



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

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## Please, O please, Hear God's Word!

*Kevin Cauley*

"O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD" is the great proclamation of Jeremiah (22:29). When we look on all the problems that the world faces today. Whether we should wage war against one country or another; whether we should spend money on this program or that; whether an individual will stop drinking and reform his life. We shout from the rooftops with Jeremiah "O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD!" Herein lies the solution to all of earth's problems regardless of how great or small the problem may be. Do we truly listen to the word of the Lord? Do we truly read it for what it is worth and bow ourselves in obedience to it? Therein lies the greatest problem for all mankind—the attitude of not listening to God's word. And listening implies obedience from God's standpoint. If one has not obeyed, one has not truly listened. "O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD!"

I remember as a high school student being asked the question, "If you were granted one wish, what would it be?" Those who wished for "world peace" were always the ones who stood out as seeming wiser than others. However, I now know exactly what to wish for. My wish would be for the world to listen to God's word and obey it. What a simple, but profound solution to all the problems of mankind whether big or small. In truth, there is only one problem that is truly a problem—the refusal of man to heed the word of God. "O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD!"

Does not God look down upon this earth as an experienced father would look at his teenage children and say, "If they would only listen to me, I would be able to help them." But in rebellion

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## Kevin's Korner

Can you believe that it is only two months 'til Christmas? Seems like that time of the year always slips up on me. My mother sent me a request for her annual Christmas list last week. This is perhaps the most hectic part of the year and that is exactly the way our announcements look as well for this week. We have a lot going on. First, since I mentioned Christmas already, let me remind you of the Christmas party at Ken and Debbie's house on December 9<sup>th</sup>.



Speaking of dates, Rusty, Brent, and I got together this past week and made a schedule for next years events. We have hopes that in publishing this schedule, everyone will be able to make the appropriate plans to attend as many church activities as they can. If you have a specific item that you would like to see on the schedule for next year, if you would please contact me and then I can tentatively put it in. We will publish the schedule at the end of this month so you can start making your plans for January (already!).

We want to rejoice with our sister congregation in Costa Rica. They had two baptisms in the past couple of weeks. One baptism was the son of one of the members there. His name is Ricardo. The other was a woman with whom Rusty and I studied the week we were in Costa Rica. Her name is Rosario. Please pray for these new children in the faith!

Speaking of Costa Rica, the time for Moises and Maritsa to arrive here is growing nearer and nearer. They will be here from November 19<sup>th</sup> through December 7<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to host them for a meal or would just like to spend some time with them, please let Bill Fort know about

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this so he can put you on their schedule.

Well, it is that time of the year again--time to start planning for VBS! Yes, that's right. VBS in November! We are going to have a meeting next Sunday night after evening worship to talk a little about our VBS and to start the ball rolling so that everyone will have plenty of time to get prepared. If you want to participate in VBS next year, please stay for this meeting.

This coming Saturday, we have two events scheduled. One is our regular men's breakfast that occurs every second Saturday of the month. We want all of our men to come out at 7:00 AM to eat breakfast with us. After this event is over, at 9:00 we will start our Personal Evangelism Workshop. This will last from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. We have some great material to go over and a lot of good things to talk about in this regard, so if you want to do more personal evangelism come this Saturday and bring your Bible!

If you have not noticed yet, there are some signs in our foyer. These signs are to advertise the programs that come on television on Springfield channel 10 every Sunday morning at 7:00 AM. These are good programs and we need to support that work as much as possible. This is also a way in which you can spread the gospel in your neighborhood. Please pick up one of these signs this week and put one in your yard.

One more item of importance. Over the past several months, with the aid of our new copier, I have been able to produce several tracts for individuals to use in evangelism. These tracts are located in the hallway on the tract rack to the right of the membership directory. They are white with black print and only have four printed sides. The names of these tracts are: "Family," "It Doesn't Matter Where You Go." "America's True Greatness," "Why I am a Member of the Church of Christ," and "I'm Saved, Right?" These are messages that the world desperately needs. I would just love to have to use our copier to print up several hundred more of these. Please grab a few and pass them out to your friends and families and even your enemies!

