

Capitol Baptist

CAPTIONS

Church Activities

JULY 20, 2018

- MON.-FRI., JULY 16-20
Vacation Bible School (age 4-grade 6)
6:15-8:00 PM
- FRI., JULY 27
Teen Rally (ages 13-18)
6:30-9:00 PM
- MON.-FRI., AUGUST 6-10
Youth Camp
- SAT., AUGUST 11
Men's Prayer Breakfast at 8:30 AM
- SUN.-WED., SEPTEMBER 23-26
Revival with Ron Comfort
- WED.-SUN., OCTOBER 17-21
Missions Conference

Weekly Events

SUNDAY

Early Service	8:30 AM
Sunday School	9:45 AM
Morning Service	11:00 AM
Choir Practice	4:30 PM
Missionary Prayer Time	5:30 PM
Evening Service	6:00 PM

TUESDAY

Ladies' Ministry	6:30 PM
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WEDNESDAY

Teen Meeting	6:15 PM
Bible Study & Prayer	7:00 PM

SOUL-WINNING & VISITATION

Wednesday	3:30 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM

THE INFLUENCE OF A BACKSLIDDEN BELIEVER - PART 3

Ruth 1:6-18 | Pastor T. H. Moore

We are continuing with the subject of *The Influence of a Backslidden Believer*. Influence is a powerful thing. As believers, we can either influence people for the cause of Christ, or we can influence people against the cause of Christ.

John Waller was born on December 23, 1741, in Virginia. After leaving college for financial reasons, he turned to "every species of wickedness and profanity" and quickly acquired for himself the infamous nickname "Swearing Jack." He was a bitter enemy of the Baptists in Virginia. In 1767, Waller heard the gospel and got saved. His life immediately changed. His cursing and violence immediately ended, and he began to preach the faith that he once destroyed. One day, Waller was working on his farm, and an old acquaintance that heard that Waller "found religion" rode out to see him. When he saw him in his field, he shouted, "Waller, what happened to you?" Waller responded, "I got saved," and began to give him the gospel. Waller would go on to preach as a Baptist preacher for 35 years, baptize more than 2,000 converts, ordain 27 preachers into the ministry, and start 18 churches. He spent 113 days in four different jails for his preaching in Virginia. His crime? Preaching without the consent of the state church. Waller was a powerfully positive influence for Christ in this world!

But in the case of Naomi (Ruth's mother-in-law), it was quite the opposite. When Naomi went down to Moab and experienced the death of her husband and her sons—no doubt some very traumatic things to deal with—she allowed these trials to

make her a bitter, backslidden woman. Instead of influencing others for God, she did the exact opposite. So far, we have seen:

I. The Condition of Naomi (vs. 6-7)

This week, let's consider:

II. The Persuasion of Orpah (vs. 8-15)

In verse 7, Naomi began to head back to Judah. Her daughters-in-law Ruth and Orpah started out going with her, but Naomi began to have a conversation with them. This conversation is recorded for us in verses 8-13. We read her saying to them, "Go, return each to her mother's house: the LORD deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead, and with me. The LORD grant you that ye may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband."

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Now, a person who trusts the Lord, has faith in God, and believes that God is the answer for all of mankind's problems would have encouraged Ruth and Orpah to follow the Lord and trust the Lord, but Naomi did the opposite. She persuaded them away from God. Four times in this passage, she told them to return to Moab, go back to the land of heathen gods, and find themselves a heathen husband. Now at first, both of them refused (vs. 10). But in verses 11-13, Naomi pressed even harder! "Turn again, my

daughters: why will ye go with me?" And in verse 14, Naomi finally convinced Orpah to stay. Naomi was so backslidden, that in her mind, the God of the Bible was not worth trusting, worshipping, and following. Imagine, for a moment, a child of God convincing others that the world has more to offer than God, that the world has a better deal than God, that the world will bring more satisfaction than God.

Unbelief does more damage and is more evil in a child of God than it is in an unbeliever! We read in Hebrews 3:12, "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God."

