WORDS FROM Pastor Randy

By now, most all of you have heard and even laughed out loud at the most recent edition in the adventurous journeys of your Pastor. Yes, Tammy and I got stranded in a snow storm a few weeks ago near Spring Garden while on our way back from a preaching engagement in Georgia. We abandoned our car and were "rescued" by a very compassionate four - wheel - driving teenager and a kind hearted Calhoun County deputy. God does watch over His children. Some of us keep Him really busy!

Funny things do happen. Sometimes, when you least expect it. It just takes a little while to see the humor in it all. If you ever doubt that, just come and follow us around for a few days. Life is never boring around the Postell house.

I'll not bore you with any more details. I still love the snow and I'm hoping we have some more of it here in North Alabama before the cold weather leaves. I'll be sure to stay home or least to believe the weathermen and a few good church members who try to give a little warning about an approaching winter weather event. I'm still wishing for a big bowl of "snow cream"!

J. Wilson Bentley devoted his life to the study of snowflakes. Until his death in 1931, he had personally photographed more than 100,000 snowflakes. He became known as the "Snowflake Man." He once wrote, "Under the microscope I found that snowflakes were miracles of beauty and it seemed a shame that this beauty should not be seen and appreciated by others. Every crystal was a masterpiece of design."

The Bible agrees and emphatically teaches that the snow is the work of God our Creator. Job 37:6 says, *"For He saith to the snow, Be thou on the earth."* Now if I understand that passage, it is that God indicatively places each snowflake, telling each one where to be.

Mr. Bentley also observed that if a foot of snow were to cover the entire countryside from Maine to California, you would find "no two flakes exactly alike."

How very much like the snowflakes we all are. We're all so very different. Each of us is uniquely special and intricately designed. I'm the only one of me. You're the only of you. We are a limited edition of whatever we are. Each is just as important as the other in fulfilling the great plan of our Creator.

In the snow one can observe the tremendous power of accumulation and cooperation. Like a mighty blizzard, God's children can unite to make an impact on our world. Isaiah 55:10 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."*

When the sky opens and the snowflakes start falling, God goes to work. With the snow, He's watering the earth, insulating the soil, protecting the plants, and even killing out a few bugs. God is always up to something good, all of the time …even in the cold winter storm.

The Bible teaches that the little snowflake is a testimony to the greatness of God and witnesses of His power and glory (Psalm 148:8). They're made for praise just like you and I!

Lessons in the snow . . . I suppose all is well that ends well.

Remember:

There's no place like THIS place . . .
So this must be THE place.

See you at church in your place this Sunday.

Pastor Randy