



Preparations

If you went on vacation this year, or took a trip of any length, if you have a child about to start school, or if you work with budgets at the office, if you filed your taxes this past year (and I hope that everyone has done this) or if you have had a child in the past couple of years or are about to have one (that's me), then you know what it means to prepare. Webster's dictionary defines the word prepare as follows: "To make ready beforehand for a specific purpose, as for an event or occasion."

This past June, when we took our annual vacation, there were many things to make ready before we left. The cars were cleaned; the equipment checked; the maps were laid out and the routes prepared. Reservations were made and an itinerary was put together. There was a plan in place in order for us to do the things that we wanted to do. In that regard, we followed the plan and we accomplished our goals.

We have before us two events for which we need to make preparations. First, at the end of this month, we will have our annual youth rally. Invitations have been sent all over the state. I took some invitations with me to the gospel meeting last week. A speaker has been procured for this event and final preparations are being made. Here is an opportunity for us to invite the youth from our community to come and be part of this event. Mark down on your calendars August 27th and 28th and be sure you are available that weekend to support this effort. Please let your friends and your family know about the opportunity to be encouraged to do that which is right and to study God's word together.

Our second event is coming in October. This is our annual gospel meeting. This year, the elders have invited brother Foy Forehand from Hemphill, Texas to come and speak to us in our meeting. You know Foy. He has been here to visit several times. I know him too; he is my father-in-law. The meeting is scheduled for

October 10th through the 13th, so that is less than two months away. Now is the time to start planning your schedule for this event! I love Foy, not simply because he is my Father-In-Love, but because he is a wonderful gospel preacher. You will not be disappointed with his teaching and preaching, because he will teach God's truth without fail. I sincerely hope that you will invite your friends and neighbors to come be with us as we study the Bible in our meeting this October.

Now, what can we do to make these two events successful? First, let us each and every day bow our knees to the Father and pray that these events will be successful and that God will be glorified. Second, we can make sure that our calendars are cleared so that we can be in attendance at these events, and not just us individually, but our families as well. Third, we need to make a concerted effort to invite our relatives and friends to these events. Fourth, prepare your friends and relatives for this event by giving them religious literature and asking them to think about the God's word as the time of the event draws near. Fifth, post literature, flyers, and other items in public places at your place of business, in your office cubicle, and in public places such as community centers, nursing homes, senior centers, school bulletin boards, and any other place you can think where they will allow such information to be publicly disseminated. Sixth, go to your neighbor's house across the street and next door and give them some literature and tell them about these upcoming events. Finally, if you really want to get ambitious, about two weeks before these events, take some literature and go up and down each street in your neighborhood and put it on each door in your community.

As we seek to further the Lord's work in this community, let's remember Ezra, "For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, **and to do it...**" (Ezra 7:10). We can plan to work all day long, but if we do not do the work, then it is all for nothing. Let's prepare and do!

Questions for Those Who Do Not Attend Evening Services

Please note, these questions are not designed to condemn anyone, but to cause us to think about our attendance habits and while I didn't compose these questions (I got them from an e-mail), I believe that in looking at them, they were instructive to me. There was a time in my life when I made the wrong choices in this regard. So, I set forth these questions to those who are physically able to attend more than one service, but simply choose not to attend, as well as to encourage everyone who does attend these services to think about the reasons why they attend and not to grow weary in well doing (2 Thessalonians 3:13).

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- Do you not feel a need for studying the Bible with other Christians?
- Would it not benefit you to sing and pray with other Christians at this time?
- Since the elders are instructed to "feed the flock" and since the "flock" is instructed to "obey them that have the rule over you," are you not in rebellion to God's authority when you refuse to attend this period of spiritual feeding provided by the elders.

- Do you think it would be in the best interest of the church to abandon these meetings altogether?
- If you stay home from these meetings because of your children, would you allow them to hinder you from attending a teacher's meeting, a farm bureau meeting, etc. or would you make arrangements for them for those occasions?
- If your Lord should come during one of these meetings, wouldn't you rather be present with the saints of God studying the Bible than to be at home with your feet propped up, watching TV?
- When your children grow up, do you want them to be regular in attendance at all the services of the church, or would you prefer that they follow your example?
- Did you know that those who faithfully attend these periods of study and worship have as many children as others, work just as hard, have as many friends and social obligations, and that the reason they can come while you do not is that they really want to come while you really do not want to come?
- Why not abandon all excuses and attend these meetings every time possible? You will

be the one who gains by so doing.

*"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matthew 6:33).*

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"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." (Matthew 5:6).

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*"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." (Galatians 2:20).*

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"But we are not of them that shrink back unto perdition; but of them that have faith unto the saving of the soul." (Hebrews 10:39)

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*"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." (Hebrews 10:25)*

## Sermons and Study Topics

Week of 8/8/04

|                                     |                       |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Morning .....                       | Man of Sorrows        |
| Scripture .....                     | Isaiah 53:1-3         |
| Evening .....                       | Questions and Answers |
| Scripture .....                     | NA                    |
| Sunday Morning Bible Study .....    | The Book of Hebrews   |
| Wednesday Evening Bible Study ..... | Minor Prophets: Micah |

## Weekly Record

Week of 8/1/04

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Sunday Class ..... | 45        |
| Sunday A.M. ....   | 74        |
| Sunday P.M. ....   | 34        |
| Wednesday .....    | 45        |
| Contribution ..... | \$1200.31 |
| Budget .....       | \$1778.13 |

## From The Desk of My Mother-In-Law — Stuff I Wish I'd Said

- "To the world you might be one person, but to one person you might be the world."
- "Going to church does not make you a good person any more than going to McDonald's makes you a hamburger."
- "Real friends are those who, when you feel you've made a fool of yourself, don't feel you've done a permanent job."
- "Sometimes the majority only means that all the fools are on the same side."
- "I don't have to attend every argument I'm invited to."
- "Lead your life so you won't be ashamed to sell the family parrot to the town gossip."
- "People gather bundles of sticks to build bridges they never cross."
- "Life is 10% of what happens to you, and 90% of how you respond to it."
- "Life is like an onion; you peel off one layer at a time and sometimes you weep."
- "Learn from the mistakes of others. You can't live long enough to make them all yourself."
- "There are two things I've learned: There is no Cinderella. And, I'm not her Prince."
- "Following the path of least resistance is what makes rivers and men crooked."

