



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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## A Peg in His Holy Place

David Deffenbaugh

How our perceptions change, and sometimes very quickly. Most people's idea of security has certainly been altered over the past several months. For Americans, our ideas of security have been radically overhauled. Living in American does not necessarily mean security. Financial security cannot be equated with a major, seemingly stable, corporation. While it certainly was not originally applied in this way, nevertheless, King David's lament seems appropriate, "How have the mighty fallen!" (2 Sam. 1:19, 25, 27)

As our nation scrambles for some other sense of security, how does this sound; that we would find a "peg in His holy place?" (Ezra 9:8). That's probably not the kind of language that is going to capture the imagination of this nation. But that doesn't mean it isn't what we all need.

The nation of God's people were in a state of crisis. As a matter of fact it was a time in their history that was characterized by a series of crises. They were allowed to return to their homeland from captivity, but their homeland was in shambles. Theirs was a crisis of a geopolitical nature, theirs was a crisis of spiritual direction and theirs was a crisis of sin and therefore a right standing with God. Ezra prayed a prayer of penitence for the sin of the people in which he praised God for showing a "brief moment of grace" and having provided a "peg in His holy place" (Ezra 9:8).

This "peg" is "a nail or peg struck into the wall, to hang any kind of domestic utensils upon." (Keil and Delitzsch, p. 119). This might not sound like much to us. We're familiar with nails and how they are used by men in the construction of various edifices. And, we have had graphically seared into our memories what can happen to the mighty and glorious structures

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## Kevin's Korner

Well all of the kids went back to school this past week. We kicked this event off with our Back to School Picnic Lunch which was very well attended this past Sunday. Having the kids back in school means that we parents now must focus on getting back into the groove of things locally as well. Summer is almost at an end and there is plenty of work to get done. In September we will begin a new quarter in our Bible classes and we will begin several new studies. Brent Stevens, recently appointed deacon of education, is leading the K-12 effort while myself and Larry Elliott will be attending to the needs of our adult classes. Sunday mornings we are going to shift focus from the fundamentals to the last week of Christ. Someone mentioned you are going to take 13 weeks to cover the last week? I said, "Really we will only be taking 13 hours to cover the last week!" So we have a lot of material to look at in our next quarter.

Our gospel meeting is coming up sooner than we think. It is quite literally right around the corner. This is the last Sunday in August and next Sunday will be the first in September. That means October is practically next month! David Deffenbaugh has graciously consented to preach for our gospel meeting this year and I, for one, am looking forward to it! Over the next several weeks, I will be publishing some articles of David's in the bulletin so that the members can get to know more about his teaching style and abilities. The first is in this issue and it is really a great article. I also want to remind everyone to start inviting friends and family to our gospel meeting. Inside this bulletin you will find space dedicated to the subjects of the meeting and the



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# Gospel Meeting



Preacher: David Deffenbaugh  
of Tahlequah Oklahoma

Sunday October 6th through  
Wednesday October 9th

*Our Theme:*

## *Jesus Said*

9:30 AM Sunday Class

***Why Should We Care What Jesus  
Said?***

10:20 AM Sunday Worship  
***"Come To Me"***

6:00 PM Sunday  
***"You Cannot Be My Disciple"***

7:00 PM Monday  
***"The Way is Narrow That Leads to  
Life"***

7:00 PM Tuesday  
***"I Will Never Leave You"***

7:00 PM Wednesday  
***"I Will Build My Church"***

*Be there with us!*

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erected by men, made of much more than just nails.

The security is not in the nail or peg, but that it is in God's sanctuary. And, since it was in God's sanctuary, even a mere peg is sufficient to provide all the support and security one needs. "Such a nail was the place of God's sanctuary,... This was to them a firm nail, by which they were borne and upheld; and this nail God had given them as a support to which they might cling, and gain new life and vigour." (Keil and Delitzsch).

If security is the concern, then God's holy place is what we need. That holy place, or sanctuary, is spoken of clearly in the New Testament. Peter says, "And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, **you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house** for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ" (1 Pet. 2:4-5; *emph. added*). A fuller discussion is given by Paul: "So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit." (Eph. 2:19-22)

Much more than just a peg in his holy place, we, as Christians, are a part of the building materials that construct the sanctuary of God. That sanctuary of God is the Lord's church and the Lord's church is secure. Even "the gates of Hades shall not overpower it" (Matt. 16:18). While heaven and earth itself will one day pass away, God's word will remain (Matt. 24:35). That's the same word by which we are born, sanctified, sustained, and directed (1 Pet. 1:23; John 17:17; Acts 20:32; Psa. 119:105).

What more will it take for us to realize that security is not found in places we have been looking. It's past time to find it where we have yet to look--that peg in His holy place.

### **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

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times. You can cut these out or better yet, just give the whole bulletin to someone you know. Let's use this meeting as the great opportunity it is for evangelism in Berryville!

It distresses me to have to report that Jo Nimmo was admitted to the hospital Friday morning for ulcers. Jo was baptized into Christ earlier this year. Jason and Jo are young members of the congregation and we love them and want them to know this. Let's take some time out of our lives this week to send them a little something. Their address is listed in the directory, but just for convenience sake, we will post it here.

