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UPCOMING SERMONS

SUNDAY AM

Jan. 20	Perfection
Jan. 27	Sin
Feb. 3	The price being paid to save souls
Feb. 10	We win!

SUNDAY PM

Jan. 20	Instrumental music? (#401)
Jan. 27	The Lord's Supper (#402)

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Sundays: 11 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 6 p.m.

Services:

Sunday

Bible Classes: 10 a.m.

Worship Assembly: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes: 7 p.m.

January 20, 2013

To our visitors, we want you to know that we are honored by your being with us today. We welcome any questions you may have. All materials that you see are free of charge and if there is any other information you would like, we will be happy to provide it.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Pardon, Pete Darling, Rusty Darling, Phyllis Darling, Raymond Heinz, Teresa Heinz, James Bush, Carolyn Jensen, Margaret Coats, Doug McArthur, Cheryl Akers, Kathy Briggs, Robert Van Alstine, Jo Matheny, Jim Loper, Jewel Warfield, Ed Warfield, Bill Arnold, Marilyn Smith, Carol Wilson, Lillian's brother, Tom's mother

READING OF SCRIPTURE:

AM: Rev. 3:1-3 **PM:** Acts 20:5-7

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Jan. 20 – Potluck, Business meeting
Jan. 27 – Singing at 5 p.m.
Upcoming Events:
March 29 – Seminar at Webberville
June 28 – Seminar at Webberville
July 29 – Aug. 3 – Ingham County Fair Booth
Sept. 27 – Seminar at Webberville
Dec. 27 – Seminar at Webberville

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NOTWITHSTANDING

Charles Coats

“in spite of” or “in spite of the fact that” are the English definitions of the word “notwithstanding”. In the Greek, it is used as a conjunction that can mean “but”. It is a word of contrasts. We normally use this word in a way that shows that despite the fact that something did not happen or work out, it still turned out O.K.

In 2 Tim. 4:17, we find our word “notwithstanding” at the beginning of this verse. In the previous verse, Paul talks about his first trial – all had forsaken him. But in

spite of that, God stood with him and strengthened him. Although alone from a worldly standpoint, Paul was not alone in the way it really mattered.

It was Paul who penned the statement, if God be for us who can be against us in Rom. 8:31. He knew that with God on his side, he would always win. Things may look bleak, but he held his confidence in God.

The Hebrews' writer taught us that God will never leave us nor forsake us (Heb. 13:5). The situation may be terrible and even seem hopeless, but God is always there beside us. Jesus promised to be with us even to the end of the world (Matt. 28:20).

Jesus taught us to not let our hearts be troubled nor let them be afraid (Jn. 14:27). For help, we turn to the one who can give us comfort (Matt. 11:28).

When our families let us down, notwithstanding God is at our side (Heb. 10:23).

When our friends disappoint us, notwithstanding God is still there for us (1Cor. 1:9).

When our co-workers are so wicked and it is difficult to be faithful, notwithstanding God gives us the strength to endure (Phil. 4:6,7).

When the economy is bad and times are tough, notwithstanding God provides the things we really need (Phil. 4:19).

When the church lets us down and makes it difficult for us to do the will of God, notwithstanding God upholds our hands and encourages us in the work (1 Cor. 15:58; 2 Jn. 8).

When all around seems hopeless and no one seems to stand for the truth; when life seems not worth living, and times are very tough, remember that we are not in this alone and while no man may care for our souls, notwithstanding God is alive and he cares.

“The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy” (Psa. 145:8).