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**Sunday:**

Bible Study..... 9:30 A..M.  
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**LIFT HIM UP**

Barry M. Grider

“And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me” (John 12:32). These are some of the precious words spoken by Jesus as he made reference to the death he would die. While some stay busy writing others up, may it ever be our goal to lift Him up. We do this when we lift up His glorious cross for all to see. Paul said, “But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified with me, and I unto the world” (Gal. 6:14).

Indeed, we pray, that in every way our Lord Jesus was lifted up and exalted during these last few days at Forest Hill. Our gospel meeting with George Bailey was a great moment for the Memphis School of Preaching class of 2006 and for our entire congregation. At a time when Jesus is constantly under attack by both the secular and denominational worlds, brother Bailey’s messages Friday and Saturday evenings were so very timely. His first message was entitled, “The Word Became Flesh,” followed by, “Taking Christ as He Is.” A good crowd gathered throughout the weekend and Lord’s day, despite at times very treacherous weather, to hear God’s word powerfully proclaimed. Brother Bailey has been preaching for 70 years, beginning at the age of 14, not long after he obeyed the gospel. He has served such large congregations as College church in Abilene and Prestoncrest in Dallas. Brother Bailey is a man of the Book, quoting a multitude of passages every time he preaches. Likewise, he lives according to that which he preaches. Paul stated, “Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ” (1 Cor. 11:1). It is my judgment one could follow brother Bailey and know he was following Christ. We give God thanks for the opportunity that has been ours to sit at his feet.

Of course, this past Lord’s day was especially memorable because it was graduation Sunday. Twenty four students in the Memphis School of Preaching received certificates for their completion of their work. The intense training in the school is the equivalent of more than four years of collegiate training. We commend these men for their dedication and determination to reach their goals. Now our prayers go with them as they begin their new work in the kingdom. May they ever keep their focus on the Lord and remain faithful to His truth. As reminded by brother Bailey, we encourage them to love the souls of men, remembering that one soul is worth more than the whole world (Mark 8:36). We have a unique moment. God has given this moment to us. It is the opportunity to do all we can do for Him at this one moment in time. Let us lift him up!

How to reach the masses, men of every birth?

For an answer Jesus gave a key,

“And I if I be lifted up from the earth,  
Will draw all men unto me.”

# THE GREATEST MATHEMATICAL PROBLEM IN THE WORLD

Larry Acuff

Dr. Danny Kellum wrote, "Moses and the people were in the desert, but what was he going to do with them. They had to be fed. According to the Quartermaster General in the Army, it was reported that Moses would have had to have 1500 tons of food each day.

Do you know that to bring that much food each day, two freight trains, each a mile long, would be required! Besides, you must remember, they were out in the desert, so they would have to have firewood to use in cooking the food. This would take 4000 tons of wood and a few more freight trains, each a mile long just for one day.

And just to think, they were forty years in transit, and oh yes, they would have to have water. If only they had enough water to drink and wash a few dishes, it would take 11,000,000 gallons each day, and a freight train with tank cars, 1800 miles long, just to bring in water!

And then another thing! They had to cross the Red Sea at night. (They did?) Now, if they went on a narrow path, double file, the line would be 800 miles long and would require 35 days and nights to get through. So there had to be space in the Red Sea, 3 miles wide so that they could walk 5,000 abreast to get over in one night.

But then, there is another problem. Each time they camped at the end of the day, a campground two thirds the size of Rhode Island was required, or a total of 750 square miles long...Think of it! These spaces just for nightly camping.

Do you think Moses figured all this out before he left Egypt? I think not! You see Moses believed in God. God took care of these things for him."

Where is our trust? Do we trust God? "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thy own understanding" (Prov. 3:5). How many times do we refuse to do something because we don't have everything figured out? Remember Jesus said, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33). How often do we fail to give liberally because we don't know where our next dollar is coming from? How often do we say, "We can't support that missionary because we don't have

the money?"

Elders many times refuse to launch out into a good work until they have every detail worked out and are assured that they have the money. When God gives us a command, He also provides the way for us to do it. Remember the Great Commission? "Go ye therefore and teach all nations..." (Matt. 28:19). Whether it be our local community or a foreign mission work, God will provide the resources. God told Abraham to offer his son Isaac. He took Isaac and headed for the land of Moriah (Gen. 22:2) and Isaac asked a question, "Where is the lamb for the burnt offering" (Gen 22:7)? Abraham replied, "My son, God will provide himself a lamb for the burnt offering" (Gen. 22:8). Maybe Abraham remembered the words of God, "Is any thing too hard for the Lord" (Gen. 18:14)?

Jesus told his disciples "launch out into the deep" (Luke 5:4). Peter, like us, questioned the Lord's command, but when he obeyed, they caught a great multitude of fish. When we obey, we too, will catch a great multitude of fish.

Do you suppose Moses laid awake at night wondering how "HE" was going to feed all those people? I doubt it. He trusted God. Do you?

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## FOUNDATIONS BEING LAID

We are thankful that much activity is taking place on the back section of the Forest Hill grounds. The foundations are being laid for the residence halls that will eventually house our students. **Please give generously to this worthy endeavor.**

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## SUMMER SERIES

Brother Grider will begin his annual summer series, Sunday evening, July 2. This year's theme: **"The Whole Armor of God."**

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# 666: IMPENDING DOOM, OR MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING?

Matthew Martin

A couple of weeks ago, there was a big commotion made about June 6th. What's so special about the 6th of June? On any other year there wouldn't be anything special, but because this is 2006 (thus making the date: 6/6/06 \*cue 'gasps' from uninformed readers\*), this once trivial day received an extra bit of attention.

If you ask me the whole thing is just silly. Case and point: Last week's date was not 6/6/6 (as in June six, of the year six), instead it is 6/6/06 (as in June six, of the year **two thousand** six). Despite what the fear-mongers would have you to believe, even if the end of the world coincided with the date 6/6/6, the end of the world would be about two thousand years too late.

As is the case with every other false religious idea, if people would just *read* the Bible they would have a clearer idea of what the number "six hundred sixty six" is all about. Sadly though, most (if not all) of those who would tout the end of the world, or some other "really bad" event, as relating to 666, wouldn't know where to find it in the Bible. They might know it's in the book of Revelation, but where, and in what context it is specifically found, is probably unbeknownst to them.

The phrase, "six hundred and sixty six," is found in Revelation 13:

And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

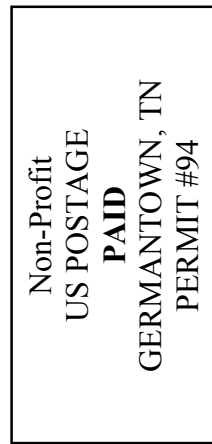
And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is **Six hundred threescore and six** (Revelation 13: 15-18).

In order to understand what the writer, John, is referring to, a few things relating to the passage must be understood.

We will notice some of these things in next week's bulletin.

To be continued...



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