



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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## Kevin's Korner

Sunday night was quite eventful. Our area experienced what Luke writes about in the Bible as a Euroclydon (Acts 27:14) or a tempestuous wind. (And no, I am not talking about Sunday night's sermon.) Many decided to take shelter in the basement and while there, we decided to make pancakes and fry some bacon. Things were going along quite well for the evening and we were contemplating playing a game of charades when Pat Quigley called and said that several trees had fallen from the storm and one had fallen on her house and put a big hole in the roof. Needless to say, this ended our contemplation regarding a game of charades or any other game for that matter.

Several men went out to assist the Quigley's in their efforts to stop water from getting into the house. We brought tarps and lights; hatchets and saws in an effort to secure the house for the night. A few hours later, there was still a tree on their house, but at least the water was not coming in any more. Ken and Debbie also had some tree damage. Half the cedar tree in their parking lot was blown down. Their state prize winning Black Locust tree had lost a major branch. A willow tree in the back yard was uprooted, and various trees here and there in the fields were blown over. It didn't look like we were going to be making any canoe trips that week.

The good news in all of this was that no one was hurt or injured out of our congregation. For that we are very thankful and grateful to God. The Quigley's had insurance which is going to cover the repairs to the house. Ken and Debbie were back in business Monday afternoon. AND, there will be plenty of firewood for the coming winter! If the national weather service had been watching us you can bet they would have thought it would be a cold one from the amount of wood we were gathering!

Wednesday morning in ladies Bible class we discussed some things related to God's providence

and the storm. Sometimes people wonder if God is punishing me with all of these bad things that are happening to me. And while it is good for people to turn their minds to God, we must never think that God is trying to "send us a message" in some other way than through His Word. When we look at the life of Job, we see a righteous man. Yet his friends thought he was wicked because they thought that God was punishing him. Such was not the case at all. Satan was behind Jobs problems—not God. Job was being tested, but not punished. When God finally revealed His word to Job and His friends, we see that Job was vindicated against their charges (Job 42: 7, 8).



When we look at the blind man in John 9 we remember the question asked by the disciples. "Did this man sin or his parents that he might be born blind?" Jesus said that it was neither, but that the works of God could be shown. Sometimes bad things happen to good people. Don't think that just because something bad is happening to you that this means God is punishing you. Perhaps, like that blind man, God is using you to His glory. Regardless, we must understand that the only way God speaks to us today is through His Son Jesus (Hebrews 1:1-3). It is through hearing the word of God that we have faith today (Romans 10:17). Let us study it, love it, learn it, live it, and die with it for it is the ONLY way to KNOW God's will for our lives today.

I would not be a very good daddy if I did not mention one VERY IMPORTANT item in my "Korner" this week. Austin Benjamin Cauley is now SIX years old. His birthday was on Tuesday, May 14th. Mary Lynn and I managed to make it over to the school for a short birthday party and then we went outside to the playground and played with all of the kindergarten kids. It was great fun. That afternoon, Austin and I went fishing in King's river. The water was a little strong, cold, and muddy, so we didn't catch much, but we

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# Congregational Development (Part 2)

Barry Hatcher

Text: Acts 20:17-38; Ephesians 1:1; Ephesians chapters 4,5,6

Congregational development must be rooted deep in God's word. The only way this can be done is for every member to possess the right attitude about living according to truth. Recorded in Acts 20: 17-38, the Apostle Paul calls the Ephesian elders together and presents some rules for congregational development. It is the belief of this writer that the letter to the Ephesian brethren is also an effort by Paul to develop their faith by helping them to realize there are a number of "Do's" and "Don't's" in this life. He wants them and us to have a proper understanding about the Christian life and the sinful ways of the world.

In our text for this article, Paul teaches the need for the local congregation to develop in at least two ways. In Acts 20:17-38, he mentions the need for proper spiritual growth of leaders, and in Ephesians 4,5,6, he deals with the need for a pure life with individual members. Capable and mature leaders and members are most important. Let it be clearly understood that success will come only when we exert a great effort and determination to follow God every day, 100% of the time.

