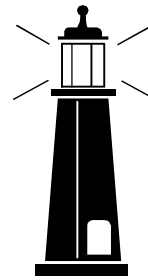


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"Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105)

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Billy Graham's Beliefs

Monte Ginnings

One can hear brethren say Billy Graham in his sermons just does to quite go far enough when he tells people how to be saved because he does not mention baptism. They seem to suggest that Graham is so very near the truth. Let us share what this man believes by quoting from a televised interview he had with Robert Schuller in May, 1997 (reported in The Christian News, October 20, 1997, page 15).

Graham says: I think everybody who knows Christ, whether they're conscious of it or not, they're members of the Body of Christ... God's purpose is to call out a people for His name, whether they come from the Muslim world, the Buddhist world, the Christian world, or the non-believing world. They are members of the Body of Christ, because they've been called by God. They may not even know the name of Jesus...and I think they are saved, and that they are going to be in heaven with us.

Schuller replies: What I hear you saying is that it's possible for Jesus Christ to come into human hearts and soul and life even if they've been born into darkness and never had exposure to the Bible. Is that a correct interpretation of what you are saying?

Graham says: Yes, it is, because I believe that. I've met people in various parts of the world...that have never seen a Bible, or heard about a Bible, and never heard of Jesus, but they've believed in their hearts that there was a God.

There is no enough space here to begin to point out the massive amount of errors found in the above transcript. But most readers, after they recover from their shock, will see clearly how far away from the truth the statements are.

It is hard to imagine why brethren in various cities around the land actually join with the denominations in supporting the crusades led by this man. Do they not know what he believes? Do they care?

-Lawton, OK

Kevin's Korner



We are very happy to announce that Sandy Nieves was baptized into Christ this past Monday evening (February 17th, 2003) at 6:30 PM. We rejoice in that we have a new brother in Christ and a new soul to work in the kingdom of the Lord. I hope that everyone will welcome Sandy into our fellowship here and make him feel welcome as a member of this congregation.

The two articles that you will find in the bulletin this week I have been saving to publish for some time. The one about Billy Graham I believe is enlightening. We recently discussed this information in one of our ladies Bible classes and I thought that you would like to have the source for the information. The second article is written by the father of my wife's brother-in-law. You have seen many articles by him in these pages, but this particular one I thought to be very valuable and instructive. I commend them both to you this week.

I forgot to bring the camera last week, but I want to continue my efforts this week at getting your picture for our work here. If you have not had your picture taken yet, today is the last opportunity to get that done voluntarily. After this week, I will be targeting you to get your picture taken. We need to have everyone's picture for various projects, so please get with me to have your picture taken real soon!

This past Friday evening the cub scouts had their Blue and Gold Banquet. This is the biggest banquet of the year and at this time many scouts are promoted to the next level of scouting. I am proud to announce that we have five cub scouts that were promoted to the next level of scouting. They are: Austin Cauley, Charles Elliott, Braden Stevens, Hunter Stevens, and Chandler Youngblood. We are very proud of these boys who are rapidly growing into young men and will

soon be the future leaders of our church, community, and country. Please give them a word of encouragement for meeting their milestones in their work in the Cub Scouts.

The Voice of Truth International is a publication to which the eldership has subscribed for the congregation. The newest edition of this periodical is available for you in the back foyer if you have not as yet already picked one up. In addition to this literature we also have several booklets in the back titled "Traditions of Men versus the Word of God." We have a ton of these booklets downstairs in our storage area. If you know of anyone who would like to have one of these, please let them have one.

The eldership would like to announce the following: If any member of the congregation wishes to donate a book to the library or to have a book dedicated in memory of someone, please contact Ken Smith who will work with you in this matter.

This past week I was asked to work a little extra on my volunteer day at the community center. The center is running short of volunteers, particularly in the evening, and needs some help. If you have three or four hours that you would like to volunteer each week for the community, I think that this is a good place to do that. This is also a great way for us, as Christians, to be a light in our community. If you need further information on how you might volunteer, please contact me.

