



Bible Beacon

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

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Enthusiasm For the Word of God

Bill Jackson (deceased)

The English word, "enthusiasm," does not appear in any of our standard translations, but some synonyms do. Immediately, the word "zeal" comes to mind. We have been created in Christ Jesus, and called into Him by the Gospel, to be a people zealous of good works (Titus 2:14). In that same connection the apostle Paul made use of the expression "maintain good works" (Titus 3:8). God determines the area of good for us, and His children then must be zealous to learn of the good, do the good, and keep on doing the good!

But we often show we do not understand real, scriptural zeal (or enthusiasm). A showman can get in the pulpit, us virtually n Bible, but wave his arms, do hand-stands, and use the platform as a running track, and brethren marvel at his "enthusiasm for God!" Some of the same type behavior exhibited by one called a "youth minister," when appealing to our young people, results in parents turning the souls of their youngsters over to the man, for he has "such zeal!" Really now, don't we confuse showmanship, or bragging, etc. with zeal and enthusiasm?

We need enthusiasm in the work of God, but where do we get it? How do we come by it? First, we do not get it from denominationalism! Norman Vincent Peale, in his enthusiasm for promoting error, will not give the child of God enthusiasm for truth! Well, where does it come from? What is its base? Back we come to the permanent theme: The Word of God, and our own personal dedication to it. More than that, real enthusiasm – one that doesn't have such a short life – is based on true conversion!

If I am truly converted, I can be, and will be, enthusiastic in the work of God. If I am truly con-

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Kevin's Korner

This past week has been both wonderful and different. For one, there was the holiday—the fourth of July. This is the day that our country celebrates its declaration of independence. I appreciate so much the thoughts and prayers of the congregation in remembering that our freedom came as a result of someone else's sacrifice. We must always be grateful to our God for this. It is a rare and unique privilege in human history to be able to have the kind of freedoms that we have in this country. How much more so the great responsibility that is associated with it. Let us also remember that with the blessings of God also come an equal amount of obligation on our part to preach and teach the gospel of Jesus Christ.

As every year, the 4th was celebrated with the good old tradition of making loud noises by setting fire to small (and sometimes large) balls of explosive powder—fireworks. But doesn't the term "fireworks" sound much more harmless than "balls of exploding powder"? Of course it does. That is why the term was invented—it is a marketing tool. Fireworks, while fun and enjoyable when handled safely, can be and have been harmful to many who fail to respect what is actually going on for that noise and those beautiful colors to occur. The thought occurs to me that Satan works in much the same way. He gets us to see the beautiful colors and wonderful sounds. He then puts a pretty name on it and invites us to try it. The "it" of course, is sin. Sin may look ad sound "fun." And many have claimed to have "fun" while sinning, but mark God's word—sin is dangerous and deadly to our souls and we best leave it alone if we want to spend eternity with God one day.

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Our float trip happened Saturday morning just as we planned. Several families came to the event. Everyone got wet thanks to several who used their paddles as water splashing devices. The float was down the white river from Beaver dam to a little past the hwy. 62 bridge. One very interesting thing about this stretch of water was that the temperature of the water was about 48 degrees right below the dam, but as we traveled further upstream in this short stretch of water (about 6 miles) the temperature increased to around 60 or 70. This 20-30 degree change in temperature is likely due to the warming of the surface water in the lake below the dam, Table Rock Lake. This made for still waters and safe floating—for which we were all grateful.

In reflecting upon this drastic temperature change in the river, I wondered what factors influenced that. No doubt there is the influence of the Sun which, on warm days, has a heating effect on the water. There is also the influence of the springs and creeks that are flowing into the river. These most likely provided warmer water as well. Then there is the influence of the lake below the river. When it is backed up with a dam, the surface water gets warmed quicker as the water is not as fast moving. When we were in Yellowstone National Park there was another river that had external influences on it—The Firehole river. This river had so many geysers and hot springs flowing into it that the temperature changed drastically in a short area. As Christians there are influences on our lives as well. Some of these are good and some are evil. Sometimes we let external pressures influence us for evil when we shouldn't. These things can be jobs, money, friends, and even family. Paul wrote to the Corinthians in 1 Corinthians 15:33 "Be not deceived; evil companions corrupts good morals" (ASV). Let us all be aware of the influences that affect our lives!

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verted, I love the Lord, love the Word, love the kingdom, value my own soul, and I love the souls of others – and enthusiasm is thus rooted. No one then, will have to whip me to get my participation in the things of the kingdom. And, I will not be fooled by entertainment passing for "spiritual enthusiasm!" Here is real enthusiasm: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God . . ." (Mat.6:33). And here is more of it: ". . . be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the word of the Lord" (1 Cor.15:58).

Remembrance

Kevin Cauley

As we go about our daily lives, it is good to remember the teachings of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The following is a list of things to "remember" in our daily Christian walk.

