

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

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## Children's Songs

Kevin Cauley

The most sublime truths can be learned through children's songs. I think that this is because the greatest truths are the simplest ones. There are several that come to mind. Among them are: "Jesus Loves Me," "Jesus Loves the Little Children," "Climb Up The Mountain," "Roll The Gospel Chariot Along," and "Be Careful Little Eyes, Ears, Hands, and Feet." I could write several articles on each of these songs, but let's take a few truths from each one and look at them.

"Jesus Loves Me" is probably the most sublime song of which I know. This song tells the truth that it was love that motivated Jesus to sacrifice himself on the cross for our sins. It tells us that he will take care of our needs. How do we know these things? "The Bible tells me so." All saving truth is found within the Bible and nowhere else. Jesus loved us enough to save us and leave His word so we can follow it.

"Jesus Loves The Little Children" is another song which teaches some truths that many need to learn. In Christ, all are one; Jesus loves all men, whatever their race or country of origin. It is sacrilege for us to say otherwise. The apostle Peter declared, "Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him" (Acts 10:34, 35). One's country of origin plays no part in how God looks at us. He looks at all men the same—in need of the gospel. When we act in such a way so that we make false distinctions based upon race, we spit in the face of God's plan and dishonor Him. Let it never be said of the child of God that he is a racist.

"Climb Up The Mountain" is another great song. This song teaches that everything that exists has been made by God's hand and that it was made for man. This is what we read in Genesis 1.

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## Kevin's Korner



Sunday was a very busy day for us, but it was **WONDERFUL**.

We had a GREAT turnout for both our open house and the youth devotional Sunday. We appreciated all of our visitors. Of course, you do not need an excuse like that to come by our house. We will be happy to receive anyone anytime.

We found several members not feeling well this past week. Raymond Kimes had a "horse incident" and broke TWO ribs. The doctor told him this on Thursday. Jessica Lovelady is in the hospital with pneumonia. She is in room 110. Please remember these two in your prayers.

Speaking of prayer, I want to encourage everyone to take advantage of the opportunity for the congregation to pray for you if you need prayers. The prayer of the saint is powerful. The prayers of the collected saints is TREMENDOUSLY OVERWHELMING! Sometimes, for whatever reason, we do not think that we are worthy of prayer or being mentioned in prayer. God thinks otherwise. James writes in James 4:2 "...ye have not because ye ask not." Jesus said in Matthew 7:7-11 "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?" My beloved brethren, if you need something, ask God! He will listen no matter how small a matter it is. Does not a loving father lis-

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ten to the smallest of concerns of his earthly children? How much more shall your heavenly Father listen to your concerns?

I want to offer a note of thanks to those who are helping with our garden. Jerry Roller came over and helped us spread out some dirt and mulch. Raymond Kimes has offered us some high quality soil for the garden. Leon Duncan is going to let us use his tiller. Thank you each one. It has been a while since I have been personally involved in a garden, but if I remember correctly, it sure does taste a whole lot better than the store bought stuff! One of the best meals that I had was one summer when working on a farm. It was my job to care for the garden. Water, hoe, weed, pick the fruits, and it all went away somewhere. One day, I was invited up to a house to have lunch. There on the table in front of me was all the different vegetables that had been grown in the garden. It was truly a blessing to see and a delight to partake of that wonderfully cooked food.

Paul says that the church is like a garden. He says that he planted, Apollos watered, and God gave the increase. One day, we will have the opportunity to enjoy the fruit of our labor as well. This is the message that Paul is trying to get across to us in 1 Corinthians 3:6-8. Everyone has a little part in the garden, but we can all enjoy the fruit when one day we will be together in heaven!

## THE GREAT HYPOCRISY

*Tom Moore*

Hypocrisy, as defined by Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary, means "a feigning to be what one is not or to believe what one does not; especially the false assumption of an appearance of virtue or religion." We are living in a time in which our society involves themselves in hypocrisy almost as often as they take a breathe of air.

Many "claim" to be concerned about moral issues, and yet, other moral issues of equal or more importance are viewed as unimportant. For example, "Save the whales," or, "Save the condors," have been screamed for years by the animal activists, and yet, many of these have no problem with the murder of unborn children through abortion. Friends, this is hypocrisy!

