



The Berryville Church of Christ

# Bible Beacon

"Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105)



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## Spreading the Gospel Message

Kevin Cauley

Is the glass half-empty or is it half-full? I believe that the glass is half-full and that this is the attitude that God wants the faithful Christian to have. We have so many in our community, some of whom are members of the church and are not coming; some of whom are not members, but want to be members somewhere. It is our responsibility to reach out to all of these with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We could, on the one hand consider the glass half-empty in their regard, but wouldn't you rather consider it half-full? I sure would!

It is not hard to invite someone to our worship services. Ask them where they go. Let them know they would be welcome if they wanted to come over and visit with us. Give them a tract or two to encourage their interest. There is in my office a couple of short tracts that I wrote specifically for the purpose of introducing the church to those who want to learn a little about the church. I have handed a few of these out to some of our members already. I encourage everyone to use these to help evangelize our community. I am sure that the eldership would love to have the problem of having too many Bible studies and not enough people to lead the study.

Jesus said, "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35). "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:38). Let us teach and pray and then teach and pray some more. There are souls who are ready to be added to the church (Acts 2:48). What are you doing to help them? Let's resolve to try and talk to one person this week about the church of Christ.

## Kevin's Korner

Where do I start in today's column? We have so many things going on today and this week that I am at a loss for what to talk about first. Perhaps most importantly, we should remember the family of Georgia Bonner in our prayers. Georgia passed from this life into the next Thursday evening. There will be a graveside memorial service only on Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 at Rockhouse cemetery. I did not get to know Georgia very long. From the time that I spent with her, I could tell that she was a sweet woman who cared about her family. She was also a Christian. She recognized the need to be prepared for eternity and took the proper steps. I spent time in prayer with Georgia in the last few weeks of her life. I pray God's richest blessings upon her and her family in this time of grief and sorrow.

It has also been a week of illness for many. The list is long so please check the back of the bulletin for the complete list. However, a few I will mention here are Bruce Foster who broke two of his ribs playing basketball. Kevin Youngblood has both of his hands out of action due to carpal tunnel surgery. Both Bill and Lucille Fort have some kind of nasty bug and have been feeling just awful. Pat Quigley has pneumonia and this is a serious situation for her due to her only having one lung. There are MANY more; please pray for the health of our congregation!

Today we will have a singing at the nursing home! The singing will start at 2:00 PM. I know that several of the ladies who live at the nursing home are REALLY looking forward to us coming and singing with them. Please make plans to come to this great opportunity for the church



to reach out to those who are in need.

Next Sunday several things are going to happen. First from 2:00 to 5:00 Sunday afternoon there is going to be an open house at the preacher's house. This is so the congregation can come by and see how we have settled in and formally open our home (after unpacking and settling in) to all who wish to come by and visit. We will have some goodies and treats and good fellowship will be enjoyed by all. The only thing we ask you to bring is yourselves.



Also, next Sunday evening, we will have our youth devotional. This devotional will be held again at our house! So Sunday night after our evening worship, make plans to come by and have a devotional and we might even watch a movie after our devotional and during our evening meal.

Finally, please do not forget our youth rally. As of this point, we have had three congregations confirm that they are coming. This is already about 50 kids and we expect that more will be on their way. Our kids have been calling around to the various congregations and asking them to attend. We hope that this will generate interest in the event. This is a great opportunity for us to



serve our community as well as the churches of Christ within our state! The dates are April 26th-28th, so mark your calendar now and plan to be with us!

## RIGHT TRANSMISSION!

For an automobile to function properly it must have the transmission that fits the model. To try to run with the wrong transmission could end up damaging the transmission, the engine, or both. Things may not match up allowing the transmission to engage. What good is a vehicle that remains in IDLE or is IDLE? And even if a different transmission is made to fit a different model than that for which it was originally designed, there are adjustments and alterations necessary either to the vehicle, engine, or transmission itself.

God created mankind. And there has been the "transmission" of a message to keep man's life moving in a proper direction. God's message is

designed to make life work properly. It is suited for mankind and is not to be altered. Yet how many either keep looking for or have accepted the "transmission" of a different message. Some lives seem to be left in IDLE. Some may even be stuck in "reverse". And yet others may only be running in "low gear". To properly accept God's message will keep our life "driving" onward and upward on the road to eternal life.