### Happy Birthday/ Anniversary!

We would like to wish a happy birthday and anniversary to all who have such in the month of August!

#### Birthdays

Leon Duncan ..... 1st  
Ray Duncan ..... 13th  
Brent Moore ..... 13th  
Taryn Doss ..... 19th  
Wanda Bozarth ..... 24th  
Charles Cauley ..... 27th  
Maxine Campbell ..... 31st

#### Anniversaries

Clay and Wanda ..... 5th  
Kevin and Mary Lynn ..... 17th

## Kevin's Korner

This has been a long week for the Cauley family as we have been traveling back and forth to Stark City, Missouri each evening, Monday through Friday. So we are thoroughly worn to a frazzle as the old saying goes. The meeting, however, went VERY well. The congregation at Stark City was especially encouraged. In this meeting, the brethren set out a question box and I told them that I would answer questions after each lesson each evening. Well, this went very well. Each night I received more questions and every night the brethren really were very attentive to hear the answers to the questions. All in all, this has made for some excellent Bible study times together. The young people there were especially very attentive and desirous to learn and study God's word and that was especially uplifting for me.

Well, we have some events this month in which we all have an opportunity to participate. At the end of the month, we have our quarterly singing at the nursing home. Please be making your plans to attend this, and especially our young people, if you would come to visit with these older people. They do so enjoy it when you come and see them.

Next Sunday afternoon, the Mill Street church of Christ in Cassville, MO is hosting a "Back to School Blast Off." All of our youth have been invited to come and attend that event. There is more detailed information on the back bulletin board. I believe that it is good for our young folks to get together with those in other congregations. I hope that you will make your plans to go to this event.

Now, our own youth rally is coming up at the end of August as well, August 27th, and 28th. There is much

work to be done prior to that event occurring. If you would like to help, please see Rusty or Brent. The speaker for the event is Jason Almond from Perryville, AR., and from what I understand he does a good job preaching and teaching the truth. I am looking forward to hearing him speak, myself, and I hope that our youth also will be planning on coming and inviting your friends too.

#### Elders:

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

#### Deacons:

Ken Smith, Brent Stevens,  
Rusty Windle.

#### Preacher:

Kevin Cauley... 870-423-6707

# Praise, Prayers, and Proclamations

- 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!
- We express our sympathy to the family of Glen Norton who passed away last week. Glen was a member at the church in Green Forest.
- Let us remain constant in prayer for the following individuals: Gary Bragg, Ora Cauley, Lucille Fort, Opal Hull, Billie Marriott, Jim McVey, David Stevens, Reck Wallace.
- Art Roberts was transferred from his home to the nursing home this week. He seemed to be in good spirits and enjoyed our visits. Please pray for him and his family in this time of transition.
- Remember our shut-ins: Curtis Hull, Edith Mischler, Art Roberts.
- Our monthly potluck will be this next Sunday. It will be our last potluck before everyone goes "back to school." Please make your plans accordingly.
- There are several events on the back bulletin board to which all are encouraged to attend.
- I've already mentioned it in Kevin's Korner, but let's remember our youth rally coming up, August 27th-28th and be inviting our friends.
- The latest Reason and Revelation and Discovery magazines are in. This issue of R&R discusses the topic of homosexuality and is very interesting reading.
- The pantry item for this week is Canned Tuna.



## 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

|                       | August 8th, 2004 | August 15th, 2004 |
|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Sunday Morning</b> |                  |                   |
| Songs:                | Larry Elliott    | Brent Stevens     |
| Preaching:            | Kevin Cauley     | Kevin Cauley      |
| Opening Prayer:       | Bruce Foster     | Clay Bozarth      |
| Scripture Reading:    | Ray Duncan       | Brent Moore       |
| Lord's Table          | Brent Stevens    | Glenn Quigley     |
|                       | Ken Smith        | Larry Elliott     |
| (assist)              | Brandon Foster   | Perry Foster      |
|                       | Glenn Williams   | Jack Gentry       |
| Closing Prayer        | George Eddings   | Rusty Windle      |
| <b>Sunday Evening</b> |                  |                   |
| Songs:                | Bruce Foster     | Ken Smith         |
| Preaching:            | Kevin Cauley     | Kevin Cauley      |
| Opening Prayer:       | Dale Pinkley     | Dan Hand          |
| Scripture Reading:    | Jerry Roller     | Dale Pinkley      |
| Lord's Table          | Rusty Windle     | Leon Duncan       |
|                       | Jack Gentry      | Brent Moore       |
| Closing Prayer        | Perry Foster     | Ray Duncan        |
| <b>Wednesday</b>      |                  |                   |
| Songs:                | Kevin Cauley     | Bruce Foster      |
| Opening Prayer:       | Clay Bozarth     | Bob Moore         |
| Invitation:           | Leon Duncan      | Bill Fort         |
| Closing Prayer:       | Glenn Quigley    | Kevin Cauley      |

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