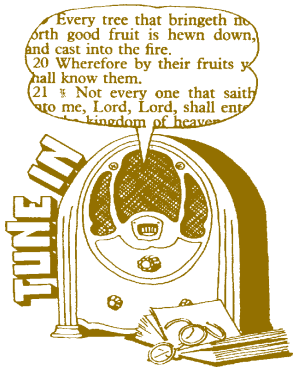


**NEW RADIO PROGRAM
BEGINNING SUNDAY, MARCH 6**



The 7:15-7:30 “Words of Truth” Sunday morning live radio broadcast John has conducted for the last ten+ years will air for the last time Sunday, February 29. It will be replaced by a live call-in program the following Sunday, March 6 from 1:30-2:00. Allan and John will work together in answering callers’ Bible questions, and will try to arrange their schedules in such a way that one will always be on the program, if the Lord will. The program may be heard all around southern Indiana and northern Kentucky. Be sure to tell others about the program, encourage them to listen and call in their Bible questions. The number to call is (812) 883-3401.

EDWARDS TO FLORIDA

John Isaac will be away in meeting work **February 13-18** in North Fort Myers, where Vernon Ford preaches, and **February 20-23** with the church on Quail Roost in Miami, where Clark Pace preaches.

TIME OF SERVICES

Sunday
 Bible Study.....10:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship.....10:45 a.m.
 Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

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“This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you...” (1 John 1:5).



WESTSIDE WELCOMES MARTIN FAMILY

John Isaac Edwards



February brings another preacher to the Westside church of Christ. Allan Martin will be joining us in doing “the work of an evangelist” (2 Tim. 4:5), the first Sunday of this month. Since retiring 2 1/2 years ago, brother Martin has been preaching for several different country churches around southern Indiana (Williams, Spice Valley, Shoals, South Liberty, Loogootee), as he had done during 1961-1968 and 1974-1989. He was also busy preaching and teaching while living in Alabama, California, and Ohio. We welcome Allan and his good wife, Jeanine, into our midst, and believe they will be a real asset to the work of the local church.

THE POWER OF THE WORD OF GOD

Allan E. Martin

In Isaiah 55:10-11 God says, “For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.”

Concerning the natural realm, all things exist through the word of God: “Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear” (Heb. 11:3). And Peter says, “that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water” (2 Pet. 3:5). God at present is “upholding all things by the word of his power” (Heb. 1:3), and regarding the future Peter says that “the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men” (2 Pet. 3:7).

From a spiritual standpoint, Paul tells us in Romans 16:16, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every

one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.” God draws us to Jesus through the teaching of His powerful word: “No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me” (Jn. 6:44-45).

Peter followed this pattern on the day of Pentecost and preached the word of God to the people, beginning by telling them, “Ye men of Israel, hear these words” (Acts 2:22). He preached God’s word and told them, “Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ” (Acts 2:36). That powerful, faith-producing word (Rom. 10:17) touched their heart: “Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?” (Acts 2:37). Peter instructed them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. And with many other words did he testify and

exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation” (Acts 2:38-40).

They received the word, obeyed it, and were saved, “Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls” (Acts 2:41). Upon confession of their faith (Acts 8:37), they were baptized into the one body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:13), into the Lord Jesus (Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27), where are all spiritual blessings (Eph. 1:3), and where men are new creatures in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17). They had been born again, by the powerful word of God (1 Pet. 1:22-23), and had been sanctified and cleansed with the

washing of water by the word (Eph. 5:26). They then had a responsibility to live faithfully unto death (Rev. 2:10), by walking in the light of God’s word (1 Jn. 1:7; 1 Pet. 2:2), which would make them wise unto salvation and complete (2 Tim. 3:14-17).

The writer of Hebrews in Hebrews 4:12 said, “For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” Let us ever hold in reverence God and His powerful word, as we will be judged by that word in the last day (Jn. 12:47-48).

ALLAN AND JEANINE MARTIN

Allan was born in Pekin, Indiana, raised on a farm and graduated from Pekin High School. Jeanine was born in Bloomington, Indiana, raised in town and graduated from Pekin High School.

Allan and Jeanine were married in 1960, have four children (two girls: Susan and Jennifer; and two boys: Mike and Joel), and have nine grandchildren (two girls: Anna and McKenna; and seven boys: Kyle, Kamden, Kolter, Kollin, Joshua, Caleb, and Gabriel).

Allan has preached part-time and has conducted Bible studies for a number of churches for about forty-four years. Jeanine has taught several ladies and small children’s Bible classes.



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