

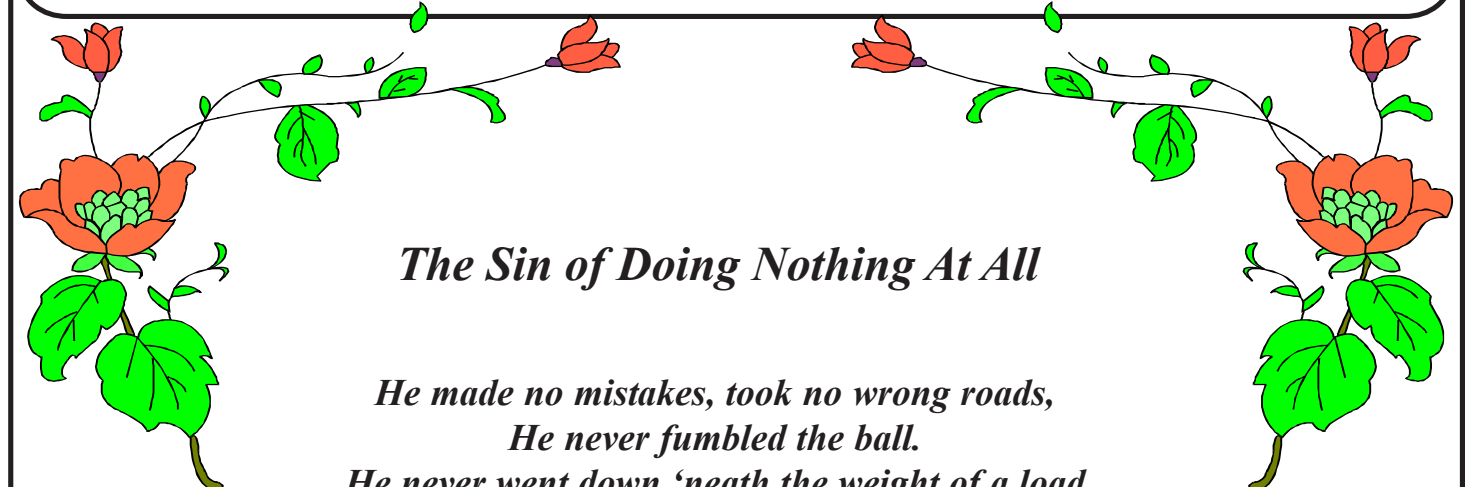
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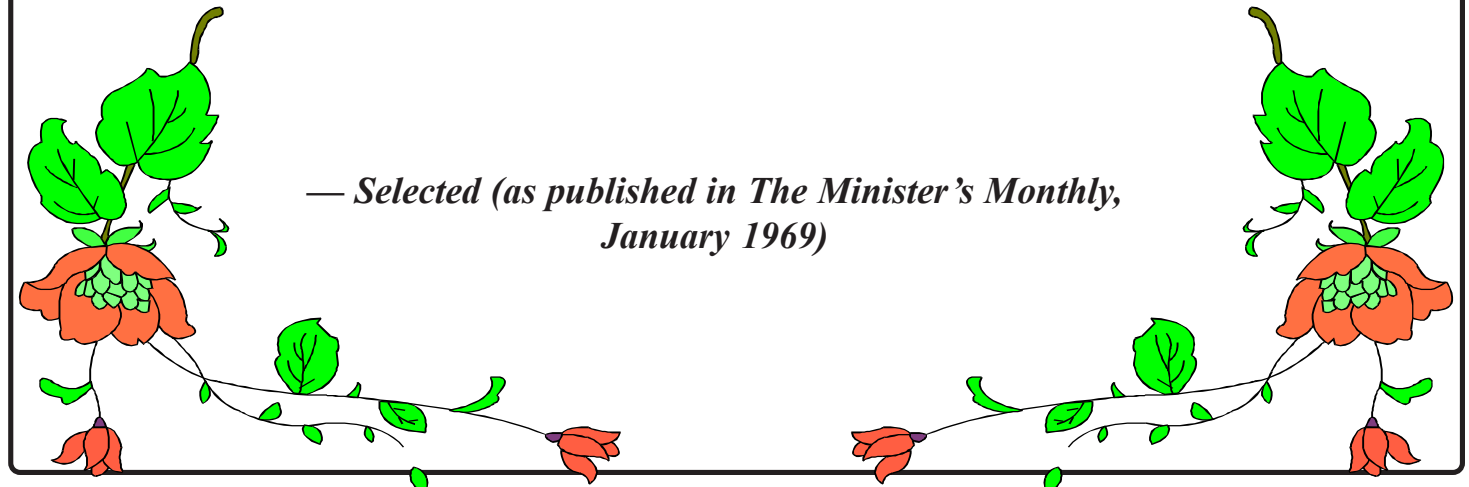
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## *The Sin of Doing Nothing At All*