Prior to Moses' death and the entrance by Israel into the Promised Land, God gave Moses a song to teach the people. This was not a song of celebration. Some might classify it as "Blues" because it was a song of warning regarding unfaithfulness. The song began with a focus on God's teaching having fallen "like rain" and God's words descending "like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants" (Deut.32:2). From there the song focused on corruption toward Him.

After Moses recited the words of this song to the people, we read, "(46) he said to them, "Take to heart all the words I have solemnly declared to you this day, so that you may command your children to obey carefully all the words of this law. (47) THEY ARE NOT JUST IDLE WORDS FOR YOU -- THEY ARE YOUR LIFE. By them you will live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to possess."" (Deuteronomy 32:46-47)

We must always keep in mind that God does not speak just to hear Himself. Nor has He preserved His message because it looks neat in print. He has "transmitted" to us words which are to be TAKEN TO HEART because they are to be OUR LIFE. They are what we need to properly sustain our life and keep "driving" us more fully toward God and His Way. In this light we must acknowledge that His warnings are NOT IDLE warnings, and we can rejoice that it is the same with His promises.

The Hebrew writer stated, "For THE WORD OF GOD IS LIVING AND ACTIVE. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12).

Since we have received the "LIVING AND ACTIVE" Word of God we are to be mindful of LIVING AND ACTING upon it. Let us continue to allow His Word to be the basis of our life. And may we be filled with a zealotness for His Will that our lives may be characterized as being in overdrive" to His glory and praise.

Have a great day BEING MOVED BY GOD'S LIVING MESSAGE!

Carl Hanson  
From teEn MAIL.

# THE "COUCH POTATO" SYNDROME

By Tom Moore

It seems that the average American, after a long day at work, ignores their spouse, yells at the kids, kicks the dog, stuffs their face, and flops on the couch in front of the television spending the rest of the evening glued to that squawking square box. It has been said, and rightfully so, that Americans have become a nation of "couch potatoes." America no longer seems to have the time to read or converse with their family because of that infamous American squawk box.

Many Christians are sadly falling into the same "couch potato" syndrome that is plaguing America. Too many of God's people are spending every free moment in front of their "electric Baal." One realizes, of course, that watching television in not sinful, in and of itself, the sin comes into play when we watch programs that are not wholesome, and/or leave important tasks undone because we are mesmerized by the "zombie box." It is critical that we realize that anything we place above God in importance has become our idol, and idolatry is a sin (Exodus 20:3). Let us not consider a couple of important duties that will suffer if we are guilty of the "couch potato" syndrome.

It is seven o'clock, we have just finished our evening meal, and have cleaned the kitchen. What are we going to do now? Are we headed directly for the television? Or, are going to spend some quality time with our children in instruction and relationship building? Solomon said, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). Paul in similar fashion states, "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). In light of these two pas-

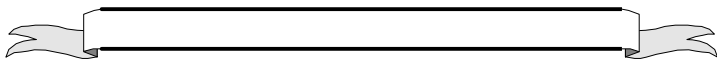
sages, should we spend every free moment in front of the television, or should we spend substantial time in the training of our children?

Our children have very impressionable minds, they have many seemingly unanswerable problems that confuse them, they have temptations and confrontation which trouble them. If we do not talk with our children, REALLY TALK with our children, how will we ever be able to help, encourage, and advise our children in the way they should go? If children are unable to go to their parents with problems, they will go somewhere else. Do you really want your children to seek advice from someone else - especially if you are unaware where the advice is coming from? Should we not turn the television off and spend some quality one on one time with out children?

Another duty that is often neglected because of the television is our personal Bible study. It is an hour before bed time - so what are you doing? Are you going to watch television, or studying your Bible? How many hours do you spend watching television compared to the time you spend studying your Bible? Would you be embarrassed to say?

Paul instructs, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15). Jesus said that "the truth will make you free" (John 8:32), and later informs us that God's word is truth (John 17:17). Realizing, then, the great importance of God's word (John :23-24), and how we will be judged by these words (John 12:48), should we not want to know the words of God? The Bereans studied the word of God daily (Acts 17:11). Should we not do the same?

