

**SURPRISE VALLEY YOUTH
CAMP
GROCERY LIST**

Cereal

1-Trix

Pop-Case of 12

1-Diet Orange
1-Diet Grape
1-Dawn Dish Detergent
1-Paper Towels

Styrofoam Items

1-Package 8oz Cups
1-Package 12oz Cups
1-Package Dinner Plates
1-Package Dessert Plates
1-Package Cereal and Salad Bowls

Please have items at the building by July 17, 2011.



Patty Beckett 07/05
Sheila Gates 07/07
Rose Reese 07/07
Cristie West 07/07
Kenneth Dunn 07/09



*Ed & Marylou
Thomas 07/05*



Phyllis Davis and Nancy Tilley would like to express their sincere gratitude for the food, flowers and all you did for them during the loss of their sister Sandy.

Prayer List: **Cancer:** Kenneth Dunn; Allen Mooney; Rhonda Bogus; Rick Campbell; Debbie Boggs; Johnnie Blaylock Lewis Blaylock; Lowell Crumfield & Barbara Hill and; Tammy Hodges Don Hill. **Health Problems:** Virgil & Emma Steele; Donald Rife; Eugene Holdren; Patricia Rotenbury; Steve and Pam Poorman's-daughter; Glenna Dempsey; Marlin Harles; Hazel Farr & JR Farr; Roy & N. Compton; Jean Walden; Sonya Radford; Shirley Coburn; Kara Christian; Gary Durham; Arnold Dempsey; Ken McWilliams; Gene Booth; Wanda Rowe; Diane Haleston; Billy Myers; Zack Holland; Mini Mills; Calvin O'Donnell; David Burton. **Strokes:** Richard Clement; Amanda Lance. **Other:** Rex "Jimmy" Backus heart and lung problem; Tony & Robin Hodges-personal problems; Dosie Branscome-Heart problems; Brandon Grove-back broken; Katie Hensley arthritis; Larry Scott-health problems; Shelby Lindsey-fibromyalgia; Beth Kosinar-baby was born at 25 weeks—needs intestinal surgery; Madsion Pennington-temp fluctuation. Don Davis-back problems Junior Taylor-pace maker; Billy Darlene Myers-health problem; Kenny Asbury- symptom of Parkinson's Disease and problems with his neck Kyle Hockenberry-stepped on a land mine and lost both legs above the knee, one arm, broken back and broken arm. Barbara Francis-Colon Cancer. Susan Burdette's son Jeff Wiley Hamilton has cancer. **Alzheimer's:** Zella England; Mary Lou Thomas, & Leo Hamby. **Nursing home:** Peggy Barie is in the Loving Hands Adult Care; Ethel Pitzer- Country View Assisted Living; **Military:** Zachary McConnell.



Mark your calendar: Vacation Bible School July 27-29, 2011; Mini-Gospel Meeting

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Bible Study: 6:PM
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PUTTING YOUR HAND TO THE PLOW
By Dennis Curd



One of my favorite verses is Jesus' statement contained in the title above. It is as follows: "No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62). It is often cited to illustrate the need to press on and not look back. Truly that seems to be the main point Jesus is making. The context is that one must count the cost and not let anything stop the forward progress (cf. Luke 9: 57ff). Paul taught the same thing when he described pressing on to perfection (Phil 3:13,14). There is no doubt that need motivated this statement.

However, there is another point that is just as valid. Jesus started with saying, "Having put his hand to the plow." He is describing the starting portion of the effort. The plow, to use the full analogy, is a tool. Historically it changed agriculture in a way that's hard for many to understand. We have tractors and tillers that do that work mechanically, so the idea of walking behind a plow pulled by a horse or ox is almost unknown.

behind a plow pulled by a horse or ox is almost unknown. You may have done so, or had grandparents who did so, so the image isn't totally lost. But what is lost to some is the challenge that simply putting one's hand to the plow represents. It's like anything difficult. The hardest thing is getting started. That's why most people procrastinate. We don't want to start the hard or unpleasant tasks. We seem to think it will go away or get easier if we wait. Putting one's hand on something refers to the decision to take up the task.

