

# NSD Notes

*For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. (1 Cor. 9:19)*  
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### Services

- Bible Study ..... 10 a.m.
- Morning Service.....11 a.m.
- Evening Service.....6 p.m.
- Wednesday Meeting.....7 p.m.

### News @ NSD

## WELCOME VISITORS!

#### REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

#### Members who are Travelling

- **Matt Wells** has been travelling for work in Florida.

#### Ailing Members & Friends

- **Dema Franklin** –neck surgery scheduled for tomorrow.
- **Martha Holloway** – recurring back and heart problem.
- **Jeanne Lynne** - undergoing chemotherapy treatment.
- **Chuck Holloway** (Ken’s brother) and **Benjamin Hoskins** (Daniel’s Dad).

#### Military Members

- **Ernest Peoples** – we received word that he is in Kuwait.

This week’s memory verse is on the back page. Next memory verse is 1 Peter 2:1-2.

**Reminder:** Ladies Bible Study is tomorrow, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

## A REASON TO CHEER

**David A. Sargent**

It was a mild October afternoon in 1982 and Badger Stadium in Madison, Wisconsin was packed. Over 60,000 die-hard University of Wisconsin fans were watching their beloved football team take a beating by Michigan State. What seemed odd was that as the score became more and more lopsided, bursts of cheers and applause kept being heard in the stands. It was only natural that some people began to wonder who these strange people were who were cheering while their team was being pummeled.

As it turns out, seventy miles away from Badger stadium the Milwaukee Brewers were beating the St. Louis Cardinals in game three of the World Series. Many of the Badger fans in the stands were listening to portable radios and responding to something else besides what was happening right in front of their eyes.

As we consider some glaring problems in the world today – political unrest, a struggling economy, war, and the like – we may find it difficult to find something for which we can cheer. Yet, there IS something else upon which we can place our focus that gives us reason to rejoice.

In the middle of the 1<sup>st</sup> century, there was a group of people that lived in the area known as Asia Minor that suffered a lot of grief in the midst of all kinds of trials. But even though they lived in difficult circumstances, they were “filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy.”

These people were Christians....and even though they suffered from intense persecution, they rejoiced because they could look forward “to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away” that was “reserved in heaven” for them (1 Peter 1:3-9). This hope for “better days ahead” and eternal life in heaven gave

#### **1 Peter 1:3-9**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a **living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are kept by the power of God **through faith** for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup> that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be **found to praise, honor, and glory** at the revelation of Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup> whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, **you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,** <sup>9</sup> receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.

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All are welcome to our worship  
and study meetings!

... singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with  
thankfulness in your hearts to God. **Col 3:16**

LORD, You have searched me and  
known me. You know my sitting down  
and my rising up; You understand my  
thought afar off.

You comprehend my path and my lying  
down, and are acquainted with all my  
ways.

For there is not a word on my tongue, but  
behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.  
You have hedged me behind and  
before, and laid Your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
It is high, I cannot attain it.

**Psalm 139:1-6**

I can find safety with Christ who  
strengthens me. *(repeat 2 x)*  
Yes I can, I can, I can!

I can have peace with Christ who  
strengthens me. *(repeat 2 x)*  
Yes I can, I can, I can!

I can show courage with Christ who  
strengthens me. *(repeat 2 x)*  
Yes I can, I can, I can!

I can do all things through Christ who  
strengthens me. *(repeat 2 x)*  
Yes I can, I can, I can!

**Marilyn Woolf**

## [A Reason to Cheer]

them strength – and joy! – for the present.

We also have this hope through Christ. Peter wrote to those suffering-yet-rejoicing Christians: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (**1 Peter 1:3**).

Jesus provided the basis of our hope when He died on the cross for our sins (Eph 1:7) and rose again for our justification (Rom 4:25).

As we look around, we may not find much about which to cheer. But if we'll LOOK UP to God in an obedient faith, we can have EVERYTHING for which to look forward with tremendous JOY!

Have YOU been born again to that living hope?

*Excerpted from Living Water, February 12, 2009*

## KIDS' VIEW OF LOVE

- ♥ "I'm in favor of love so long as it doesn't happen when Dinosaurus is on TV" - Jill, Age 6
- ♥ "Love is dumb but I still might try it sometime" - Floyd, Age 9
- ♥ "Love will find you even if you are trying to hide from it" - Dave, Age 8
- ♥ "Lovers hold hands 'cause they don't want their rings to fall off because they paid good money for them" - Gavin, Age 8

### **This Week's Memory Verse: Psalm 19:7-9**

The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul. The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart. The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever. The judgments of the LORD are true; they are righteous altogether.

**ELDERS:** Dan Austin, Robyn E. Hamilton

**DEACON:** Matt Wells

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