robin Hinote Craig Joslen Seth Marks
Closing Prayer	Wesley McCall	Ashton McCall
Audio/Visual	Wesley McCall	Wesley McCall
Communion Prep	Nance	Nance
WEDNESDAY	7/1/2026	<u>ADULT CLASSES</u>
Devotional	Jason Carter	Wednesday 7/1: Faithful Digital Discipleship
Invitation Song	Seth Marks	Sunday 7/5: Romans 1:1-17
Closing Prayer	David Nance	

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

When Upon Life's Billows (742)

I Am Resolved (948)

Scripture Reading

Prayer

Oh, They Tell Me of a Home
(968)

The Lily of the Valley (548)

Sermon

Have You Been to Jesus? (904)

Why Did My Savior Come to
Earth? (382)

Lord's Supper & Offering

I Stand Amazed (147)

Closing Prayer

UPCOMING EVENTS

7/5 Potluck

7/17 Fellowship activity

7/23 Ronald McDonald House –
lunch prep (10am)

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

7/1 K&D McCall (A)

7/3 Kenny McCall (B)

7/4 Jeannie Robinson (B)

7/6 James Glass (B)

7/6 R&S Bell (A)

7/11 Romine (A)

7/11 Solchenberger (A)

7/12 Carolyn Couey (B)

7/13 Maria Carter (B)

7/13 Ashton McCall (B)

7/21 Thomas Phillips (B)

7/28 Mary Johnson (B)

7/29 Joslen (A)

PRAYER LIST UPDATES

- Dorothy – pneumonia, struggles with breathing and sleeping.
- Traci (Ron's friend) – cancer.
- Brian (the Barkers' niece's husband) – life struggles.

WELCOME THE ASHCRAFTS

Paul and Samantha Ashcraft spoke with the elders last week and indicated their desire to work with the church at West Milton under their oversight. We are happy to have them with us! Be sure to introduce yourself today if you have not already met them.

Paul and Samantha Ashcraft

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PHOTO DIRECTORY

A new photo directory has been published and is available on the table in the foyer near the bulletin board. Updates will be issued as they become available.

THINK ON THESE THINGS

When Gideon answered the call of God to go in His might to deliver Israel from the hand of Midian, he built an altar at the scene of his call and named the place, Jehovah-shalom ("The Lord Send Peace"). God did send peace. But it was peace through conflict, not compromise. We do not see Gideon calling a "unity meeting" with the Midianites. He did not ascend a knoll, lift up a benedictory hands, stretch out spreading arms to Israel's foes, and say, "Let us have peace together." He drove the Midianites out by "the sword of the Lord, and of Gideon" (Judges 7:20). There are some who seem to think that the Lord has dispensed with the sword, dismantled the armour, and resorted to diplomatic conferences with the powers that be.

—Foy E. Wallace, Jr.

Have you learned the lesson of how Jesus successfully withstood and defeated Satan? In each instance Jesus replied, "It is written." Be it remembered that the word of God is the sword of the Spirit. You can in every temptation defeat Satan if you will use the "sword" on him. The importance of familiarizing yourself with the word of God that you may be prepared to successfully use it in defeating Satan must be apparent to all.

—C.R. Nichol