Another hypocrisy that is viewed on television by nearly every American on a daily basis is alcohol commercials. Several years ago a law was passed that made it illegal to advertise tobacco on television because the Surgeon General said smoking was hazardous to one's health. I believe

that to be a good law! But the hypocrisy is seen every time an alcohol commercial is aired on the television. Alcohol has done far more damage to individuals and our society than tobacco could ever begin to do. But what do we see on television everyday? You got it - alcohol commercials!

To bring this hypocrisy even clearer in our minds, carefully consider the following facts concerning the evils of alcohol (the following are 1993 statistics - and we know things have not improved).

- Nation-wide there are 97,000 alcohol-related deaths each year, That is almost 8,125 every month!
- About three out of ten traffic deaths are related to alcohol.
- More that three out of ten homicides, suicides, fire and drownings are alcohol related.
- Alcohol is a factor in more than 50% of all violent crimes and 40% of all property crimes in the United States.
- There are 18 million "problem drinkers" in the United States. That is roughly the population of the state of New York.
- Alcohol is the #1 killer drug in America.
- Our greatest drug problem is alcohol.
- Because of alcohol, over \$117 billion is lost each year in industry because of loss of time, cost of treatment and other business related problems.
- In Texas alone, the cost of alcohol related problems is \$629 per person, per year - enough to build and maintain 2,500 schools.
- About 50,000 babies are born every year with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, a disease causing retardation deformity and genetic disorder.
- Evidence has shown that even casual social drinking
- causes birth defects, Alcohol Organic Brain Syndrome, peptic ulcers and heart muscle damage. These problems tend to be permanent - even for the casual drinker.
- Because of a genetic "predisposition" to alcohol problems, many become addicted by consuming only minimal amounts of beer or wine.
- Alcohol is the number one killer among teenagers.
- The Center for Science in the Public Interest estimates that children see 90,000 incidents of drinking on television by the age of 21.
- Because of alcohol, the only age group in the United States that has gained in life expectancy is 15 to 24 years old. Their death rate is now higher than it was 20 years ago.
- Next to heart disease and cancer, alcohol is the #1 killer in the United States.

The GREAT HYPOCRISY! Need I say more?

# When It Doesn't Fit

Carl Hanson

A few months ago I came to the determination that clothing manufacturers were making 1/2 neck shirt sizes smaller than they used to. I was having great difficulty buttoning my top button. I'm sure I'm not the only one who has been affected by this situation, so any of you who have found the same thing, please join me in a letter writing campaign to the clothing industry to inform them they obviously need to adjust the standard they are using for sizing.

Now, I am sure you realize the thing I had to honestly admit was that I had been gaining weight over the last several years and my body no longer FIT the clothes size I was sure I should still be wearing. As I came to grips with the fact it was ME who needed to CHANGE, through modifying my eating habits and drastically increasing my exercise, I can now button those top buttons with ease and may even soon have to buy some smaller shirts.

It has been stated: "People do not usually reject the Bible because it contradicts itself, but because it contradicts them." [source: calendar quote]

Though various reasons are give by the world for discounting our rejecting the Bible as the authoritative Word of God, the above statement seems to reflect the most common one.

During the first century of the church Paul exhorted Timothy with this warning: "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. FOR THE TIME WILL COME WHEN THEY WILL NOT ENDURE SOUND DOCTRINE; BUT AFTER THEIR OWN LUSTS SHALL THEY HEAP TO THEMSELVES TEACHERS, HAVING ITCHING EARS." (2 Timothy 4:2-3)

When what we desire and what the scriptures teach do not fit together, it is SELF and OUR DESIRES that MUST CHANGE. Shortening or chang-

ing God's standard in any way will make it impossible to ever even come close to measuring up to what He desires for our life.

With the physical changes I have gone through in the past few months, I am more energized and just generally feel healthier. The same is true spiritually. As we make the changes necessary to MAKING OUR LIVES FIT with God's Word we will find we have a greater enthusiasm for His Will and all around will feel better and stronger spiritually. May we never lose sight of the fact all of God's commands have our best in mind.

Have a great day BEING FIT WITH GOD'S WORD!

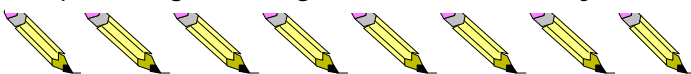
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God is the creator. The theory of evolution is false; shame on every college professor who convinces these little ones other wise and cause them to stumble. We also understand that God made these things for man. The worldview that the earth is a deity to be worshipped is also false. The earth was given to man by God to be used for man's purposes (Genesis 1:28).

