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Brother Brad's Box...

Dear friends,

When you read our last newsletter just two months ago, I was writing about all the rains and storms we had been experiencing. Well, doesn't God have a sense of humor?! To say it has been oppressively hot and dry lately would be an understatement.

Air conditioning systems are struggling to keep us half-way comfortable. Specifically, as I write this, yesterday's temperature was one hundred one with a heat index of one hundred fourteen! We gripe, we complain, we sweat, and we try to keep cool. Yet, just mere short months from now, we will be fussing about how cold and windy it is.

Are we ever satisfied?

An old hymn written by B.B. McKinney entitled "Satisfied With Jesus" gives the following words –

1. *I am satisfied with Jesus, He has done so much for me: He has suffered to redeem me, He has died to set me free.*
2. *He is with me in my trials, Best of friends of all is He; I can always count on Jesus, Can He always count on me?*
3. *I can hear the voice of Jesus, Calling out so pleadingly, "Go and win the lost and straying"; Is He satisfied with me?*
4. *When my work on earth is ended, And I cross the mystic sea, Oh, that I could hear Him saying, "I am satisfied with thee."*

And then the chorus goes like this -- *I am satisfied, I am satisfied, I am satisfied with Jesus, But the question comes to me, As I think of Calvary, Is my Master satisfied with me?*

We fuss about the weather, we fuss about the traffic, we fuss about the kids or grandkids, we fuss about each other, and we fuss if we run out of things to fuss about. I wonder if God just looks at us and shakes His head in wonder. For we experience nothing on this earth like the horrific things He went through for us. We have no right to gripe!

Yes, I'm satisfied with Jesus. I have every reason to be. But is He satisfied with me? Does He "fuss" because I'm as fickle as the weather (which, by the way, He controls!!), or does He have to wonder what in the world I'm up to now?

As Christians who are called to be about the Father's business, let's do just that. If we can just focus our lives, our plans, our calendars on the things that please Him, we might just find less time to be fussing about the other stuff around us!

Thank you to those of you who made the effort to participate in our recent Ladies Brunch (hosted at Siloam) and Sunday School encouragement (hosted at Christian Valley). You truly have no idea what a blessing you miss by not attending. Let me encourage you to make our Association calendar part of your church and personal calendars for the coming months. The new church year begins September 1. What better time could there be to step into a role of leadership – or even into a role of follow-ship where perhaps you've not been?

My prayer is always that He will be satisfied with me. Might I suggest that you ask the same question. "Is my Master satisfied with me?"

Thank you, especially, to you church clerks who will be putting in extra time and effort in the next few weeks to finalize your church-year-end numbers and information that is needed for our record keeping. For your faithful service in what is sometimes a thankless position, we are grateful.

--Brad

Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

- 11 Pastors Fellowship, 10:30 a.m., BBA Office
- 24 Praise Night, 5:30 p.m., Christian Valley

OCTOBER

- 9 Pastors Fellowship, 10:30 a.m., BBA Office
- 17 172nd Annual Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Cuba

NOVEMBER

- 6 Pastors Fellowship, 10:30 a.m., BBA Office

DECEMBER

- 4 Pastors Fellowship, 10:30 a.m., BBA Office

PRAISE NIGHT

Sunday, September 24—5:30 pm

Christian Valley Baptist Church

Fellowship Meal after the program!



CHURCH CLERKS

ACP's were mailed today.
So be on the lookout for yours.
Deadline date is September 18.



172nd Annual Meeting

Tuesday, October 17

Cuba Baptist Church

Rev. Mike Mckee will bring the message.
Light refreshments will be served afterwards.