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Dear Joseph,

I was privileged to do our Senior Sunday School this past week. Pastor Carringer did the am Worship Service. Immediately following we had a baptism and three people joined our Buford Grove Baptist Church family.

The evening service went well. After Pastor Carringer's preaching … decisions were made and we had another baptism.

Monday was a very busy day. Afterwards, brother Mike and I made our Monday food run. I worked in my office. Pastor Carringer called me and asked me if I could go visit our dear brother Eddie Connor in the hospital. Brother Eddie put a lot of hours of service in at Buford Grove Baptist Church. He is undergoing some major issues. If God brings him to your mind, would you please pray for him?

Monday evening, several men gathered to help build booths and set up for our "Fall Festival," which will be this Saturday night the 31st.

Tuesday was a catch-up day in my office. I always enjoy trying to take care of things that I have had to let go of other responsibilities.

Wednesday was another good day in my office. Our Wednesday night prayer service was excellent as always.

Thursday was another nice office day and I accomplished a lot. Thursday evening,

we finish setting up for the “Fall Festival “.

Pastor Mike Pruitte has been taking his wife to the doctor and treatments on various days. He took her on Thursday of this week, and we made our regular Food Bank run on Friday. Please continue to keep Mike and Raye in your prayers.

Friday evening I went with Pastor Mike Pruitte, where he preached a funeral in Callahan Florida. At the funeral, three people asked Jesus Christ to come into their heart and be their Lord and Savior. What a blessing!

I’m trying to finish the “Saturday Eve Barna Post” up early because we will be preparing for our “Fall Festival” tonight.

Have A Wonderful week 😊

Let us continue to pray 🙏 one for another.



Pastor Carringer Doing One of His Favorite Things



Pastor Carringer Welcoming Three New Members to the Buford Grove Baptist Church Family



Our Master’s Club Continues to Grow



Pastor Mike Pruitte Speaking at a Funeral



“Thoughts To Ponder”

“INSTANT OBEDIENCE”

Acts 9:3-5 … And as he (Saul) journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, “Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, WHAT WILL THOU HAVE ME TO DO? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

I had the privilege of watching a sheep dog work in 1989.

The sheepdog is an amazing animal and he loves doing what he does best. When In the field with sheep… He Intensely moves, back-and-forth behind the sheep until they are all moving toward the Shepherd. But if something goes wrong … and some of the sheep are getting agitated, rebelling against the constant pressure. The shepherd notices … and In a firm voice, he commands …” Lie Down!” … the dog drops immediately. This is contrary to his instincts … but this is what he has been trained to do. The dog holds perfectly still, his eyes focused on the Shepherd, awaiting the next command. The sheep relax … and some start grazing. The shepherd‘s next command “Walk Up” has the dog bringing the sheep toward him.

The command … “Lie Down” … is very important in handling a sheepdog in the lie down mode … the dog ceases all activity and waits for direction from his master. He is in complete obedience, ready to change or to continue at his master’s command.

In Acts 9, Saul … (later known as Paul) was stopped in his tracks by a command equal to “Lie Down!” Notice Saul’s response: “Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? He willingly made some major changes in his pathway of life.

God sometimes uses sickness, injury, death, or other events as a “Lie Down” call when we need to stop … listen … and maybe even wait for our MASTER’S command. How is our relationship with our Lord and Master? What about our family? Christian parents operating in godly order. bring blessings and rest to their home. If we find our home, lacking, sometimes we may need to “Lie Down” and consider, asking our Master for direction as Paul did. Remember, there are things more important than dollars and what the world has to offer.

Like a sheepdog, we may be so intent on doing things our way … that our Lord needs to stop us in our tracks.

The Bible says: … Be still and know that I am God: (Psalm 46:10a). We need to be still and wait on the MASTER’S command.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

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