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The Snowball Effect

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Much of the news this week concerned the snow storm affecting the northeastern section of the USA. Though it was responsible for approximately two feet of snow in some areas, it did not reach the extreme levels that were predicted and anticipated. I am thankful that it did not result in widespread harm to the people affected by it.

That being said, the predictions got me to thinking about the potential of snow—for good as well as bad. When the snow is falling and shimmering in the light, whether day or night, it can be beautiful. As it is heaped up in piles it resembles a lovely blanket. When children laugh and play in it and roll it up into small, loose snowballs to hurl at each other, it brings joy to many. And of course, when rolled and shaped into proportionately formed balls, the snowman remains as a tribute to the “craftsman” for several days, depending upon the temperature and the amount of sunlight.

These tiny flakes do something together which they cannot do individually. They are combined to bring to pass various good effects. The unity and cohesion are not only effective, but as the snow increases, the momentum builds the resulting effect. If a snowball is gathered together and rolled on the ground and shaped, the size and momentum of the snowball increases.

However, that same snow can have devastating consequences. Snow piled on a roof for days can bring about the collapse of the roof because of the accumulated weight. Hand-shaped snowballs can be compacted and built into “missiles” that can bring the heart-breaking effects of eye-damage or other head injuries. Further, an avalanche, consisting of thousands of pounds of snow can hurdle down mountains, destroying property in its path and burying people alive.

So, clearly the cumulative properties of snow are utilized by its surrounding circumstances. When snow falls in an open meadow, or is shaped for positive purposes, the effect is good. When people proclaim the gospel and go about doing good deeds, the “snowball effect” brings about positive results (Acts 2:41, 47; 3:4; 5:14, 16).

But the opposite is also true. When unity and accumulation are combined in the force of an avalanche, destruction follows. When the forces of evil combine and go unchecked for long periods of time, destruction follows (Judges 17:; 21:25; 18:11, 12).

“You shall not fall in with many to do evil . . .” (Exodus 23:2a, ESV).

—Lance Cordle

Dates to Remember:

February 1—Potluck Fellowship Meal
February 1-5—FHU Lectureship
February 9—Monday Night for the Master
February 12—Caring Cooks
February 23—Monday Night for the Master
February 26—Caring Cooks
February 27 & 28—Stronger Marriage Workshop
March 7—Golden Age Banquet

A Pause . . . And Reflection

Sunday, we again emphasized the importance of personally teaching others about Jesus. Several of us made the commitment to our elders and one another that we would equip ourselves for this work. Over 60 sheets were turned in to the elders with signatures confirming those commitments. In order to follow-up on that commitment, we will begin a personal evangelism class to take place immediately following our Sunday evening service for the next several weeks. The class will begin on Sunday evening, February 8. If you have questions about this, or did not get the opportunity to read and sign the commitment to the work, please see one or all of our elders.

I hope you have a great week.—Lance

Birthdays:

- ◆ Feb. 1—Dawn Lisanby
- ◆ Feb. 2—Kevin Hunt
- ◆ Feb. 3—Joann Will
- ◆ Feb. 4—Brittany Borden
- ◆ Feb. 6—Delorise Evans, Ali Martin
- ◆ Feb. 7—Dennis Appleton



Stronger Marriage Workshop

February 27 & 28, 2015

To be presented by
Trey Morgan

Ancient Truths for Modern Times
WCKK, FM—95.7
Sundays 9:00 a.m.
Speakers: Lance Cordle & Gary Knuckles

Sympathy

- ◆ To the family of **Edna Adams** who passed away Tuesday, January 27. Funeral arrangements were incomplete at the printing of the bulletin.
- ◆ To **Shanda Gautney & family** at the death of her cousin, **Gary Hibbs**.

Potluck Fellowship Meal

Our first potluck fellowship meal for 2015 will be **Sunday, February 1**, following the morning worship. Everyone please bring a dish or two, desserts, 2 liters or tea. Visitors are our honored guests.

