



## An Athenian Attitude?

One of the characteristics of the people at Athens was that they were always interested in hearing about something new. Luke records this attitude for us in Acts 17:31 where he writes, "For all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing."

The nation in which we live today is not unlike those Athenians in that we delight to hear of "new" things. We glue our ears to the radio to listen to the next blurb spoken by the next popular commentator. We sit transfixed in front of the television set each evening at 5:30 to find out what is going on in the world. We can even surf the internet to get our news sooner than 5:30. We desire fresh information—things which we have not heard. The latest football, basketball, baseball or hockey score must be ours. The latest political quip must be on our lips. The latest election results must be broadcast even before all of the polls close. We just can't wait for the next update, sound bite, news worthy item! And when someone comes to us with a piece of information that is not up to date we say rather oxymoronically, "That's old news."

Then, Sunday morning rolls around. "It's time to go to worship, to do the same old things every week. To listen to the same old message that we have heard time and time again. Everyone's heard it all of their life. Why should we go and listen once more?" Let's note a few good reasons' why.

First, while the gospel message may be old news, it is still good news! That is sure to be something that you don't find in the dominant media today, good news. Oh there may be a story or two that is more or less positive in application, but the majority of the news today is going to be centered around death, war, fighting, tumults, disagreements, and political wrangling. While such news may be "fresh" it is certainly not good. The gospel contains THE GOOD NEWS! That's basically what the word gospel means. It is the basic message that God sent His Son Jesus to this world to die on the cross so that man could have hope to live

with God in heaven. That may be old news, but that is always good news! Paul wrote in Romans 10:15b, "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" Yes, we, along with Paul should rejoice in the good news of the gospel!

Second, while we may have heard the message before, we need to hear it again. Missing one meal out of a day may not hurt us, but it will weaken us. Such is also true with spiritual food. We need to be feed regularly from God's word so that we continue to grow stronger in the Lord. Peter wrote in 2 Peter 1:12 "Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth." He wanted them to remember the truths of the gospel, even though they knew them and were established in them. Spiritual growth requires spiritual nourishment and if we are not growing, then we are dying. Let's feast on those good ol' gospel meals at every opportunity!

Third, while we may have heard the message earlier in our life, we hopefully have grown and the message has new application for us. All Christians are expected to grow in the Lord. Peter writes, "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (1 Peter 2:2). Unlike the human body, as Christians we constantly grow throughout our lifetime. In each phase of our life, the message of the gospel may be applied so that old truths have fresh significance for us. There is no end to the things that we may learn from the Bible. No one person can ever say that they have mastered the depths of its pages. Each of us has the responsibility to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18).

We may hear the same truths preached each week that we have heard all our life, but let's rejoice in God's good news! Let's feast upon the bread of life! Let's grow as we encounter life! God's truth is timeless; our lives are temporary. Let's not develop an Athenian Attitude toward the gospel.

Kevin Cauley

# Happy Mother's Day!

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## MOTHER'S ARE...

*Floyd Wood*

Blowers of noses and washers of ears,  
Smootherers of bumped spots and wipers of tears,  
Bathers of babies and umpires of spats,  
Finders of boots and mittens and hats,  
Helpers with lessons and makers of beds,  
Shakers of dust cloths and combers of heads,  
Button-sew-oners and winders of clocks  
Menders of dresses and darners of socks.  
Tellers of stories and readers of books,  
Judges and juries of conduct and looks,  
Doctors of heartaches and hearers of prayers,  
Generals directing all family affairs,  
Tenders of home fires and builders of men,  
(Oh, for the gift of an adequate pen!)

## M O T H E R

*Fanny J. Crosby*  
(1820-1915)

The light, the spell-word of the heart,  
Our guiding star in weal or woe,  
Our talisman -our earthy chart-  
That sweetest name that earth can know.

We breathed it first with lisping tongue  
When cradled in her arms we lay;  
Fond memories round that name are hung  
That will not, cannot pass away.

We breathed it then, we breathe it still,  
More dear than sister, friend or brother,  
The gentle power, the magic thrill  
Awakened at the name of *mother*.

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## Sermons and Study Topics

Week of 5/09/04

Morning .....	A Mothers' Day Prayer
Scripture.....	Romans 16:13
Evening .....	Questions and Answers
Scripture.....	NA
Sunday Morning Bible Study.....	The Book of Hebrews
Wednesday Evening Bible Study .....	How To Study The Bible

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## Weekly Record

Week of 5/02/04

Sunday Class.....	67
Sunday A.M. ....	86
Sunday P.M. ....	66
Wednesday .....	57
Contribution.....	\$1739.34
Budget .....	\$1778.13

## Thoughts About the New Testament

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**W**e must always remember that God, by revelation and inspiration of the Holy Spirit, gave us the Bible (1 Cor. 2:6-13; Eph. 3:3-5). In the New Testament, the Lord's last will and testament (Heb. 9:15-17; 10:9-10), God has revealed "all things that pertain to life and godliness," (2 Pet. 1:3). This New Testament is "spirit and life" (John 6:63), because it is "living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword" (Heb. 4:12). Do you read God's word daily? If so, keep on keeping on doing that and God bless you in it. If you do not read God's word daily, please begin doing so. Meditate on this beautiful message from eternal Divine love, day and night (Psalm 1:2). Know God's word. Believe God's word. Obey God's word. Reap the benefits of God's word both in time and in eternity.