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and stubbornness, we refuse to listen. Would that every man would take up God's challenge to them as found in Malachi 3:10, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Go

ahead and take up God's challenge. Hear his word and obey it and see if he won't bless you! Don't you believe that every good father who has ever had teenage children wants them to understand this—that life for them would be so much easier if they would just listen! This is the message that God has for us as His creation. "O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD!"

We sing the children's song, "The wise man built his house upon a rock." Do we listen to the very song we teach our children? Jesus said, "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock. . ." (Matthew 7:24). The wise man listens to Jesus and acts upon what he hears. Who does Jesus define as the foolish man? "And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand. . ." (Matthew 7:26). Wise or foolish--the choice stands before us today. "O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD!"

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## *Quick Commentary*

The other day I was reading John 8:43, "Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word." This scripture really stood out for me that particular day, particularly because we have been studying the book of John in ladies Bible class. This thought is one of the sub-themes of the book. Nicodemus (John 3), the woman at the well (John 4), the conversation with those who needed the bread of life (John 6), the conversation with the Pharisees in John 8 are all examples of people who heard the sounds coming out of Jesus mouth, but did not listen to what he said. These conversations are instructive to us to try to understand what Jesus is saying and then to apply it to our lives. Jesus doesn't want us to merely hear his word alone, he wants us to act on it! Those who "cannot" hear the word of Jesus are those who simply don't want to understand.

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**Deacons:** Ken Smith, Brent Stevens, Rusty Windle.

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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

# “O, Earth, Earth, Earth . . .”

Kevin Cauley

Are you with sorrows bent down low?  
Do you have troubles that plague you so?  
Would you have worries and cares be gone?  
Do you, for peace, wait all the day long?  
Listen, dear one, to the message sublime.  
Incline your ear to the word Divine.

Does sickness knock each day at dawn?  
Do friends forsake and are loved ones gone?  
Can you turn with ease upon your bed?  
Or does each movement fill with dread?  
Hearken, sweet friend, to the One from Above.  
Hear the blessed word of God.

Does money get you feeling low?  
Do you wonder each day where it goes?  
Can you find a dime to spare at noon?  
Do you feel that all you do is swoon?  
Haste to hear the voice so sweet.  
God’s word, will your problems meet.

Has someone near and dear passed on?  
Does life remove the faintest song?  
What troubled cares arise within?  
What distant memories wear your soul thin?  
Turn to Him in such distress.  
Let His words your soul caress.

What great problem can arise?  
What great difficulty surmise?  
What awful hurtful things may come?  
What tearful soulless evil haunt?  
Be it pain, peril, death or sword,  
“O earth, earth, earth hear the WORD of the  
LORD!”

## Sunday’s Sermons

For November 3rd

Morning ..... “I Am the Bread of Life” 1  
Scripture.....John 6:35  
Evening ..... “I Am the Bread of Life” 2  
Scripture.....John 6:35

# ANOTHER NAIL

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Our Loving Lord was crucified  
By cruel hands of old;  
In agonizing pain He died;  
Betrayed, deserted, sold,  
Insulted, beaten, spit upon --  
With thieves on either side;  
A victim killed by brutal brawn  
Inspired by jealous pride.

We say today, “A ghastly deed  
Could people be so low;  
So full of selfish lust and greed,  
To make Him suffer so?”  
In looking back, it’s hard to see  
How men could be so mean;  
To kill our Lord 'mid shouts of glee,  
and think their hands were clean.

Yet, every day, we crucify  
Our Lord with pains anew,  
When careless deeds of ours deny  
The only Name that’s true --  
Each willful sin become a nail --  
Each act of hate, a spear;  
A crown of thorns when thoughts prevail  
That bring a bloody tear.

