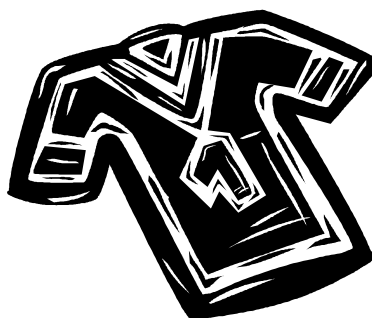




Olympic Women's Beach Volleyball

Ovarious items keep bringing the sport mentioned in the caption above into the spotlight. Yesterday morning, a couple of talking heads on a sports radio program were discussing the "uniforms" worn by these female athletes. Predictably, one of them was defending the brevity of such by pointing to the hot weather conditions and the need for flexibility in moving around in the sand. Less predictably, the other's reaction was, to give a summary, "give me a break!" He believed the women were extremely immodest and the powers that be were using the sport as a salacious ploy to titillate the many male viewers of the Olympics. Which ties into another item. A cartoon editorial appeared in a newspaper a couple of days ago. The wife comes into the room where the husband is watching Olympics women's beach volleyball. He's obviously riveted by the "action." His wife asks him about the rules of the game and he says he doesn't know and cannot understand what relevance that had on anything. He was getting an eye full!



As a devotee to athletics, I appreciate the need to have on clothing that is conducive to competing. However, when competing in the public eye, what one is doing does not provide exception to wearing appropriate, modest apparel. Wrong is wrong. What those women are wearing (the sportscasters also made reference to men's and women's swimming teams) is just plain wrong! Consider:

- Would we allow our wives and daughters to be in the public eye wearing such outfits?
- Would we want other boys and

men to have the opportunity to see so much of the females in our homes and lives?

- Would our wives mind if their husbands had court side seats at the event?
- If we believe that a piece of clothing can be immodest, how much less in clothing than this would be required for it to be such?
- In what way could a Christian dress this way in public and be a proclamation of Christ, to be revealing her "hidden person" rather than her flesh?
- Is it unreasonable to believe that some watching this sport are lusting over these women because of how they are dressed?

They say that Olympic athletes in the ancient games competed naked in many of the events. In some ways, that would be less alluring than tantalizing the spectators with

scanty coverage. Let us try to avoid situation ethics, the idea that what one is doing legitimizes what violates the principles, aroma, and spirit of Christ! May we never "take pleasure" in those who violate the will of God (Romans 1:32)!

Neal Pollard

(Editor's note: Brother Pollard makes a very good point here. It is easy to see the inconsistencies, in some sports, between how the women and the men dress, such as in track and field events. Incredibly enough, there are some commentators who are calling for the Olympic Games to go back to the "old ways" and have the athletes compete in the buff. Sadly, were they to do so, it wouldn't be much of a change.)

Just Walk Out

In 1977 Merhan Karimi Nasser was expelled from his native Iran, without a passport, for protesting against the Shah. He bounced around Europe in search of a country and finally gained refugee papers from Belgium in 1981—only to have them stolen. So in August of 1988, he got stuck in Charles De Gaulle Airport in Paris, France. No papers, no way of getting out, nowhere to go.

He took up residence in Terminal One. He's been there ever since. Since 1988, he's never put a foot out into the sunshine, he's never had his own quarters, never worked a single day, never walked through a meadow or park.

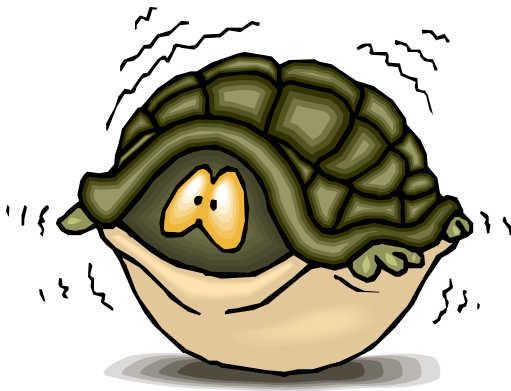
What a sad thing, right? Yes, until 1999.

That's when he finally got permission to leave the airport. Granted new papers, he can go to any part of Europe, if he wants. But now he won't leave.

"He is scared to leave this bubble world he has been living in," said Dr.

