



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

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Enron and Heaven

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The name Enron will always be associated with questionable accounting practices, cover ups, and lost savings and retirement funds. Other companies have since made headlines with the same or similar activities. Fair or not, it's always the first that is remembered.

While many of the circumstances and particulars may have changed, the truth of Jesus' teaching has not. He had never heard of a 401K or the accounting firm of Arthur Andersen, but He didn't have to, either. Could His words be any more applicable than when He said, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matt. 6:19-21).



Forget your 401K and IRA's, how's your heavenly account? Believe it or not, there is a connection between the two. Jesus' instruction for the "rich young ruler" was, "If you wish to be complete, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." (Matt. 19:21). In the same vein, Paul encouraged Timothy to, "Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to

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Kevin's Korner



This past week I started volunteering at the lower Berryville Elementary School in Mrs. Summers class. I can think of no more satisfying use of my time than the time I get to spend with the community's youth. I must admit that this would not be possible if it were not for you. Your sharing in this great work makes it possible and I am thankful to God for Christians like you who work to ensure that the fragrant influence of Christ is spread throughout our community. I love you and I thank you for the great blessing of working with you and this community.

Our new quarter is starting and we have new classes. I am sure that you will have already found out where you children need to go for their classes, but if you do not, then please get with Brent Stevens and he will be happy to help you get to the right place this morning. We are starting new subjects in the Sunday morning adult class and the Wednesday night adult class as well. Sunday morning we will be studying the last week of Christ and Wednesday night we will be studying characters from the genealogy of Christ. I will teach on Sunday morning and Larry Elliott will be teaching Wednesday night. Please avail yourself of these great opportunities for study!

Let's remember our Family Picnic coming up at Roaring River state park in Missouri on Saturday the 14th of September. If you are coming Saturday, be there around 10:00 AM to start getting ready for the picnic and we will eat around 11:30 or so. Roaring River state park has a variety of activities. You can fly fish there if you like Trout. Even if you don't like Trout, you can enjoy some of the hiking trails there. They also have a fish hatchery that is operated year around and it is

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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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open to the public to tour. The kids will love to feed the fish and they have several playgrounds and picnic areas.

For the more adventurous, you are invited to come Friday night and camp at Roaring River for one night. We will, that evening, have a campfire devotional, roast marshmallows and hotdogs—we may even make some smores for those chocolate lovers (Rusty!). After all of that, we will camp under the stars and have breakfast the next morning bright and early. If you like to camp or if you have never camped and want to learn a little about it, come on out for this great opportunity for food, fun, and fellowship. Due to this event, the men's breakfast that is normally scheduled for the second Saturday of the month will be cancelled (at least at the building!).

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share, storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed." (1 Tim. 6:17-19).

It's not that Jesus is primarily interested in our money, but it is a fact that "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." That is where His interest lies; with our heart. A big bank account without good works and generosity and sharing is a foolproof indicator of our heart's location. The rich young ruler's interest in eternal life was big enough to prompt him to seek out Jesus, yet not great enough to allow his heart to reside with Christ. If Jesus can't have our treasure, He'll never have our heart.

It's a near certainty that we haven't heard the end of the corporate accounting woes that began with Enron and have affected the financial investments of many Americans. But it is an absolute certainty that the only investment that is 100% guaranteed is also the most valuable (because it's eternal) and that is an investment in heaven.

Elders: Clay Bozarth, Leon Duncan, Bruce Foster, Bill Fort, Glenn Quigley

Deacons: 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
Ladies Bible Class: 10:30 AM
Wed. Evening Bible Class:7:00 PM

"I Don't Want You To Join My Church."

We run into people on a more or less frequent basis that are looking for a church. Many times you will hear people who are undergoing this process say things like, "How do I know which church to join," and "How do I choose the right church?" It is well understood that these individuals are looking to be a part of a particular church but they just do not know which one they should be a part of. However, I submit to you that this type of terminology when looking for a church is foreign to the Bible. In fact, let me emphatically say that I don't want you to join my church.

I don't want you to join **my** church because it is not **my** church. It may be the church I attend or the group of people with whom I assembly, but technically speaking, it is not my church--it is the Lord's church. Jesus said in Matthew 16:18 "And I say unto you that thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build **my** church and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it." The church belongs to Jesus; it is His church; He is the Owner. The Bible also says that Jesus is the Head of the body (Eph.1:22, 23), the Savior of the church (Eph.5:23), the King of the kingdom (1 Tim.6:15), the Husband of the bride (Eph.5:21ff), the Foundation of the church (1 Cor.3:11) and the Chief Cornerstone (1 Peter 2:5, 6). So I want you to be part of the church that belongs to Christ, not "**my** church."