The vulgar words that pass our lips  
Is spit upon His face;  
When hoarding wealth in miser’s grips,  
Like thieves, we bring disgrace.  
So friends, it’s time we knew each wrong  
That causes us to fail  
Will once again His pain prolong,  
And drive another nail!

## Our Record

Week of October 27th

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Sunday Class ..... | 64        |
| Sunday A.M.....    | 82        |
| Sunday P.M. ....   | 71        |
| Wednesday .....    | 69        |
| Contribution.....  | \$1554.25 |

## News, Notes and Prayer List



- Please remember the following in your prayers: Hugh Atchley, Leonard Gass, Helen Swink's son in Arizona.
- 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.
- There is a gospel meeting going on this week in Forum, AR. Brother Delbert McCloud is preaching in this effort.
- There is yet another new note from A. J. Hendrix posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Please read that when you get an opportunity.
- The youth devotional is tonight! It will be held at Kevin and Mary Lynn's home. The sign up list for food is in the back foyer. We will be having Frito Pie! Come hungry both physically AND spiritually!
- Saturday will be our monthly men's breakfast.
- Saturday will also be our Evangelism Workshop. Please bring your Bible if you are planning on coming.
- Don't forget the Christmas party coming up on December the 6th!
- Please continue to pray for the health of the congregation in this time of changing seasons. Brrrrrrr.
- God is great! Thank God today for your blessings!
- Please note those who will be serving for the month of November. Leon Duncan will have announcements. Bruce Foster is our worship coordinator. Lucille Fort and Pat Foster will prepare communion. Bob Moore and Ken Smith will carry communion.
- The Pantry Item for this week is Deodorizer.



## Men to Serve

|                            | <u>Today</u>                  | <u>Next Week</u>               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday Morning:</b>     | <b>November 3rd,<br/>2002</b> | <b>November 10th,<br/>2002</b> |
| <b>Song Leader:</b>        | Ken Smith                     | Larry Elliott                  |
| <b>Preacher:</b>           | Kevin Cauley                  | Kevin Cauley                   |
| <b>Opening Prayer:</b>     | Brent Stevens                 | Bob Moore                      |
| <b>Scripture:</b>          | Ray Duncan                    | Perry Foster                   |
| <b>Lord's Table:</b>       | Clyde Atchley                 | John Gass                      |
|                            | Raymond Kimes                 | Glenn Quigley                  |
| <b>(assist)</b>            | George Eddings                | Bruce Foster                   |
|                            | Brandon Foster                | Ray Duncan                     |
| <b>Closing Prayer</b>      | Larry Elliott                 | Brent Stevens                  |
| <b>Sunday Night:</b>       |                               |                                |
| <b>Songs:</b>              | Clay Bozarth                  | Bruce Foster                   |
| <b>Preacher:</b>           | Kevin Cauley                  | Kevin Cauley                   |
| <b>Opening Prayer:</b>     | Bob Moore                     | Dale Pinkley                   |
| <b>Scripture:</b>          | Brandon Foster                | Brent Moore                    |
| <b>Lord's Table:</b>       | Leon Duncan                   | George Eddings                 |
|                            | John Gass                     | Rusty Windle                   |
| <b>Closing Prayer</b>      | Dale Pinkley                  | Glenn Quigley                  |
| <b>Wednesday</b>           |                               |                                |
| <b>Songs:</b>              | Hugh Atchley                  | Kevin Cauley                   |
| <b>Opening Prayer:</b>     | Rusty Windle                  | Matt Bassing                   |
| <b>Invitation:</b>         | Ken Smith                     | Brent Stevens                  |
| <b>Closing Prayer:</b>     | Ray Duncan                    | Larry Elliott                  |
| <b>Monthly Assignments</b> |                               |                                |
| <b>Announcements</b>       | Leon Duncan                   |                                |
| <b>Worship Coordinator</b> | Bruce Foster                  |                                |
| <b>Communion Prep</b>      | Pat Foster                    | Lucille Fort                   |
| <b>Communion Carry</b>     | Bob Moore                     | Ken Smith                      |

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