*He made no mistakes, took no wrong roads,  
 He never fumbled the ball.  
 He never went down 'neath the weight of a load  
 He simply did nothing at all.  
 He lost no hard fight in defense of the right.  
 Never bled with his back to the wall.  
 He never felt faint in his climb to the light  
 He simply did nothing at all.  
 So death came nigh, for life slipped by,  
 And he feared for the Judgment Hall;  
 When they asked him why, he said with a sigh,  
 "I simply did nothing at all."  
 So God will pardon your blunder, my friend,  
 Or regard with pity your fall;  
 But the one big sin that surely means hell,  
 Is simply to do nothing at all.*

— Selected (as published in *The Minister's Monthly*,  
January 1969)



Please worship with us at the following times:

### SUNDAY

Bible Class 9:30 AM    Worship 10:30 AM  
Worship 5:00 PM

### TUESDAY (September-May)

Bible Class 10:00 AM

### WEDNESDAY

Bible Class 7:00 PM

(all are code 205)

### EVANGELISTS:

	Cell	Home
Ronnie Hayes	566-2171	648-4034
Minister		
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Associate Minister		

### SECRETARIES:

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Janice Key	674-1619
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### ELDERS:

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Don Griffin	529-5546	674-1312
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Butch Wallace	602-7156	744-8930
Gary Weaver	542-5617	674-9213

### DEACONS:

Bob Battles	674-0011
Ray Bearden	491-5245
Roland Crawford	648-8301
Barry Hyche	647-3629
Lewis Mobley	798-0694
Nick Rouse	648-0629
Jimmy Rivers	491-0605
Shane Sanford	648-4022
Shawn Sanford	648-1690
Tim Shadix	647-1690

### OUR RECORD

ATTENDANCE:                    March 16, 2008

BIBLE CLASS:                    200

WORSHIP AM:                    233

WORSHIP PM:                    195

CONTRIBUTION:                    \$15,870.17

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Count Contribution for March

Nick Rouse, Bob Battles, Ray Bearden

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 4207 Veterans Memorial Dr.  
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## If I Were the Devil

If I were the Prince of Darkness, I'd want to engulf the whole world in darkness. And I'd have a third of its real estate and have four fifths of its population, but I wouldn't be happy until I seized the ripest apple on the tree. So I'd set about however necessary to take over the United States of America.

I'd subvert the churches first. I'd begin with a campaign of whispers. With the wisdom of a serpent I would whisper to you as I whispered to Eve, "Do as you please." To the young I would whisper that the Bible is a myth. I would convince them that man created God instead of the other way around. I would confide that what's bad is good and that what's good is.. square. And the old, I would teach to pray, after me, "Our Father, who art in Washington..."

And then I'd get organized. I'd educate authors in how to make lurid literature exciting, so that anything else would appear dull and uninteresting. I'd threaten TV with dirtier movies, and threaten the movies with dirtier TV. I'd peddle narcotics to whom I could; I'd sell alcohol to ladies and gentlemen of distinction. I'd tranquilize the rest with pills.

If I were the devil, I'd soon have families at war with themselves, churches at war with themselves, and nations at war with themselves, until each in its turn was consumed and with promises of higher ratings. I'd have mesmerizing media fanning the flames.

If I were the devil, I'd encourage schools to refine youth intellects but neglect to discipline emotions—just let those run wild. Until before you knew it, you would have to have drug-sniffing dogs and metal detectors at every schoolhouse door. Within a decade, I'd have prisons overflowing. I'd have judges promoting pornography. Soon I could evict God from the courthouse, then from the schoolhouse, and then from the house of Congress.

