

MISSION MARION

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From the Missionary's Desk

Every Christian needs a "Life Verse." A "Life Verse" is a verse that is special to you; a verse that God has impressed or imprinted on your heart—a foundation verse you live by as you travel through this world. My "Life Verse" is *Psalms 119:11 Thy word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against Thee.* I also have a purpose statement; a goal I desire to live up to. For several years everyone who has come through my office door, was and is confronted with this purpose statement. It is not original to me and I don't know the author but it conveys a message I desire to live up to. It is called "The Fellowship of the Unashamed."

The Fellowship of the Unashamed

I am a part of the fellowship of the unashamed. I have the Holy Spirit power. The die has been cast. I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I am a disciple of Jesus Christ. I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away, or be still. My past is redeemed, my present makes sense, and my future is secure. I am finished and done with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tame visions, mundane talking, chintzy giving, and dwarfed goals.

I no longer need preeminence, prosperity, position, promotions,

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plaudits, or popularity. I don't have to be right, first, tops, recognized, praised, regarded, or rewarded. I now live by presence, learn by faith, love by patience, lift by prayer, and labor by power.

My pace is set, my gait is fast, my goal is Heaven, my road is narrow, my way is rough, my companions few, my Guide is reliable, my mission is clear. I cannot be bought, compromised, deterred, lured away, turned back, diluted, or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of adversity, negotiate at the table of the enemy, ponder in the pool of popularity, or meander in the maze of mediocrity.

I won't give up, back up, let up, or shut up until I've preached up, prayed up, paid up, stored up, and stayed up for the cause of Christ.

I am a disciple of Jesus Christ. I must go until He returns, give until I drop, preach until all know, and work until He comes.

And when He comes to get His own, He will have no problem recognizing me. My colors will be clear for "I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.." (Romans 1:16)

On March 23rd in Hamilton, and June 1st in Winfield, the Church will step into the voting booth and vote their moral stance on alcoholic beverages in our county. How we vote effects the entire county. Every man, woman, student and child will be effected. In that booth we will not be alone. God will be there. Every voting Christian

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb. 14 - Associational Evangelism Conference
Winfield First Baptist, 6:30 PM
- Feb. 20 - Pinewood Derby, Winfield First
Weigh-in 1:00 PM, Races at 2:00 PM
- March 27 - Wild Game Dinner, Winfield First
- April 24 - Ladies Conference, Winfield First

The Baptist Witness airs each weekday at 10:15 a.m. on WERH AM. Pray for this ministry each day. Speakers for January/February are:
Jan. 25-29 Mark Gallups, Director of Missions, MCBA
Feb. 1-5 Eddie Davidson, Pastor, Hamilton First
Feb. 8-12 Bill Ausborn, Retired Pastor
Feb. 15-19 Jimmy May, Pastor, Shiloh Baptist

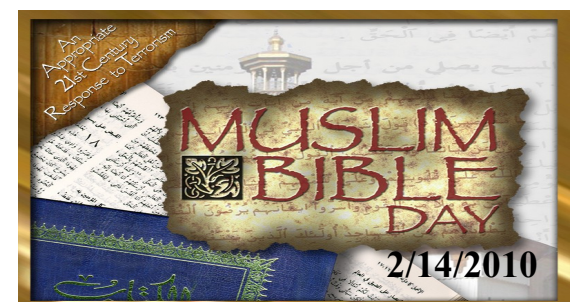
will decide if they stand with "the Fellowship of the Unashamed" and send a message of hope and love to the community or stand with those that care nothing for the community but only the dollar they will put in their pocket. Who are they? They are the beer, wine and liquor distributors. People that will lease buildings or land for alcoholic establishments and individuals that will sell the product. Meager taxes collected from sale of alcohol will never pay for the human misery alcohol causes.

Someone recently told me it was not my business where they bought beer. Well! Yes it is my business and every person that pays taxes and has insurance on their car or house. We end up paying the bill for their so called privilege.

Bro. Mark

Pray for Muslim Bible Day

Pray for God to show Himself to Muslims in a supernatural way ... since throughout the world Muslims are encountering dreams and visions in which they are experiencing Jesus and coming to faith in Him ... and pray for God to show Himself and the message of the Gospel in many ways to Muslims..



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