I can only envision what it would have been like to have huge fields to plow with an iron plow and a horse. To wake up early knowing that for many days all one would see was the back end of a horse and a plow turning earth row after row, hour after hour! Also, knowing it isn't optional. It isn't a home garden one is working, but rather the field being plowed represents the difference between eating and starving. Such mundane appearing actions are truly heroic. It teaches the great courage it takes to put one's hand to any plow.

Spiritually speaking the same is true. To put one's hand to the plow takes great courage and conviction. To begin one's walk with Christ is a decision to plow the field to its completion. That's obvious by Jesus' warning not to look back. But starting isn't finishing. Many who start don't ever get done. Our challenge is clear. Get started, don't stop, and don't look back. In the harvest we can rest on a job well done. May we have the wisdom to recognize the field that needs

plowing and the courage to put our hands to the task.

When the Bill Comes Due

by Brad Price



Do you own a cell phone? Do you think your monthly bill is high? The amount you pay is surely far less than the bill received by Bob and Mary

St. Germain. This couple received a bill of nearly \$18,000 from Verizon Wireless back in 2006 and it was not a mistake. The St. Germain's son believed he had free data downloads and used at least 816,000 plus kilobytes which led to the nearly \$20,000 bill.

Although an \$18,000 cell bill is hard to imagine, it is insignificant when compared to the problem of sin. God says sin separates man from his Maker (Isaiah 59:1-2). God also says the valuable things in life--items such as "silver and gold"--cannot pay the debt for sin (1 Peter 1:18).

If we are old enough to be accountable for our actions, we have been stained by sin (Romans 3:10, 23) and we need the "the lamb of God" who "takes away the sin of the world" (John. 1:29, ASV).

If we have not been "loosed" from our sins by the "blood" of the lamb (Revelation 1:5), here is what we need to do:

* Have faith; we cannot please God without faith (Hebrews 11:6).

* Decide to repent (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30).

* We must confess that Jesus is the Son of God (1 Timothy 6:12; Acts 8:36-38).

* We must find someone to baptize (immerse) us into the body of Christ (Galatians 3:27) for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16).

This body is designated as the "Churches of Christ" (Romans 16:16). Christ has paid our sin debt (Romans 5:6-9), so let us submit to him today.



Tribute to Malinda Sue Neely

April 26, 1954-

June 24, 2011

PRINCETON — Malinda Sue Neely, 55, of the Old Athens Road, Princeton, passed away on Friday, June 24, 2011 at Princeton Community Hospital. Born on April 26, 1954 in Princeton, she was the daughter of the late Carl and Lola Linkous Dennis. She was the office manager at Trion Construction for many years and was a member of the Advent Christian Church. Malinda was the last surviving member of her immediate family. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Carl "Jackie" Dennis and Ernest "Darrell" Dennis Sr.; one sister, Ann Craghead; her father-in-law, Roy L. Neely; her niece, Michelle L. Dennis; and her nephew, Ernest "D.D." Dennis Jr.

Survivors include her husband of 34 years, Roy "Gene" Neely; one son, Brandon E. Neely of Princeton; mother-in-law, Crystal M. Neely of Princeton; the light of her life, her

granddaughter, Layla J. Hicks of Princeton whom she dearly loved; one niece, Leshia Constantino; one nephew, Michael Craghead; special caregivers, Sherry West, Tammy Williams, Brenda Barr and Tina Harris.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, June 28, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. from the Burns Wornal Chapel of the Memorial Funeral Directory on the Athens Road in Princeton with the Reverend Orville Harvey officiating. Burial will follow in the Rocky Mount Cemetery at Pipestem. Family and friends will serve as pallbearers. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Monday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Online condolences may sent to the family by visiting www.memorialfd.com

She was a relative of Hazel, Darlene and Roger. We want the family to know they are in our hearts and prayers.



The men have decided to start an Activity Fund Checking Account. This fund will be used to finance different activities like our Ladies Day, Christmas baskets and etc. We are asking those that are able to contribute to this fund to do so beyond their regular contribution.

You will find money envelopes out on the foyer table in a box. Please put your money or checks in the envelopes and put it in the contribution plate when it is passed around on Sunday. The money that was given to Cathy Durham has been deposited in this account. The account balance is \$1,669.68.