Paul reminds the elders, in Acts 20, that the truth had been presented to them. He said, "For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God" Acts 20:27. He commands them to evaluate their lives because of their responsibility to lead the local congregation, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Spirit hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood" Acts 20:28. The leadership in every congregation has the responsibility to grow and do what is right and help the members do the same. They are warned to be careful and "watch" and not misuse the church. Elders, deacons and preachers, do not have the authority to make new laws and do things different from the way God wants the church to proceed. Instead, Paul tells them to stay with the word, "And now brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified" Acts 20:32. In Acts 20:29-30, we learn that after Paul's de-

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sure had fun getting our lines wet!

Brent reminded us last week that the truck for the children's home would be coming early in June so we need to stock up our pantry. We received the children's home newsletter a couple of weeks ago and they had this list to share for items needed. I am publishing it here so that you will see EVERYTHING that they are in need of right now. Although we have a designated pantry item each week, we certainly don't have to limit ourselves to just that one thing. Here is the list: Deodorant, Dishwasher Detergent, Laundry Detergent, Fabric Softener Dryer Sheets, Kook-Aid, Paper Plates, Poptarts, Dry Cereal, Canned Fruit, Snack Cakes, Cream of Mushroom/Cream of Chicken Soups, Shampoo, Conditioner, Hair Gel, Canned Chicken, Canned Tuna, Potato Chips, Snack Crackers, Apple Juice, Grape Juice. If you can put any of these items into the pantry over the next month, please do so. I know that the children's home will appreciate it.

## I Say, God Says

I say: "It's impossible"

**God says:** "All things are possible" (Luke 18:27)

I say: "I'm too tired"

**God says:** "I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28-30)

I say: "Nobody really loves me"

**God says:** "I love you" (John 3:16 & John 3:34)

I say: "I can't go on"

**God says:** "My grace is sufficient" (II Corinthians 12:9 & Psalm 91:15)

I say: "I can't figure things out"

**God says:** "I will direct your steps" (Proverbs 3:5-6)

I say: "I can't do it"

**God says:** "You can do all things" (Philippians 4:13)

Adapted

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## Times of Worship and Study

Sunday Morning Bible Class:.....9:30 AM

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Sunday Evening Worship: .....6:00 PM

Ladies Bible Class: ..... 10:30 AM

Wed. Evening Bible Class:.....7:00 PM

parture from Ephesus there would enter in among them, "...grievous wolves...not sparing the flock." And even some of the elders would "...arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them." Paul actually prophesied that from among the elders at Ephesus and other congregations, there would arise wicked men who would misuse power, and, we, today, know from history that the church suffered for many centuries following that time when leaders misused their authority and changed the organization of the church. Other passages of warning against having the wrong attitude and the misuse of power in a congregation is presented in 1 Peter 5:1-3; 1 Timothy 3:3; 1 Timothy 4:1-3. Instead of misuse and abuse, there should be peace and harmony in a congregation where everyone participates and cooperates according to God's plan.

Leadership is not exempt from the great principle revealed in Acts 20:35, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," because it is important to realize, the only way leadership will become the most effective is by thinking of others first. If leaders will first give themselves to Christ and others, they can better direct and lead others to heaven.

Paul spends a lot of time writing to the churches during his life. He is always exhorting the members to live the proper Christian life. In the book of Ephesians, he discusses many positive and negative things that can help every individual member and each group of members we call a congregation.

In Ephesians chapters 4,5,6, Paul speaks of several important things for every member of a local congregation to do. Members must be united as one, just as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are united as one. Jesus prayed, "That they all may be one; as thou Father, art one in me, and I in thee,..." John 17:21. If we are to be worthy to be considered a Christian, we must walk in unity with God and his people. Paul wrote, "... Walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called..."

endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace..." Ephesians 4:1,3.

Knowledge, faithfulness, unity and growth are all a part of God's plan for you. Paul wrote about the value of having the scriptures written down and completely revealed to us, why? "That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive" Ephesians 4:14. Of course, the written word will do us no good if we do not become a student of his word. The idea of "volunteer" is a big issue with each of us, if we plan to be successful as a Christian. What are you willing to volunteer to do? Can we understand God has addressed every part of the organization of the local church and has given instructions about why, when, where, who, how, and what qualities all leaders and members need to possess?

