### Marbleton Community Free Will Baptist Church

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# WELCOME

#### Week of August 20, 2023 Schedule of Services:

Sunday School 10:00 A.M.

Sunday Morning Worship Service 10:45 A.M.

Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.

Tuesday, Meet for Prayer 6:00 P.M.

\* Special Prayer Request: Pulpit Committee and

God's direction for a new pastor

Wednesday, Mid-Week Worship Service 7:00 P.M.

Guest Speaker: Alexander Ramirez, Philippines Missionary

Happy Birthday: Gary McNabb - Aug. 16th

Happy Anniversary: J.M. & Jo Ann Whitson - Aug. 14th

Steve & Lisa Jones - Aug. 15th

#### **Church Notes:**

- \* The Agee Family will be with us next Sunday evening for a special song service. Don't miss your blessing!
- \* The Ladies Bible Study in the book of Luke will continue next Tuesday evening at 6 PM. Everyone is invited even if it is your first time in the study group. We always have a great study lesson and wonderful fellowship!

When God blesses you financially,
Don't raise your standard of living.
Raise your standard
of giving.



## Think Before Reacting

When judging someone else my friend, You never should forget,
That there's, no doubt, at least one thing Not known to you as yet;
'Bout circumstances of that one
Which known, would temper you.
And make you ask: if in his place
I wonder what I'd do.

It may be someone crossed his path And ruffled up his day, And that is why he spoke those words He'd never planned to say. And you, because you did not know, A judgment harsh did make. If you'd but known, perchance a prayer You'd offered for his sake.

And he, no doubt, would then have felt A strange and pleasant glow;
Think how it might have changed his day,
Tho' you might never know.
Nor pat yourself upon the back
That something great you've done,
Yet your regard for someone else
Had turned him to the sun.

This world, no doubt, would sweeter be And we'd be more relaxed.

If we'd remember that each man With problems great is taxed;

And so he often says the things He later does regret.

But if our hearts are filled with love.

Those words we'll just forget.

Nels E. Stjernstrom

**Pursue Loyalty** 

Have you ever noticed that righteousness and loyalty go together? In other words, if we're not being loval – to our family, friends, country, job – then we aren't going to experience God's best. Loyal people are honorable people. When you're loyal, you stick with someone through thick and thin. When you're loyal, you keep your word to people even if you get a "better" offer. Loyal people are respectful of their country and leaders. Loyal people honor their parents and defend their family. When you're loyal, you are a person of integrity. You build trust with others. Is this an area where you can rise higher? Can you be more loyal? Are you faithful in the things to which you're committed? Don't let the distractions of every day life keep you from pursuing lovalty. Look for ways to show your loyalty to those around you. Is there something you can set aside for the sake of a loved one? Show that love by staying loval.

> "He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life" Proverbs 21:21

