



God's Minutemen

"Those who carried materials did their work with one hand and held a weapon in the other and each of the builders wore his sword at his side as he worked . . ."

(Nehemiah 4:17-18).

Nehemiah has returned from Babylon to rebuild the walls of the city of Jerusalem. First, Nehemiah rode horseback through the city surveying the situation. Then work began. The enemies *"all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and stir up trouble against it."* (Nehemiah 4:8).

Nehemiah had the people work and at the same time be ready for anything. They *"did their work with one hand and held a weapon in the other."* The wall was completed in record time, fifty-two days.

During the American Revolution there was a group of ordinary citizens who had bonded together to form an effective army. Composed of merchants, farmers, bankers, and blacksmiths, this group was known as the "Minutemen." Ready for anything, when they heard of trouble, they would drop their work, grab their muskets and head for battle. There was no rummaging around for their powder horn, wadding, and shot; nor did they need to stop and clean their guns. They were ready in a minute.

We, as Christians, should be God's minutemen, ready for action. Ready for any good work (Titus 3:1); ready for any conflict; ready for the Lord's return (Matthew 24:44). We should be ready in a minute to share our faith with others when the opportunity arises, or to encourage anyone, especially our brother, when needed. Let us never be caught off guard or unprepared!

- Charles V. Cash, Siloam Springs, AR, via *Bulletin Digest*

*"So built we the wall;
and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof:
for the people had a mind to work."*

Nehemiah 4:6

Duty makes us do things well, but love makes us do them beautifully.

News & Notes

GRADUATION PARTY: For Rebecca McClung, this afternoon, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Multipurpose Building. All are invited.

POTTERS CHILDREN'S HOME: Today is the last day for money donations or to give the following items: Ladies anti-perspirant, Rice Krispies cereal, AAA Alkaline batteries, Icing sprinkles, Bisquick. See Jerry Shultz.

ESPECIALLY REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Bob Cyphers, who will have open heart surgery this Tuesday, June 10th.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: CANCELED for the next TWO Tuesdays, June 10th & 17th. Resume Tuesday, June 24th.

WEDDING: Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Geiselman, Sr. request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Tamara Dawn to Jason Allen Sprout, Saturday, June 14, 2008 at 3:30 p.m., Chester Church of Christ. Reception to follow at the Multipurpose Building. Sign-up sheet on the desk in the foyer.

CHESTER'S VBS: June 15-18. Speakers: Sunday, a.m. - Frank Higginbotham; Sunday p.m. - Jeremy Main; Monday - Steve Smithbauer; Tuesday - Denver Cooper; Wednesday - Bob Noland. Money donations for the VBS picnic should be given to Don or Crystal Spencer.

SUMMER BIBLE CAMP: June 23-28. See Gerald Clutter if want to help with the camp.

PANTRY: Spaghetti & sauce. Please do what you can to restock the pantry so those in need can be helped.

DON'T FORGET: Remember those who have serious health concerns or need encouragement.

SICK: AT HOME: Scharlotte Cyphers, Michelle Hanlon, Dan Williams, Ruth Brewer, Bette Gentry, Bertha Seman, Kita Miller (Patty McCullough's daughter), 304 W. 4th St., Brookston, IN 47923.. Brightwell Nursing Home, Follansbee: Gary Evans. Others confined to their homes and in nursing homes are listed on the bulletin board.

SEVEN MINDS OF CHRISTIANITY

- **MIND YOUR TONGUE** - Let it not speak hastily, cruel, unkind or wicked words.
- **MIND YOUR EYES** - Do not permit them to look on wicked things.
- **MIND YOUR HANDS** - Do not let them steal, write evil or fight.
- **MIND YOUR EARS** - Do not listen to wicked speeches, songs or words.
- **MIND YOUR HEART** - Do not let the love of sin dwell in it.
- **MIND YOUR LIPS** - Speak only pure words. Do not stain them with poisons.
- **MIND YOUR FEET** - Do not let them walk in the paths of the ungodly.

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