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**Come and see.**

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# Valley Tidings

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## GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER

Those of us who make up the Valley Station Church of Christ would very much like to get better acquainted with those who live here in our neighborhood. This is the only reason we continue sending you Valley Tidings. It is our way of coming to your house without being bothersome. We all hope you read this little paper from time to time and that it might encourage you to let us know you better.



One of the great tragedies of our time is that most of us are strangers to each other. Think about it — do you really know your neighbors? How many good acquaintances do you actually have that live near you? I confess I don't know all the people who live within shouting distance of my house. I wish I did. I need to change that.

The month of November is now upon us and we, at Valley Station hope to make this month a "Get Acquainted Month." You and your family are cordially invited just to come and see what kind of people make up this small local church. We are not trying to "proselyte" anyone — just hope you might have a little bit of curiosity and will accept this chance to let us meet you and yours.

Being part of a local church is a good thing — it give us the opportunity to join good people and worship the good Lord together. It gives parents an outlet to have youngsters exposed to good Bible lessons in our Sunday school classes. We can guarantee you that your visit with us will not be used to harass or bother you. Just come and enjoy the time spent in study and worship.

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# You Can Argue With a Barometer But Can You Win?

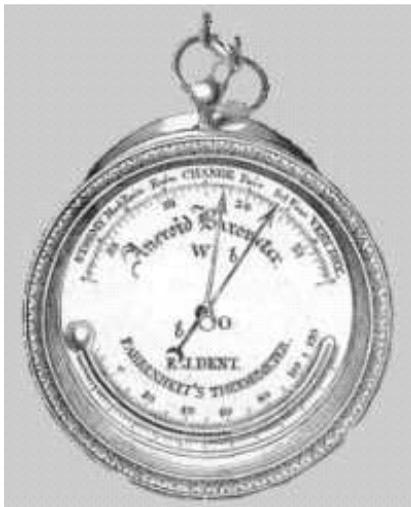
Who can forget the raging hurricanes that devastated the gulf coast recently? Did you happen to see the story of the man who purchased an expensive barometer through the mail? It didn't look just right to him. The pointer was way over to one side. He shook it, but still it wouldn't act normally. In disgust he wrote a hot letter to the manufacturer and sent the barometer back.

Then the hurricane hit. The storm flooded the area. It left some dead and thousands homeless. One of those most surprised was the fellow who returned the barometer because the pointer was not where he wanted it to be. Sadly he was one of the fatalities of the storm. All of a sudden he realized he had plenty of warning and could have saved his life – but he didn't.

The Bible warns us of something far more treacherous than a hurricane. Peter wrote of those who wrest or distort the Scriptures to their own destruction. He concluded, "Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness" (2 Peter 3:16-17).

Paul writes that the Lord will return "In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; when he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day" (2 Thess. 1:7-10). I don't know about you but that frightens me. It makes me want to re-examine myself and fix what needs fixing to be ready for the Lord's return.

Bending the pointer on a barometer that tells you a storm is coming is foolish. If your alarm goes off at 7 a.m. you can throw the thing against the wall and smash it – but it is still 7 a.m. We can ignore our responsibility toward God; we can twist his word around to fit our personal likes and dislikes, but that doesn't change the word of God. The safe rule to follow in Bible study is to understand that the word says what it



means and means what it says. Some of us are like the ostrich and bury our heads in the sand. Just ignore the oncoming danger and pretend it isn't there. That makes no sense at all when it comes to physical matters. It makes even less sense to ignore plain Bible teaching by acting like it doesn't mean what it says.

Jesus gave the great commission and it applies to every human being that ever set foot on this planet. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." (Mark 16:15-16). I've heard some very good preaches try to explain this simple statement away and deny the very thing Jesus said He requires for salvation. It is like arguing with a barometer. Sinners have to believe and be baptized to be saved.

Nobody is wise who ignores anything God says to us in His holy and verbally inspired word. We can spurn all thought of the judgment day but that is not going to keep it from happening. We will all appear before him in judgment and He will examine us by the word of truth. "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day" (John 12:48)

It is really foolish to ignore a storm warning, isn't it?

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We learn wisdom from failure much more than from success. We often discover what will do by finding out what will not do; and probably he who never made a mistake never made a discovery. -Samuel Smiles



A good name is better than a good ointment, And the day of one's death is better than the day of one's birth.  
Ecclesiastes 7:1