Jason and Jo Nimmo  
1861 State Hwy 39s  
Shell Knob, MO 65747  
417-858-6155

I know that they would appreciate any kind word or thought that you might happen to send their way.

Mentioning names and addresses reminds me that the Elliotts have moved! They now live very near! Their new address is as follows:

Larry and Susan Elliott  
192 Kings Hill Estates  
Berryville AR 72616  
870-423-3427

Yesterday we took the annual trip to Lost Valley and it was very well attended. It was great that we could have some visitors among us. God's creation is truly wonderful indeed. Taking time out of our lives to spend some moments among it in peaceful contemplation of God's will gives us continued strength to go forward into the daily fray. I, for one, was truly edified and exhorted by your presence. The hike into the valley and the cave crawl was an experience I will never

**Elders:** Clay Bozarth, Leon Duncan, Bruce Foster, Bill Fort, Glenn Quigley  
**Deacons:** Ken Smith, Brent Stevens, Rusty Windle.  
**Preacher:** Kevin Cauley 870-423-6707

## Sunday's Sermons

### For August 25th

**Morning .....Prerequisites of Evangelism**  
Scripture..... Acts 8:1-4  
**Evening .....In No Position to Ask**  
Scripture..... James 4:3

forget! I am very thankful for Rusty and for everyone who participated to help make this event the success it was.

I would like to mention that I will be teaching a volleyball class at the Berryville Community Center this fall. We will start the first Tuesday in September and finish up the last Tuesday in November. I would like to encourage any who are interested to sign up. I think it will be a lot of fun and it is a great way to get out into the community and meet people. The class requires membership at the community center and a \$10.00 class fee. All proceeds go to the community center. I also think that baby sitting services will be provided during that time for those of us who have little ones that need attending to. If you are not interested in attending, but know of some others who might be, please let them know. Additionally the community center will be starting a volleyball league in November. You may want to come practice now so you can sign up in November as a member of a team.

Have you ever seen a Volleyball game before? It is an interesting game in which the players working as a team try to get the volleyball to the other side of the court without letting the ball hit the ground on their side. Seemingly the volleyball bounces around in the midst of chaos at times. Did we not know that the will of the team is to get that ball across to the other side, it would seem rather silly. The same can be said to be true for the Christian life. At times we seem to bounce here and there rather pointlessly. Were it not for the fact of the will of our Heavenly Father working to get us to the "other side" we would give up on the game completely. Paul writes, "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28). So next time your life feels like a volleyball, just remember the great will of God striving to get you to the other side.



Sunday Class .....	81
Sunday A.M.....	100
Sunday P.M. ....	74
Wednesday .....	65
Contribution.....	\$1523.25

## News, Notes and Prayer List



- Please remember the following in your prayers: Michael Collins, Evelyn Johnson, Oleta Widener, Opal Hull, Denna Dickey's b-in-law in Harrison,
- Jo Nimmo was admitted to the hospital Friday. She was discharged Saturday with ulcers. Please remember her in your prayers.
- Charles Pogue has an enlarged pancreas. Tests are being run at this time to determine the problem. Remember him in your prayers.
- 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.
- Next Sunday we will have our youth devotional.
- Please remember that Kevin and Rusty will be traveling to Costa Rica at the end of September. Keep them and the work in Tres Rios in your prayers.
- Our gospel meeting is coming soon. October 6-9 with David Deffenbaugh. Let's all start inviting friends and family.
- Recently some Jewelry was found in the church building of some value. If anyone knows anything about this or wants to claim the Jewelry, please see Bill Fort.
- Assignments for September are as follows: Rusty Windle will do announcements; Bob Moore and Glenn Quigley will carry communion; Tiffany Windle and Joann Bragg will prepare communion; Brent Stevens will be the worship coordinator.
- The Pantry Item for this week is Canned Chicken.



## Men to Serve

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
<b>Sunday Morning:</b>	<b>August 25th, 2002</b>	<b>September 1st, 2002</b>
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Bill Fort	Larry Elliott
<b>Preacher:</b>	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Ken Smith	Leon Duncan
<b>Scripture:</b>	Brandon Foster	Bob Moore
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Leon Duncan	Clay Bozarth
	Glenn Williams	Bruce Foster
<b>(assist)</b>	Brent Moore	Brent Moore
	George Eddings	Rusty Windle
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Larry Elliott	Glenn Williams
<b>Sunday Night:</b>		
<b>Songs:</b>	Clay Bozarth	Rusty Windle
<b>Preacher:</b>	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	George Eddings	Clyde Atchley
<b>Scripture:</b>	Bob Moore	George Eddings
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Dale Pinkley	Dale Pinkley
	Brandon Foster	Brandon Foster
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Brent Moore	Ken Smith
<b>Wednesday</b>		
<b>Songs:</b>	Rusty Windle	Glenn Quigley
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Dale Pinkley	Clay Bozarth
<b>Invitation:</b>	Kevin Cauley	Dale Pinkley
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Ray Duncan	Bruce Foster
<b>Monthly Assignments</b>		
<b>Announcements</b>	Kevin Cauley	
<b>Worship Coordinator</b>	Larry Elliott	
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Neva Welch	Dena Williams
<b>Communion Carry</b>	Bruce Foster	John Gass

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