March 31, 2004  
Foy G. Forehand

## PERFECT LOVE

*Copied*

Slow to suspect -- quick to trust  
Slow to condemn -- quick to justify  
Slow to criticize -- quick to defend  
Slow to expose -- quick to shield  
Slow to reprimand -- quick to forbear  
Slow to belittle -- quick to appreciate  
Slow to demand -- quick to give  
Slow to provoke -- quick to conciliate  
Slow to hinder -- quick to help  
Slow to resent -- quick to forgive

(From "Seed for Thought" 5/5/04)

## Kevin's Korner

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**T**hat last cold spell that we had really did bring on another bout of sicknesses for us as a congregation. There were several who were ailing this past week, but I believe that most everyone who had the coughs, wheezes, and sneezes is on the mend now. We should, however, continue to pray for the health of our congregation.

Well little league baseball season has officially begun. The boys are both enrolled as are several others in the congregation. This is a great way for us to get to know folks in the community. If you have an opportunity why not come out for a little league game one evening. I know that you will enjoy watching it and you just may get to know some folks that you have never met before. If you need directions or the time of a game you can

attend, you can talk to me or Brent Stevens and we can let you know just when and where to show up.

This past Tuesday, the Quigleys and I went up to the gospel meeting in Cassville. It was the first time that I had ever heard Bobby Dockery speak. He delivered an excellent lesson from God's word regarding how Jesus ought to be the King of our life. Before the service, he handed out a half-page fill-in-the-blank follow-along-with-the-sermon outline to aid the listener. It was a most effective tool. The lesson he presented was regarding how some people view Jesus as King. Some say "The King am I." Some say "The King and I." Some say, "The King on High." Each point illustrated the different attitudes that a person may have toward Jesus as King. Who is our King? Where do we put Jesus in our life?

Yesterday morning the Ozark Café

was kind enough to cater our men's breakfast. Well, sort of. Since there were only four of us, we decided not to get the kitchen dirty and we went there to eat. We had a great time together and the food was good. We let them do the dishes, though.

Today is Mothers' Day and it is a great time to honor all mothers. We wish you a happy Mothers' Day if you are a mom!

### **Elders:**

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

### **Deacons:**

Ken Smith, Brent Stevens,  
Rusty Windle.

### **Preacher:**

Kevin Cauley... 870-423-6707

# News, Notes, and 'Nouncements

- We are truly thankful to God for the wonderful new Lord's day that he has given us today to worship him in Spirit and in Truth!
- Please remember the following individuals in your prayers: Clay Bozarth, Lucille Fort, Brenda Schultz.
- Don't forget our shutins: Curtis and Opal Hull, Edith Mischler, Art Roberts.
- Our VBS is scheduled for June 12th to be held here at the church building. It will be an all day affair. Tell your friends to bring their children for a great day of VBS fun and learning!
- Friends and Family Day is just about a month away! June 13th! We still have plenty of invitations in the back. Let's pick up a few and remind those who we have already invited to come.
- Here's an idea: Why not take one of our friends and family day flyers and ask your local bank, restaurant, or local business to put one on their bulletin board this week.
- Our monthly potluck is next Sunday afternoon. Invite one of your friends to come and have lunch with us.
- May has five Sundays. That means that on May 30th we will be going to the nursing home to sing! Let's make our plans to be with these wonderful people on that day.
- Congratulations to our graduate, Brandon Foster. Brandon will be graduating from high school on Friday. We certainly wish him the best as he enters into adulthood and life.
- There are change cans for the children's home in the foyer. Please pick one of these cans up for your change and they will be collected this fall.
- The pantry item for this week is Deodorant.

## Welcome!

To the Berryville church of Christ.

### Family Times for 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

### Serving Each Other

	May 9th, 2004	May 16th, 2004
<b>Sunday Morning</b>		
Songs:	Brent Stevens	Bill Fort
Preaching:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Clay Bozarth	Rusty Windle
Scripture Reading:	George Eddings	Brent Stevens
Lord's Table	Clay Bozarth	John Gass
(assist)	Glenn Quigley	Bruce Foster
	Perry Foster	Ray Duncan
	Jack Gentry	George Eddings
Closing Prayer	Bruce Foster	Bob Moore
<b>Sunday Evening</b>		
Songs:	Clay Bozarth	Bruce Foster
Preaching:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Brent Stevens	Dan Hand
Scripture Reading:	Dale Pinkley	Perry Foster
Lord's Table	Bruce Foster	Dale Pinkley
	Cody Moore	Matt Bassing
Closing Prayer	Dan Hand	John Gass
<b>Wednesday</b>		
Songs:	Kevin Cauley	Clay Bozarth
Opening Prayer:	Dale Pinkley	Bruce Foster
Invitation:	Leon Duncan	Dale Pinkley
Closing Prayer:	Cody Moore	Larry Elliott

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