Those to Serve in February

Usher/Count

PM: Randy O'Bryan, Cory O'Bryan

Greeters

Lobby: Kyle & Joy Farris
Nick & Wendy Darnell

Interior Doors:

D1: Bettie Bean, Emily Bean
D2: Randy O'Bryan, Amy O'Bryan
D3: Mark & Cathy Hart
D4: Dennis & JoBeth Appleton

Announcements/Scripture

Jeff Hall

Lord's Supper

Kevin Riley	Pat Croley
John Meyers	Dannie Cunningham
Jim Dossett	Mike Marler
Connor Riley	Cory O'Bryan

Convalescent Center Devotional

- ◆ Feb. 1—William Smith, Ben Leonard
- ◆ Feb. 8—Robert Hall, Mike Dougherty
- ◆ Feb. 15—Larry Davis, Gary Smith
- ◆ Feb. 22—Dennis Driver, Gary Smith

Remember in Prayer:

In Hospital:

Eugene Cope—MCH, 118

Debbie Martin (sister of Genevieve Estes)—
Lourdes, CCU (scheduled for heart surgery
Friday, January 30.

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Calvert Convalescent Center—**Betty Clark, Nell**

Dobesh, Eedra Dossett, Sue Owen

Emeritus—Room 208: **Mary Deane Swann**

Lake Way Nursing & Rehab—**Dora Davis**

Oakview Manor—**Nancy Hall**



**Personal Evangelism Class
begins
Sunday Night, February 8**

Record: Week of January 25, 2015

Mid-Week (January 21)	NA
Bible Study	173
Sunday Morning Worship	254
Sunday Evening Worship	129
Contribution	\$7,708

The Untold Story – John 3:1-15

What do we know about Nicodemus?

This man Nicodemus was a ruler of the Jews (v. 1), in a group that we know as the Sanhedrin. They potentially consisted of 70-72 men who made judgments concerning disputes, law-breaking, and questions. Nicodemus was the ruler of the group! We also know, for better or for worse, that Nicodemus came to Jesus by night (v. 2). Some could argue that Nicodemus was afraid for his life because of his position as ruler and implied belief in Jesus. Others could argue that Nicodemus was weak in faith because he chose to shroud his meeting with Jesus in darkness rather than be exposed by the light. Either way, we know that he came to Jesus asking about Jesus' teachings and signs (v. 2) and this took courage.

What do we not know about Nicodemus?

The rest of the story. The story of Nicodemus' life leaves us wanting more. Did he become faithful to God? Does he reject God and refuse the salvation offered to him? He seemed to be so close. You may be like me and want to believe that Nicodemus was on the edge about becoming a disciple of Christ and left his encounter with Jesus wanting more. All we can know for sure is that the rest of his story is left untold.

What will your story tell us?

Nicodemus's story is set in stone and only God knows his eternal destination. However, unlike Nicodemus, your story is still being written. You still have a chance to finish your story in a way that will not leave God wanting more. What God wants from you is complete love (Matthew 22:37). Do not attempt to cover your faith and trust in God with darkness and secrecy. Stand up and stand out! Then, when an individual is completely in love with God obedience follows (Luke 9:23-24). As you write your story in this life, do so in a way that tells others obeying God is the only way to hope, security, and peace. Ultimately, it's up to you. What will be the rest of your story?

—Austin Johnson

**Pew Packers
February 1, 5:45**

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study — 9:15 a.m.
Worship — 10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship — 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Mid-Week Bible Study—7:00 p.m.

Bible Classes For All Ages

Those Who Are To Serve:

Sunday, February 1, 2015
10:00 A.M.

Song Leader: Gayle Hall
Opening Prayer: Dennis Driver
Closing Prayer: William Hamilton
Convalescent Ctr. Devo: William Smith
Ben Leonard

February 1, P.M.

Song Leader: Kevin Hunt
Opening Prayer: Larry Davis
Closing Prayer: Garrett Travis

Wednesday, February 4, 2015

Announcements: Nick Darnell
Song Leader: Dale Roberts
Opening Prayer: Aaron Cox
Closing Prayer: Glenn Davis