Although there are a number of important thoughts mentioned in Acts 20:17-38, Paul's conclusion, and perhaps the greatest quality mentioned, is found in verse 35. Paul writes that Jesus, while on earth, stated, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" Acts 20:35. A question one might ask is, "Give what?" There should be no confusion about how important it is to possess the proper attitude concerning our "giving" in order for the church to grow. The "giving" principle is not only speaking about money, and, once again, it is a matter for volunteers. If we are serious about development, the first thing we must give is ourselves to Jesus. We must give Jesus all of our love, loyalty, adoration, and devotion. If we give ourselves to Jesus, then, every decision we make, everything we have, and everything we obtain in the future, will be used to glorify God, and our congregations will develop because God is glorified.

## Sunday's Sermons

May 19th, 2002

**Morning** ..... **Worship**  
 Scripture..... Psalm 95:6,7  
**Evening** ..... **Who Is The Holy Spirit (1)**  
 Scripture.....John 14:25, 26

## Our Record

Week of May 12th, 2002

Sunday Class .....	69
Sunday A.M.....	79
Sunday P.M. ....	59
Wednesday .....	64
Contribution.....	\$1694.13

## News, Notes and Prayer List



• Please remember the following in your prayers: Angel (Marie's granddaughter), Geneva Atchley, Marty and Michael Collins, Lanita Gonzales, Regina Horton, Evelyn Johnson, Hailey Nimmo, Jim Higgins.

- Lucille Wright is in room 504 of the Berryville nursing home. Jessica Lovelady is also in the nursing home in room 307. Edith Mischler is in the nursing home in Eureka Springs.
- Mary Patterson and Elsie Meadows are also confined to home at this time.
- Be sure to remember to stock up the pantry for the children's home. The truck will be coming on June 5th. Also please pick up a change can in the back.
- Our vacation bible school will be here very soon. Our teachers are making preparations for this and we are going to have a wonderful time. This event is scheduled for June 10th—13th. Let's all make our plans to support this great work!
- Family and friends day is coming up on June 9th. We have flyers in the foyer and we want everyone to grab a copy and pass them out to your friends and family.
- There will be an elders and deacons meeting tonight after evening services.
- House to House and Heart to Heart has arrived. Those who are involved in this GOOD work, please meet downstairs after services this evening.
- Our monthly potluck is today.
- There are two Truth for Today commentaries in the back for \$29.00. The commentary is on the book of Revelation.
- The Pantry Item for this week is Pancake Mix.



## Men to Serve

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
<b>Sunday Morning:</b>	<b>May 19th, 2002</b>	<b>May 26th, 2002</b>
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Brent Stevens	Bill Fort
<b>Preacher:</b>	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Glenn Williams	Ken Smith
<b>Scripture:</b>	Ray Duncan	Larry Elliott
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Clyde Atchley	Glenn Quigley
	Raymond Kimes	Leon Duncan
<b>(assist)</b>	Ray Duncan	Brent Moore
	Larry Elliott	George Eddings
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Clay Bozarth	Bruce Foster
<b>Sunday Night:</b>		
<b>Songs:</b>	Glenn Williams	Bruce Foster
<b>Preacher:</b>	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Clyde Atchley	Leon Duncan
<b>Scripture:</b>	Perry Foster	Dale Pinkley
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Clay Bozarth	Ken Smith
	Brent Stevens	Ray Duncan
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Dale Pinkley	Rusty Windle
<b>Wednesday</b>		
<b>Songs:</b>	Glenn Quigley	Hugh Atchley
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Glenn Williams	Rusty Windle
<b>Invitation:</b>	Brent Stevens	Larry Elliott
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	George Eddings	Ray Duncan
<b>Monthly Assignments</b>		
<b>Announcements</b>	<b>Glenn Williams</b>	
<b>Worship Coordinator</b>	<b>Bob Moore</b>	
<b>Communion Prep</b>	<b>Lucille Fort</b>	<b>Donna Henderson</b>
<b>Communion Carry</b>	<b>Leon Duncan</b>	<b>Clay Bozarth</b>

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