"Roll The Gospel Chariot Along" teaches children the importance of evangelism and helping sinners to repent and come to Christ. Paul wrote, "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief" (1 Timothy 1:15). It also teaches the necessity of resisting the Devil so that he will flee from us (James 4:7).

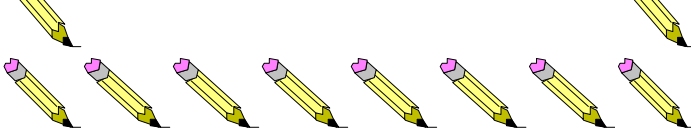
Finally, "Be careful little eyes, ears, hands, and feet" teaches us the necessity of maintaining a holy life before God. God does not want us to just behave in any old way we please, we must live lives of holiness before him without which no man shall see the Lord (Hebrews 12:14). Let us keep these great songs to our hearts always!



## Our Record

Week of 4/7

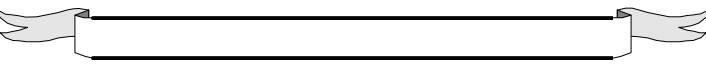
Sunday Class .....	59
Sunday A.M.....	79
Sunday P.M. ....	61
Wednesday .....	53
Contribution.....	\$1501.50



## Sunday's Sermons

For April 14th

Morning ..... **The Natural Man vs.**  
 ..... **The Spiritual Man**  
 Scripture..... 1 Corinthians 2:14-16  
 Evening ..... **Heaven**  
 Scripture..... John 14:2, 3



## News, Notes and Prayer List



• Please remember the following in your prayers: Geneva Atchley, Connie Atchley, Lucille Fort, Oneil Hayhurst, Regina Horton, Raymond Kimes, Mary Paterson, Oleta Wagner.

- Jessica Lovelady is in the hospital with pneumonia. She is in room 110. Please remember her in your prayers.
- Lucille Wright is in room 504 of the Berryville nursing home.
- Edith Mischler is in the nursing home in Eureka Springs.
- Tonight we will have a VBS meeting after the evening service. We need to start selecting teachers for this effort so come with volunteering in mind!
- Next Sunday evening we need those who work on the House to House and Heart to Heart to meet to put that out.
- Next Sunday there will be an elders and deacons meeting.
- Next Sunday will be our potluck!
- Remember our upcoming youth rally. We have had several congregations reply and are expecting a good turnout. Remember to continue to bring those hotdogs for the cookout. The rally will be held April 26th-28th. We also need volunteers to keep kids in their homes. PRAY FOR THIS!
- There will be a gospel meeting at Cassville, MO starting April 21st. Walter Buchanan will be speaking each evening starting at 7:00 PM, Monday through Thursday.
- Let's remember the birthday party at Jason and Jo Nimmo's house celebrating David and Hailey Nimmo's birthdays. It is Saturday, April 20th at 3:00 PM.
- Remember ladies Bible class Wednesday morning at 10:30.
- The Pantry Item for this week is Tomato Sauce.



## Men to Serve

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
<b>Sunday Morning:</b>	April 14th, 2002	April 21st, 2002
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Larry Elliott	Bill Fort
<b>Preacher:</b>	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Bob Moore	Clay Bozarth
<b>Scripture:</b>	Perry Foster	Brent Moore
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Clay Bozarth	Leon Duncan
	Glenn Quigley	Ken Smith
<b>(assist)</b>	Bruce Foster	Larry Elliott
	Ray Duncan	Perry Foster
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Brent Stevens	George Eddings
<b>Sunday Night:</b>		
<b>Songs:</b>	Bruce Foster	Glenn Williams
<b>Preacher:</b>	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Dale Pinkley	Rusty Windle
<b>Scripture:</b>	Brent Moore	Ray Duncan
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	George Eddings	Raymond Kimes
	Rusty Windle	Dale Pinkley
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Glenn Quigley	Hugh Atchley
<b>Wednesday</b>		
<b>Songs:</b>	Kevin Cauley	Glenn Quigley
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Ken Smith	George Eddings
<b>Invitation:</b>	Brent Stevens	Rusty Windle
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Larry Elliott	Dale Pinkley

**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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