As you know, we normally have a weekly "pantry item" for stocking our pantry. This item is just a guideline as to what things we need to have in our pantry both for the poor of our community as well as for the orphan homes which we support. However, we can purchase anything at any time to fulfill any of these needs. We received a list of needs from the Paragould Children's Home this past week and I am going to share that with you here. They need: Deodorant; Toilet Bowl Cleaner, Tub and Tile Cleaner, Apple, Grape, and Orange Juices, Trash Bags, Napkins, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Paper Plates and Cups, Cake Frosting, Ketchup, Miracle Whip, Salad Dressings (Thousand Island, Ranch, etc.), Syrup, Pancake Mix, Cereal, Canned Fruit, Sugar, Tea, Spices, Popcorn, Snacks (Individually wrapped), Chips, and Dip. If you want to bring ANY of these items to the pantry, please feel free.

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."
Galatians 6:10

Reader Beware

Kevin Cauley

Recently I was studying with someone who uses the New International Version (NIV). For many years, I have taught that no individual should rely upon the NIV as their sole translation of the Bible because of the translation method used. In the preface of the NIV, the translators state that it is not their purpose to do a word for word translation. Instead they rely upon a philosophy of translation known as "Dynamic Equivalence" that produces a thought for thought translation. This method simply does not respect God's prohibitions regarding the transmission of His word (see Revelation 22:18, 19).

Equally disturbing is the NIV's translation of the word "flesh." Twenty-four (24) times in the New Testament the NIV translates the Greek word for flesh (sarkos) into the English phrase "sinful nature" (Romans 7:5, 18, 25; 8:1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14; 1 Corinthians 5:5; Galatians 5:13, 16, 17, 19, 24; 6:8; Ephesians 2:3; Colossians 2:11, 13; 2 Peter 2:10, 18). This is an attempt on the part of the NIV translators to insert into the Bible the human doctrine of Original Sin, the idea that all men inherit sinfulness from Adam. In other words merely to be in the flesh is to be sinful. Hence the translation of flesh as "sinful nature." The Bible, however, teaches that a person sins when he transgresses God's law (1 John 3:4) not merely because he has been born. Let the reader of the NIV beware of this dangerous doctrine for from it springs many religious errors.

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 2/23

MorningUses for the Old Covenant
Scripture.....2 Peter 1:20, 21

EveningA Study of 2 Tim.2:15
Scripture.....2 Timothy 2:15

BLUEPRINTS!

Carl Hanson

When blueprints are prepared, if they are not followed according to the details laid out, there will inevitably be something in the structure that will end up not fitting properly and the finished structure itself may not even be recognizable to the original designer. The alterations might even render the structure unfit for its intended use. That is why so much detail goes into a blueprint.

As I read through Exodus again over the last several days, I was once more impressed with what God expected. On the mountain, God gave Moses the instructions to be followed. From chapter twenty-five to thirty we read the description of the tabernacle, its furnishings, what was to be used in the worship, the priestly garments, and the method of consecration of the priests.

Throughout the presentation of the plan to Moses, God declared: "Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings EXACTLY LIKE THE PATTERN I will show you." (Exodus 25:9) "See that you make them ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN shown you on the mountain." (Exodus 25:40) "Set up the tabernacle ACCORDING TO THE PLAN shown you on the mountain." (Exodus 26:30) "Make the altar hollow, out of boards. It is to be made JUST AS YOU WERE SHOWN on the mountain." (Exodus 27:8)

Even the formulas for the anointing oil (Exodus 30:32) and the incense (Exodus 30:37) were to be used for the prescribed holy purposes only. Anyone who mixed up a batch and used these for any other purpose was to be cut off from the people. (Exodus 30:33 & 38)

Then in chapters thirty-six through forty, we read the exact same descriptions as the work was being done and the tabernacle was set up. The PLAN was being followed according to all the specifics from the layout of the tabernacle itself and the construction of ark of the covenant all the way down to the tent pegs and the alternating bells and pomegranates on the hem of Aaron's robe.