Many are "couch potatoes" soon to become "baked potatoes" in the day of judgment. Will you turn off the "electric Baal" a little more often so as to spend the time needed with your family and the word of God? Set a good example, don't spend so much time in front of the television.



## Sunday's Sermons

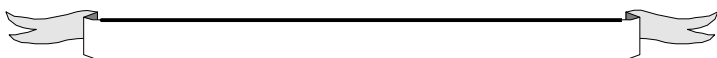
For March 31st

Morning ..... Worldly Wisdom vs. God's Wisdom

Scripture ..... 1 Corinthians 2:2-8

Evening ..... Enoch's Exam

Scripture ..... Genesis 5:21-23



## Our Record

Week of 3/24

	Sunday Class .....	
	Sunday A.M. ....	
	Sunday P.M. ....	
	Wednesday .....	
	Contribution .....	

## News, Notes and Prayer List



- Please remember the following in your prayers: Connie Atchley, Geneva Atchley, Joel Bozarth, Bruce Foster, Bill and Lucille Fort, Regina Horton, Pat Quigley, Brent Stevens, Kevin Youngblood.

- Georgia Bonner passed away this past week. Her memorial service will be held Wednesday at 2:00 PM at Rockhouse cemetery.
- Edith Mischler is in the nursing home in Eureka Springs. Jessica Lovelady and Lucille Wright are in the nursing home in Berryville.
- We received a letter from A.J. Hendrix regarding his work. It is posted.
- Remember preparations for our youth rally coming up April 26th-28th. Please start bringing hot dogs to put into the freezer for this event.
- Today we will be singing at the nursing home at 2:00. We encourage everyone to come out and sing for these great people.
- Next Sunday, everyone is invited to an open house at the Cauley's. Bring yourselves and nothing else and we will have a good time visiting.
- Next Sunday evening is the youth devotional also to be held at the Cauley's house.
- Next Sunday night will be Questions and Answers so if you have a Bible question, please put it into the box by the end of today.
- For the month of April, Ken Smith will coordinate our worship. Bob and Brent Moore will carry communion. Tiffany Windle and Megan Williams will prepare communion. And Brent Stevens will make announcements.
- Remember ladies Bible class Wednesday morning at 10:30.
- The pantry item for this week is Furniture Polish.



## Men to Serve

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
<b>Sunday Morning:</b>	March 31st, 2002	April 7th, 2002
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Brent Stevens	Ken Smith
<b>Preacher:</b>	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Glenn Quigley	Brent Stevens
<b>Scripture:</b>	Brandon Foster	Ray Duncan
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Bob Moore	Clyde Atchley
	Ken Smith	Raymond Kimes
<b>(assist)</b>	Clyde Atchley	George Eddings
	Ray Duncan	Brandon Foster
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Bruce Foster	Larry Elliott
<b>Sunday Night:</b>		
<b>Songs:</b>	Ken Smith	Clay Bozarth
<b>Preacher:</b>	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Dale Pinkley	Bob Moore
<b>Scripture:</b>	Rusty Windle	Brandon Foster
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Glenn Quigley	Leon Duncan
	Brent Moore	Glenn Williams
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Bill Fort	Dale Pinkley
<b>Wednesday</b>		
<b>Songs:</b>	Rusty Windle	Hugh Atchley
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Dale Pinkley	Rusty Windle
<b>Invitation:</b>	Kevin Cauley	Ken Smith
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Bob Moore	Ray Duncan

**Elders:** Clay Bozarth, Bill Fort, Glenn Quigley

**Deacons:** Leon Duncan, Bruce Foster, Dale Pinkley, Ken Smith, Brent Stevens, Rusty Windle

**Preacher:** Kevin Cauley .....870-423-6707

## Times of Worship and Study

Sunday Morning Bible Class: .....9:30 AM  
 Sunday Morning Worship: .....10:30 AM  
 Sunday Evening Worship: ..... 6:00 PM  
 Wed. Evening Bible Class: ..... 7:00 PM

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