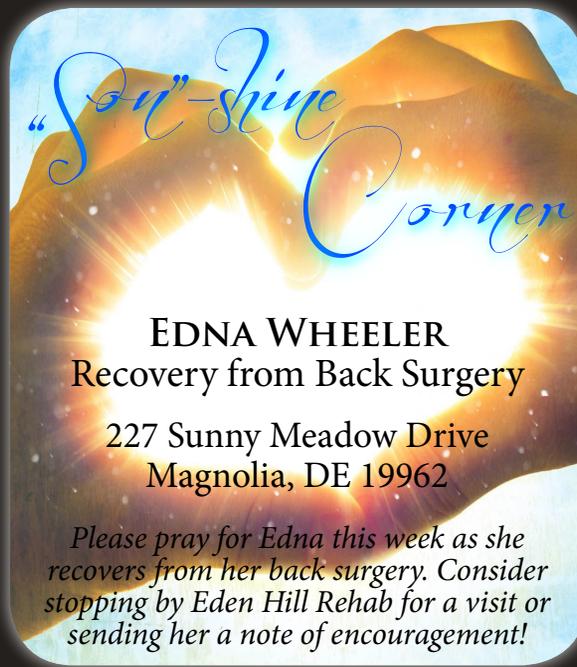
Often, when Christians are backslidden, they have the idea that they themselves are the only ones that it affects. Not so! Our spiritual condition affects unbelievers, other Christians, new Christians, our families, our churches, and even the next generation. Have you ever wondered what happened to Orpah? Her children (if she had any)? Grandchildren? It is a sobering thought to realize how our present lives and present spiritual conditions can affect future generations.

We must never forget that God has left every believer here in this world to influence others for the cause of Christ. As we read in Titus 2:10, we are to "...adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things."

Our spiritual condition is vitally important. We must work at keeping our hearts right with God because our spiritual condition will either influence people for or against the cause of Christ.

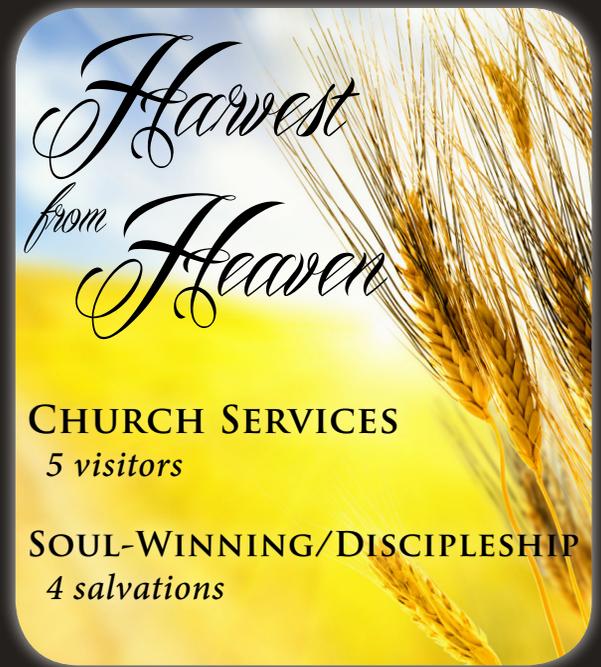
Join us in prayer for...

- EASTON BAPTIST CHURCH
- FIRST STATE BAPTIST CHURCH
- FUTURE CHURCH PLANT
- MAYFAIR PARK PROPERTY: survey, deed transfer, lot line adjustment in progress
- HVAC REPLACEMENT: phase 2 received-\$20,241; phase 2 goal-\$33,000
- PAISLEY COMBS: continued improvement, upcoming MRI and procedure
- EDGAR FAMILY: bereavement - Catherine went home to be with the Lord.
- ELIANA HASSLER: broken wrist
- FRAN HORNE: health
- DORIS HUTCHINSON: broken knee; in Pinnacle Rehab, Room 205B
- MIKE JAGER: recovery from heart procedures
- JOE KAISER: cancer-hormone treatment, radiation in September; heart problems
- RICK PETERS: recovery from stroke, rehab
- FRENCY RAMOS: healthy pregnancy
- HAROLD REECE: results from bone marrow testing
- GENEVIEVE SCHOLFIELD: recovery from shoulder surgery
- JANET SCHROER: recovery from hand surgery
- ROBIN SHARP: knee replacement surgery recovery
- EDNA WHEELER: recovery from back surgery; in Eden Hill Rehab, Room 332
- IVAN WIEST: nerve damage in back