And in his own churches, I'd substitute psychology for religion and deify science. I would have preachers and pastors into misusing boys and girls and church money. If I were the devil I'd make the symbol of Easter an egg, and the symbol of Christmas a bottle.

I would caution against extremes—in hard work, in patriotism, in moral conduct. I would convince the young that marriage is old-fashioned, that casual sex with many partners is more fun and that what you see on TV is the way to be. And thus I could undress you in public, and could lure you into bed with disease for which there is no cure.

In other words, if I were the Devil, I'd just keep right on doing what I am doing!

By **Paul Harvey**, March 1993

Things haven't improved over the past decade have they??

*"I would caution against extremes"*

## Prayer List

### Sick

**Ivis Byars** (Paul Byar's mom) is at Princeton in room 3142 after suffering a stroke. She will be moved to rehab soon.

**Jessica Ingle** (Leon & Jeanette Jackson's granddaughter by marriage) has begun cancer treatments.

**Jimmy Mullenix** (Virginia's son) is in Princeton and has in MICU.

**Adam Smith** (21 year old Bagley firefighter) was discharged from the hospital on Monday.

### Visitation Teams

We will not have a team meeting on the 23rd due to so many of our members being away at Lads to Leaders. Team #4 will meet on the 30th. A copy of the worksheet will also be available on the table in the foyer on Sunday nights. Please continue to pick one up and use for this good work.

## Mark Your Calendar

### 2008

**Mar. 21-23** --- Lads/Leaders meet in Nashville

**Apr. 4** - Prom Alternative

**Apr. 16-17** -- Pied Pipers from Freed-Hardeman U.

**Apr. 25-26** -- Renew @ ICYC

**May 15** - Senior Banquet

**Summer 2008** -- Wednesday night Summer Series

Theme: *The Home*

**June 1** --- Homecoming

**June 1-4** --- Gospel Meeting, Speaker: **John Daniels**

**June 12-14** - Mission Trip to Grimsley, TN

**June 22-25** --- Vacation Bible School

**July 18-19** --- Youth Rally

**July 31-Aug 2** -- Trip to Creation Museum

**Oct. 12-15** --- Gospel Meeting, Speaker: **Larry Acuff**

**Oct. 18** --- Family Fun Day @ Tannehill

**Nov. 20** --- Thanksgiving Dinner

**Dec. 31** --- New Year's Eve Singing

### 2009

**Feb. 15-17** -- Singing School, Director: **Burt Jones**

### Please Continue to Pray For..

*David Burford, Jean Cicero,  
Sara Morgan, Janice Parsons, Martha Wiley,  
Ramona Yeilding*

### Pray For Our Troops

Ron Hudson, Stentsen Ellenburg, Tyler Burger,  
& Brad Timmons

### Remember Our Shut In

**Gertrude Blackwell**- room 118 - Self Nursing Home, 131room 321-Gardendale Nursing Home, 420 Dean Drive Gardendale, AL 35071. **Ruby Glidewell** 120 Windsor Circle N., Graysville, AL 35073. **Iva Dean Goolsby** @Ridgewood Health Care Center 210 Oakhill Rd., Jasper, AL 35504. **Thelma Hudson** (Ron Hudson's mother) Ridgeview Healthcare, 907 11th Ave. Jasper, AL 35504 room 153A. **Vurvel Jones** c/o Camilla Newbill @ 1622 Stone Hedge Dr. W. Mobile, AL 36695. **Earl Martin**-Laurelton Nursing & Rehab, 850 NW 9th St. Alabaster, AL 35007. **Ruth Parsons**-5300 Hazelwood Rd., Adamsville, AL 35005. **Annette Roddy**-1035 Cherry Ave. Adamsville, AL 35005. **Ginger Shadix**- room 213 - Gardendale Nursing Home, 420 Dean Dr. Gardendale, AL 35071. **Bernice Snow** - Adams House 5017 King Dr., Adamsville, AL 35005.

Congratulations to **Nathan & Angela Daniels** on the birth of their baby boy, **Jax Keegan**. He was born Sunday March 16th weighing in at 8lbs 13.6 oz and 19 3/4 inches long.

Congrats also to his sister, **Jaden** grandmother, **Marsha Simmons** and great grandmother, **Francis Dill**.



Remember the **Linn Park Devo** on Thursday night, March 27th. Please come to give encouragement and teach God's Word. We will need finger foods and snacks.