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UPCOMING SERMONS

SUNDAY AM

Oct. 27	What is the church? (2)
Nov. 3	Drugs
Nov. 10	Alcohol and tobacco
Nov. 17	Dancing
Nov. 24	I missed it by that much

SUNDAY PM

Oct. 27	Good intentions (441)
Nov. 3	Eat, drink, and be merry (442)
Nov. 10	Tomorrow may never come (443)
Nov. 17	I can (444)
Nov. 24	Respect for authority (445)

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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.

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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

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READING OF SCRIPTURE:

AM: Acts 20:28-30

PM: Acts 26:9-11

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Oct. 27 – Singing at 5 p.m.

Nov. 17 – Potluck, Soldier's packages, Business meeting

Nov. 24 – Singing at 5 p.m.

Dec. 27 – Seminar at Webberville (Scott Klaft – “What are we coming to? – A study of Heb. 11,12”)

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THE “PROBLEMS” MANY WOULD HAVE WITH ACTS

20:5-11

Charles Coats

Sometimes, when I am studying a section of scripture, I imagine what it would be like today if the same situation were present now. How would people react today if something we read in the Bible were to happen to us or around us?

One such event recorded for us is Paul's work with the church at Troas as recorded in Acts 20:5-11. Paul preached at Troas, a man fell out of a window and died, Paul restored this man's life, and Paul preached until daybreak. After thinking about if this were to happen in our services today, I put together the following “problems” I believe some would have with this.

1. Paul preached until midnight (vs. 7). A preacher I knew back years ago used to say that he had the only job in

which he only had to work 30 minutes a week and the brethren thought that was too long. Oh, how many brethren today would be getting all upset with Paul once the hour became later and later and he did not seem to be stopping! How dare he cut into their eating, sleeping, and recreation time?

2. A man died and it still did not break up the service (vss. 8,9). How could Paul dare to be so insensitive? Even though the man was brought back to life, today we would have to put a committee together to address the unsafe conditions of the meeting place. What was this person doing sitting in the window? Who was in control of the heat in the place? We live in a world where people are traumatized by every event and believe they should be expected to be unable to continue doing normal things. Yet, Paul restored the life of the man and then went back to preaching. What was he thinking? Did he really think we should continue worshipping God and studying his word when such a tragedy had happened?
3. Paul continued to preach to the break of day (vs. 11). Again, far too many modern day Christians would be appalled by such an action. How could Paul be so unconcerned that Sunday was these people's only day off and he would dare to spend so much time preaching? Didn't he care about the little children present and the mothers with babies? Many today would have “more important” things to do and leave the services.

Is it not sad that the brethren at Troas welcomed the time spent in listening to God's word, and so many today are upset when the preacher goes too long? If Paul were around to preach in many congregations today, he would probably be fired quickly because he preached way too long. Strange, but true, brethren will sit for hours at a sporting event in all kinds of weather but complain when they are expected to give more time to God. What a sad commentary on the faithfulness of far too many!