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Wednesday Evening Announce/Prayer Song Leader Devotional MPR Security Building Lockup	September 20th Justin Lohden Jared McGuire Dayton Depp Derek Depp Darrell Dubree	September 27th Robert Warren Clint Harbison Rick Wheat Derek Johnson Dave Steeves	Light of the World WNKY-NBC TV Sundays 6:30 & 10:00 AM With Hiram & Neal Or: WVBS Online				

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NEAL AT THE CROSS

Satan's Schemes Neal Pollard

Paul makes an interesting statement while addressing the successful effort the Corinthian church made in disciplining an erring brother along with the successful outcome of his having repented. He urges them to show him love, comfort, and forgiveness. The bottom line Paul gives for the urgency of their obedience is "so that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes" (2 Cor. 2:11). Back in the first letter, the church's attitude and actions regarding a brother needing discipline was horrible, and Paul commanded them to act (1 Cor. 5). Here, they have acted and their efforts worked. They were in a prime position to grow and thrive. Yet, Paul reminds them of Satan's motivation (to take advantage of us) and means (his schemes).

But, when does Satan like to try and employ his schemes and take advantage of us? When we aren't being sober and vigilant (1 Pet. 5:8). When we aren't focused on resisting him (Jas. 4:7). When we aren't standing firm in the Lord or against his schemes (Eph. 6:10ff). When we aren't exercising self-control (1 Cor. 7:5). If you study more closely those contexts and others that mention Satan, you will see that he would like to take advantage of us in good times and bad times. He may be at work through the willing choices, words, and actions of people who unwittingly aid his cause through their sins.

When might he seek to employ his schemes?

- When new elders are appointed
- During building programs
- As numbers swell through baptisms and families placing membership
- When preachers come and go
- In a flurry of exciting activities
- In the heart of some church problem or struggle
- At the center of some personality struggle or conflict within the congregation
- Through some controversial doctrinal, moral, or even cultural issue
- When brethren put politics, race, or another issue of lesser importance over Christ and His church

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Obviously, there are many more examples. The point is that Satan would love to use the good times or bad times we experience as a church to undermine and harm the work of the Lord. That should not make us paranoid, so paralyzed by fear that we refuse to act, or petrified to make needed changes. It does mean that we must not be ignorant of the fact that he doesn't want the church to grow or move forward, and he will do what he can to stop it. What is so exciting is that he stands no chance against God. James says, "Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you" (4:7). Let us never be afraid to "dare and do" for God. We can do great things for Him and keep an eye out for the devil's schemes.

Lies the Devil Wants You to Believe

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VII	life is	there	(2 Cor. 4:1	16-18)	
PM Seri	mon: Truths Go	d Wants You to	Accept (Hiram k	(emp)	

Remember in Prayer

Wannetta Ard is scheduled for heart surgery on September 27th.

Tom Evans is at home recovering from surgery.

Bryce Johnson had successful knee surgery last Monday.

Shirley Mills will have heart surgery on September 29th.

Linda Tillman, Shedona's mom, is in serious condition in Louisiana.

Randy Davis is in serious condition in FL. He is the son in law of Beverly Childress.

Beverly Dunning Jenny Gott (Greenwood Rehab) Charlie and Ann Wolfe Joyce Ennis (with her daughter)

Delford Johnson (Ann Judy Wheat (Rick's mom)

Keown & Derek's dad) Laverne Furlong Edith Riley Lee Swetmon Devin Garrett (chemo) Leroy Johnson

Gail Duley (chemo) Linda Tillman (Shedona's mom)

Georgia Hudson Mae Nell Dickerson (Cal Turner Rehab) Helen Vanzant Margaret Breedlove (Signature Healthcare)

Irvin Abney (Massey Springs) Mary Lois Hughes James & Barbara Jones Nicks Daniel James Tabor Pat Hodges

Jan Painter Virginia Darmondy (Arcadia)

Jean Simmons (Arcadia)

Announcements and Events

Responses: Leigha McKay and David Eubank on September 10, 2023

- Sign up sheets for the Family Retreat and CYC are posted on the MPR bulletin board.
- The SOKY Teen Retreat will be on October 27-28 at Big Reedy Christian Camp.
- October 29th will be a Church-eat-church day with the total contribution going toward the building project.
- The Family Retreat will be on November 3-4 at Big Reedy Christian Camp.

<u>Lehman Avenue</u> <u>Attendance/Offering</u>	9/10/23	<u>Lehman Avenue</u> <u>Schedule of Services</u>	
Bible School	235	Morning Bible Class9:30 AM	
Morning Worship	320	Morning Worship10:30 AM	
Evening Worship	126	Evening Worship6:00 PM	
Wednesday Evening	197	Wednesday7:00 PM	
Offering Today	\$12,079	BUDGET\$14,246	