And we read: "(42) The Israelites had done all the work JUST AS THE LORD HAD COMMANDED MOSES. (43) Moses inspected the work and saw that THEY HAD DONE IT JUST AS THE LORD HAD COMMANDED. So Moses blessed them." (Exodus 39:42-43)

Perhaps, reading through Exodus, we might wonder why we have to read the same descriptions twice, first as they were given and then as they were carried out. Would it not have been briefer to have simply recorded them once and then for Moses to have written that the work was

done? It appears each detail was recorded twice to emphasize the fact the plan was followed "EXACTLY LIKE THE PATTERN" God had given. Are we sufficiently impressed with what God expected and then what He was pleased with? It was a work and service to be blessed because it was approached in obedience so they could offer a worship and live a life to be blessed.

Our desire should always be to seek out what God has specifically commanded and to carry it out. It is man's improvisation that leads further and further away from God and His Will. Each time the line is pushed or another human idea is introduced, that line gets pushed further and further away. Whether they make sense or seem to make much difference to us or not, WHATEVER God has specifically commanded has been decreed for a purpose -- His purpose.

Is any less expected of us today when we consider the PATTERN God has given for the Lord's church, its worship, and the way we are to live our daily lives? Though, under Christ, we do not have all the sacrifices and offerings to carry out on a daily, weekly, monthly, and annual basis -- does God expect any less of us regarding what he has specifically commanded regarding our worship and the maintaining of a covenant relationship with Him? With a heart that continually seeks to follow His Will we will be blessed. Pleasing Him in this way is a life of acceptable worship. (Romans 12:1-2)

Have a great day BLESSED IN LIVING LIFE ACCORDING TO HIS PLAN!

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

Our Record

Week of 2/16

Sunday Class	55
Sunday A.M.	65
Sunday P.M.	59
Wednesday	69
Contribution	\$1574.75
Budget	\$1760.00

News, Notes and Prayer List



- We extend a warm welcome to our visitors this morning. You are our honored guests and invite you to get to know us better by staying around after services. Please fill out an attendance card so we can know you better too!
- Please remember the following in your prayers: Connie Atchley, Laura Barr (friend of Mary Lynn), Delma Johnson, Larry Miller, Lindsay Moore, Gladys Kimes, Francis Ward.
- Lucille Wright is in room 504 of the Berryville nursing home.
- Edith Mischler is in the nursing home in Eureka Springs.
- Art Roberts and Mary Patterson are confined to their homes.
- Next Sunday night we will have our youth devotional. Make your plans to attend.
- There will be a VBS meeting after evening services tonight to discuss VBS material. Please plan on being present for this meeting.
- Next months assignments are as follows: Glenn Quigley will do announcements. Brent Stevens will be the worship coordinator. Pat Quigley and Debbie Smith will prepare communion. Leon Duncan and Ray Duncan will carry communion.
- As announced Wednesday evening, we are now receiving an additional \$400.00 in monthly support for our work in Costa Rica. \$200.00 of this will replace our budget for Moises kids education and the other \$200.00 will go toward Costa Rica work expenses and preaching (such as materials, Bibles, facilities in CR, etc.). If you have any questions regarding this change please see one of the elders.
- The Pantry Item for this week is Canned Peas.



Men to Serve

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Sunday Morning:	February 23rd, 2003	March 2nd, 2003
Song Leader:	Bill Fort	Larry Elliott
Preacher:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Ken Smith	George Eddings
Scripture:	Brandon Foster	Clyde Atchley
Lord's Table:	Leon Duncan	Clay Bozarth
	Glenn Williams	Glenn Quigley
(assist)	Brent Moore	Brent Moore
	George Eddings	Ray Duncan
Closing Prayer	Larry Elliott	Ken Smith
Sunday Night:		
Songs:	Clay Bozarth	Clay Bozarth
Preacher:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	George Eddings	Rusty Windle
Scripture:	John Gass	Matt Bassing
Lord's Table:	Dale Pinkley	Brent Stevens
	Brandon Foster	Larry Elliott
Closing Prayer	Brent Moore	Bob Moore
Wednesday		
Songs:	Rusty Windle	Hugh Atchley
Opening Prayer:	Dale Pinkley	Bill Fort
Invitation:	Kevin Cauley	Clyde Atchley
Closing Prayer:	Ray Duncan	Ray Duncan
Monthly Assignments		
Announcements	Ken Smith	
Worship Coordinator	Bill Fort	
Communion Prep	Gladys Kimes	Pam Pinkley
Communion Carry	John Gass	Rusty Windle

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