I don't want you to **join** my church because you can't **join** the church. One will search the scriptures all day long and never find an instance of a person "joining a church." We read of the church having members in 1 Corinthians 12:12ff and Romans 12:4ff. However we never read of someone "joining" the church. Rather we read

where God adds a person to the church. In Acts 2:47 we have, "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." The Lord adds those who are saved to the church. If you are saved you already have membership within the church. The question that stands before you is whether or not you will worship with God's church. If you are not a Christian, the question that stands before you is "Will you be added to God's church?" I don't want you to **join** my church; I want you to be added to the Lord's church.

I don't want **you** to join my church because you nor I have a right to determine the characteristics of the church. Many people visit different churches in their search for a church. They look at the church and weigh the differences and then determine which characteristics most please them. This is not, however, how we should view the church. We should look for the church whose characteristics most please God! God has given us His word so that we can know about His church and He has given us His church so that we can know about His word (Ephesians 3:10). It is God's church that we should be seeking. I don't want you to join my church; I want **you** to seek God's church (Matthew 6:33).

There are some things that I do want. I **DO** want you to be obedient to God. I **DO** want you to worship God. I **DO** want you to be a faithful Christian. I **DO** want you to be saved. I **DO** want you to be a member of the Lord's church for which He shed His blood (Acts 20:28). Take the necessary measures today to ensure that you are part of the church that belongs to Jesus--the church of Christ (Romans 16:16)!

Kevin Cauley
Berryville, AR

Sunday's Sermons

For 9/1

Morning **Forgiveness**
Scripture..... Eph.4:31-5:1
Evening **Ode to the Lamb**
Scripture..... Revelation 5:9

Our Record

Week of 8/25

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| Sunday Class | 75 |
| Sunday A.M..... | 88 |
| Sunday P.M. | 73 |
| Wednesday | 68 |
| Contribution..... | \$1542.82 |

News, Notes and Prayer List



- Please remember the following in your prayers: Michael Collins, Evelyn Johnson, Denna Dickey's brother-in-law, Jo Nimmo, Charles Pogue, Pam Pinkley.
- 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.
- Remember our shut-ins, Mary Patterson and Art Roberts.
- Tonight we will have our youth devotional at Brent and Shawna's house. Please bring drinks and chips. The main course will be provided.
- Next Sunday night will be our questions and answers night. Please submit your questions today so I can have an opportunity to research them this week.
- We have a family picnic scheduled for Saturday, September 14th at Roaring River. Please plan on attending. Those who want to are invited to camp Friday night before the picnic.
- If you have a children's home coin bank, then please turn it in to Brent so he can send those into the children's home within the next two weeks.
- Today will be the last Sunday to claim the found Jewelry. If you or someone you know is missing some, please see Bill Fort.
- Please remember Rusty and Kevin in your prayers as they travel to Costa Rica the 21st through the 28th of this month. Please also remember the congregation in San Diego Tres Rios.
- Don't forget our Gospel Meeting in October! David Deffenbaugh on "Jesus Said!"
- The Pantry Item for this week is Peanut Butter.



Men to Serve

| | <u>Today</u> | <u>Next Week</u> |
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| Sunday Morning: | September 1st, 2002 | September 8th, 2002 |
| Song Leader: | Larry Elliott | Brent Stevens |
| Preacher: | Kevin Cauley | Kevin Cauley |
| Opening Prayer: | Leon Duncan | George Eddings |
| Scripture: | Bob Moore | Ken Smith |
| Lord's Table: | Clay Bozarth | Bill Fort |
| | Bruce Foster | Leon Duncan |
| (assist) | Brent Moore | Raymond Kimes |
| | Rusty Windle | Brandon Foster |
| Closing Prayer | Glenn Williams | John Gass |
| Sunday Night: | | |
| Songs: | Rusty Windle | Bruce Foster |
| Preacher: | Kevin Cauley | Kevin Cauley |
| Opening Prayer: | Clyde Atchley | Clay Bozarth |
| Scripture: | George Eddings | Glenn Williams |
| Lord's Table: | Dale Pinkley | Leon Duncan |
| | Brandon Foster | Rusty Windle |
| Closing Prayer | Ken Smith | Dale Pinkley |
| Wednesday | | |
| Songs: | Glenn Quigley | Hugh Atchley |
| Opening Prayer: | Clay Bozarth | Bill Fort |
| Invitation: | Dale Pinkley | Ken Smith |
| Closing Prayer: | Bruce Foster | Dale Pinkley |
| Monthly Assignments | | |
| Announcements | Rusty Windle | |
| Worship Coordinator | Brent Stevens | |
| Communion Prep | Tiffany Windle | Joann Bragg |
| Communion Carry | Bob Moore | Glenn Quigley |

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