



Prime Timer's Newsletter

Mission Statement: Provide opportunities for the senior members to be involved in the fellowship, service and evangelism activities of Meadow view, assisting the congregation in its outreach and growth.

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Rescued Again

Bible thought: "Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the Lord uphold him with his hand" (Psalm 37:24, NKJV)

It was reported in the *The Cape Times* that a South African man surprised nine men robbing his home. Seven of the robbers ran away, but the homeowner managed to shove two into the backyard pool. One of the robbers could not swim so the homeowner jumped in to save him. The rescued thief then pulled a knife and threatened the man who had saved him. Since they were still standing near the pool, the homeowner kicked the thief back into the pool. As the thief was gasping for air, the owner jumped back in to rescue him.

How many of us would rescue the second time? Before you answer, let me ask you another question. How many second times has God rescued you? We serve a God of second chances!

Do you think about this when someone offends you again? Naturally, we want to write them off. But when we miss the mark and ask for God's help, what does God do? "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). In other words, He rescues us – again!

-Josh Barnett, Nashville, TN



Keeping Your Seat

On our last visit to London I had an experience that jarred my soul.

Not once, not twice, but three times during that week as we raced around the city on the tube, some polite limey jumped up and offered me their seat in a crowded train car.

At first this took me aback—especially when the person who up was a woman. I didn't know how to react. Why are they offering a seat? I wondered. Then it struck me that with my hair so white I looked old to them.

In my still youthful mind I wasn't ready for that sort of kindness. Always in the past I had been the one offering the elderly a place to roost.

After it happened the third time I decided I should start putting on my glasses when I shave in front of the mirror. Surely, I didn't look that old!

I thought of this experience recently when I read about a time when President William McKinley, during his brief term in the White House, was having a tough time filling a key slot in his new administration. Both candidates for the job seemed to be well qualified.

At first McKinley was stymied by the sameness of the two men. Then he recalled an event on a long ago night that made his present decision an

easier one – an incident that happened long before McKinley was elected President.

That night it was raining. The streetcar bulged with rush-hour passengers. One of the two men now on McKinley's short-list sat in the back of the car reading his newspaper. He didn't see McKinley climb on board.

An old woman lugging a loaded laundry basket boarded a stop or two down the line. In vain she looked for a seat. The fellow on McKinley's list buried his head in his paper and pretended not to see her. He sat, while McKinley rose and beckoned the woman to come take his place.

Instantly, when McKinley remembered that night on the streetcar, the President knew which man he didn't want in the chair he now was trying to fill. "This little omission of kindness"—to use McKinley's own words—cost that fellow a prestigious post.

In our town we don't have any subways or streetcars, but hardly a day passes when we don't have a chance to extend some small kindness to a person we've never met. Such kindness is the "fruit of the Spirit," the Bible tells us. McKinley was right. It shows who we really are.

Gene Shelburne
The Christian Appeal magazine

February Activities:

Rapha International / Healing Hands: Thursday the 9th @ 9:00 a.m.

Meet at the building at 8:45 a.m., leave at 9:00 a.m.

Steering Committee Meeting: February 20th @ 2:00 p.m.

Sweetheart Banquet Hosted by Youth Group

Saturday February 11th at the building 5:30 p.m.

Please sign-up at the information desk



Just think – twenty-five years from now these will be the good old days.

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