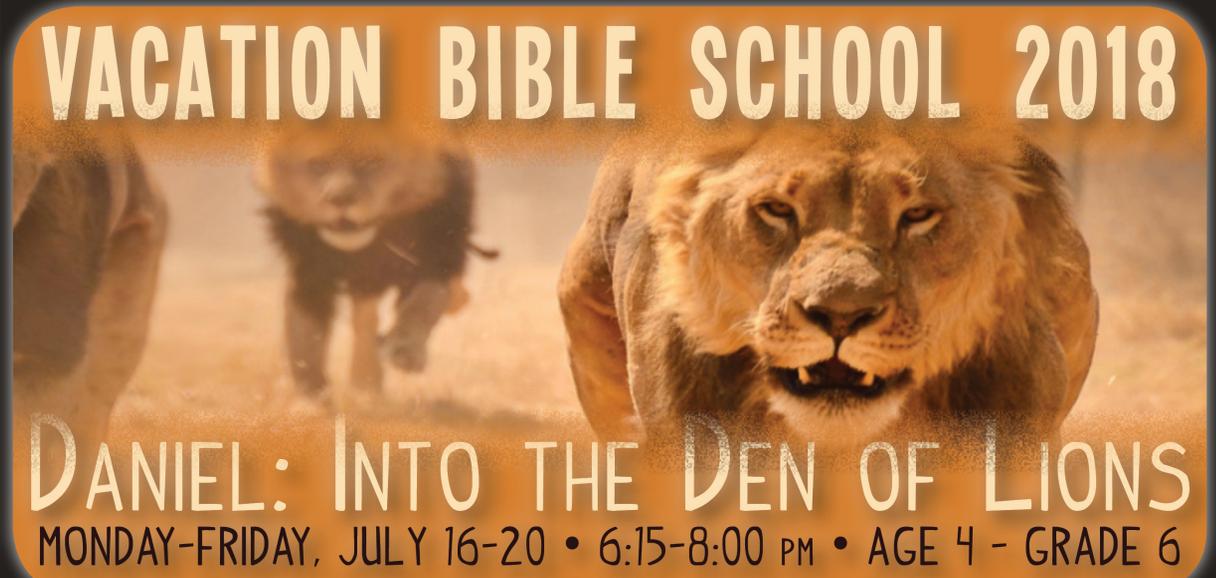
EDNA WHEELER
Recovery from Back Surgery
227 Sunny Meadow Drive
Magnolia, DE 19962

Please pray for Edna this week as she recovers from her back surgery. Consider stopping by Eden Hill Rehab for a visit or sending her a note of encouragement!



CHURCH SERVICES
5 visitors

SOUL-WINNING/DISCIPLISHIP
4 salvations



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018

DANIEL: INTO THE DEN OF LIONS
MONDAY-FRIDAY, JULY 16-20 • 6:15-8:00 PM • AGE 4 - GRADE 6

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From the Mission Field

DAVID & KELLY OWENS - GUYANA

July-August 2018

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

I would like to say thank you again to the churches and individuals who have given to help with the cost of replacing our bus. Since our last letter, several churches have sent money to help with this need. The remainder needed continues to decrease with only \$6,000 left. Please continue to pray for this need.

Recently, the Martel family from Heritage Baptist Church in Martinsburg, PA came to spend some time with us. The family was such a blessing and we enjoyed the time of fellowship. Our families really enjoyed soul winning together and saw 134 people trust Christ. It was so good to see a family with young people who enjoyed and wanted to go soul winning. Bro. Martel preached in both churches while he was here and his family sang during each service.

While visiting the church in Bush Lot for our Father's Day service, Divendra trusted Christ. On Monday, I went to visit him, and during that visit his wife Marcey trusted Christ. They both realized they should get baptized and promised to come and do it Wednesday night. On Wednesday, they both came, and as I shook their hands I noticed that Divendra felt extremely hot. He began to shiver when I turned the church fans on. I asked if he was alright, and his wife told me he had malaria. I was blessed that, even while burning up with fever from malaria, he still came to church and still wanted to be baptized. Please pray for this young family as they grow in Christ.

In the past two months, the ministries of Bible Baptist Church and Adventure Baptist Church have seen 194 salvations. Please pray for our upcoming Vacation Bible School. Continue to pray for the churches here in Guyana, for strong, faithful men and the remaining funds needed for the bus.

Excerpt from May-June 2018:

I would like to tell you about a man named Albert. Albert lives with a lady who faithfully attends the church in Adventure. In the past, Albert has never had any interest in anything that has to do with church or the Lord. Whenever I would visit, he would not talk to me or even acknowledge that I was there. Recently, Albert was in the hospital for a couple days, and a few weeks after going home, he requested that I come and visit him. When I went to Albert's home, he was very kind and invited me in. We sat and talked for a while, and before I left, he trusted Christ and promised to come to church. When those at church heard he had gotten saved, they were shocked, and many did not believe Albert would actually end up coming. It was several weeks before he came. When he came, he also got baptized. Pray that he would continue to attend church and have an interest in the Lord.

Because He Lives,
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