1. Remember to have faith (Mat.16:9).
2. Remember that lack of faith leads to destruction (Luke 17:32; Jude 1:5).
3. Remember the sacrifice of Christ (Luke 22:19).
4. Remember to repent (Luke 23:42).
5. Remember the resurrection (Luke 24:6; 2 Tim.2:8).
6. Remember the things written (John 12:16).
7. Remember to watch for persecution (John 15:20).
8. Remember the words of the Lord Jesus (Acts 20:35).
9. Remember the poor (Gal.2:10).
10. Remember what life is like without Christ (Eph.2:11).
11. Remember one another (Phi.1:3).
12. Remember to handle aright the word of truth (2 Tim.2:14,15).
13. Remember them that are in bonds (Heb.13:3).
14. Remember them that have the rule over you (Heb.13:7).
15. Remember the commandments (2 Peter 3:2).

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Times of Worship and Study

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

Advice for a Young Mother

Glenn Colley

Older women are taught in the scriptures to teach the younger women. Titus 2:3-5 says, "The aged women likewise . . . that they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed."

Recently, I was given a copy of a letter that an older woman lovingly wrote to a young mother. I was impressed with the simplicity of the advice and values taught here; I decided to print it especially for the benefit of our young mothers. The older woman wrote:

1. Behave always as a lady becoming to the Lord.
2. Be a teacher and example to your family and friends. Your soul is to save, and you are responsible to help save family and friends.
3. Be serious about your responsibility as a wife.
 - a. Love your husband! Show him respect and consideration. Apply the golden rule.
 - b. Listen to your husband. Fulfill his needs.
4. Love your children enough to discipline them. That means setting rules and sticking to them.
5. Be honest, open, and modest.
6. Keep your home.
 - a. Keep it clean.
 - b. Keep the refrigerator stocked with good nutritious food that will keep them healthy

and help them maintain their weight properly.

- c. Help your family be disciplined in their eating habits.
7. Keep a home that is well ordered, and a husband who is loved. Make sure your children are cared for spiritually and physically.
8. Pray every day—often—for strength and wisdom. Proverbs 3:5-7 says "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. IN all ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct they paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.
9. Don't run from or shirk your responsibilities.
10. Always remember that I love you.

This older woman clearly knows what Paul was saying too Titus about teaching the younger women. Many young mothers could richly benefit from the sound advice of older women if it was only given and heeded. May God bless us as we try to help one another please our Father.



(Editor's note: I ran across this article several years ago and it never fails to be relevant. I am very thankful that we have several older women in our congregation from which our younger ladies can draw wisdom.)

Sunday's Sermons

For July 7th

Morning Bible Study as Worship
 Scripture..... Psalm 1:1-3
Evening The Christian and Alcohol
 Scripture..... Ephesians 5:17-20

Our Record

Week of June 30th

Sunday Class	65
Sunday A.M.....	86
Sunday P.M.	61
Wednesday	56
Contribution.....	1559.24

News, Notes and Prayer List



- Please remember the following in your prayers: Delma Alan, Michael Collins, Corey Foster, Opal Hull, Charles and Linda Pogue
- 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.
- Please remember our shutins: Elsie Meadows, Mary Patterson, Art Roberts.
- Tonight we will have our youth devotional at Glenn and Dena Williams house after our evening services. Please bring chips and drinks.
- Questions and answers are next Sunday evening. If you have a Bible question you would like answered, please drop it in the question box.
- This coming Saturday will be our monthly men's breakfast. Rusty is always looking for a few good cooks, so let him know if you can help.
- Bert Thompson will be coming to Tulsa Oklahoma and we want you to go! Brother Thompson is a well known speaker on the subject of creation verses evolution. Brent and Shawna Stevens will be taking a group over to the 10th and Rockford Church of Christ for this event. The event dates are Friday July 21st through Sunday July 23rd. Please get with Brent or Shawna as soon as possible if you would like to go.
- Please remember to sign up for Art Robert's Sunday lunch list. Art gets meals on wheels Monday through Saturday, but they do not deliver on Sunday. Let's all make an effort to add our name to this list.
- The Pantry Item for this week is Fabric Softener.



Men to Serve

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Sunday Morning:	July 7th, 2002	July 14th, 2002
Song Leader:	Bill Fort	Ken Smith
Preacher:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Clay Bozarth	Bob Moore
Scripture:	Brent Moore	Leon Duncan
Lord's Table:	Ken Smith	Bruce Foster
	Rusty Windle	Hugh Atchley
(assist)	Raymond Kimes	Perry Foster
	Leon Duncan	Ray Duncan
Closing Prayer	Glenn Williams	George Eddings
Sunday Night:		
Songs:	Glenn Williams	Larry Elliott
Preacher:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Bob Moore	Dale Pinkley
Scripture:	Ken Smith	Rusty Windle
Lord's Table:	George Eddings	Hugh Atchley
	Rusty Windle	Brandon Foster
Closing Prayer	Glenn Quigley	Bob Moore
Wednesday		
Songs:	Hugh Atchley	Clay Bozarth
Opening Prayer:	Glenn Williams	Brent Stevens
Invitation:	Bob Moore	Dale Pinkley
Closing Prayer:	Bill Fort	Leon Duncan
Monthly Assignments		
Announcements	Leon Duncan	
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