Philippe Bargain, the airport's medical director. "Finally getting the papers has been a huge shock to him, as if he was just thrown from his horse. When you wait 11 years for something and suddenly in a few minutes you sign some papers and it's done—imagine what a shock that is."

He's free, but after 11 years of captivity in an airport terminal, he just can't bring himself to walk away. The comforts of his surrounding and the familiarity of his red bench tie him to the terminal.



He has money. Dreamweaver paid him \$250,000 for the rights to his story, for the movie, *The Terminal*, with Tom Hanks.

So what makes a man with money and traveling papers stay in the terminal prison he inhabited for 11

years? The same fear that keeps us imprisoned in our resentments, behaviors, vices, and sins; the same feeling of being accustomed to our little world of selfishness, pride and egotism; the intimate knowledge of every corner of our puny existence versus the great, wide world of God's immense mercy and mission.

Nasser is not alone in his predicament. So many of us are just like

him—hunkering in our habits, hiding in our corners.

To this day, Nasser looks out the automatic doors of the Charles De Gaulle Airport and sees the sun, feels the breeze of the open air, but can't bring himself to step out into freedom.

For you, too, the doors are open. The sun of God's grace is shining. The cool wind of Christ's salvation is blowing.

"Christ has set us free" (Galatians 5:1).

Just walk out. Freedom is a step away.

J. Randal Matheny

Sermons and Study Topics

Week of 8/29/04

Morning	"Jesus, the Loving Shepherd"
Scripture	Psalm 23
Evening	Lessons from the Life of Ruth
Scripture	Ruth 1:14-18
Sunday Morning Bible Study	The Book of Hebrews
Wednesday Evening Bible Study	The Book of Micah

Weekly Record

Week of 8/22/04

Sunday Class	55
Sunday A.M.	77
Sunday P.M.	61
Wednesday	51
Contribution	\$1648.74
Budget	\$1778.13

Gospel Meeting

You're invited to attend our fall gospel meeting and Bible Study with Foy Forehand, Gospel Preacher.



October 10-13, Sun:
9:30 AM, 10:20,
6:00 PM. Mon-Wed
at 7:00 PM.

We are located
on Hwy 62 right
across from Pizza
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In the Kingdom of King Jesus!

- What is the kingdom of Jesus?
- How does one become a citizen of the kingdom of Jesus?
- What are the essential characteristics of the kingdom of Jesus?
- The religion of the kingdom of Jesus.
- The spread of the kingdom of Jesus.
- Are you sowing the seed of the kingdom of Jesus?

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Kevin's Korner

This past Wednesday I spent the day answering Bible questions that I receive from the web site. In a period of two weeks, I received fifteen questions. That's about a question a day. Some of these questions were "reruns" so to speak. Some of them were new. Some of them were just people who merely wanted to state their own opinion of the matter.

One individual who disagreed on the question of instrumental music, wrote, "I take authority in Jesus Name (sic) of that spirit of ignorance and rebuke it the might (sic) name of Jesus Christ." Evidently this individual thought that I had "spirit of ignorance" and he was trying to cast it out through e-mail. I wrote back to him, "I'm confident that I have the fullness of God's word on this subject and that I have no 'spirit of ignorance' that

needs to be rebuked, thank you."

I ran across a news item this week titled, "Corpse to be buried After Fails to Rise." Evidently a man in Jonannesburg, South Africa claimed that he would be specially resurrected from the dead soon after he died. Well, after seven weeks of lying in the morgue, the county has decided to go ahead and bury the body without the family's consent. Not too long ago we ran another article in the bulletin that dealt with a faith healer who did "internal organs" but not "broken legs." He was a "specialist" faith healer, evidently, in that regard.

There is a "spirit" of ignorance in the world today, but it is ignorance of what God's word says. We read in the prophet Hosea, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (4:6). The general attitude of society toward religion today seems to be, whatever "appears" to be religious

must be true religion. Such is simply not the case. Whether it is worshipping with instrumental music, rebuking alleged demons, healing internal organs, or predicting your own resurrection, Jesus still says, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Mat.7:21). Read Romans 10:17.

Elders:

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

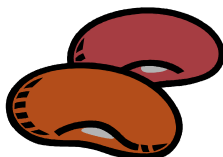
Deacons:

Ken Smith, Brent Stevens,
Rusty Windle.

Preacher:

Kevin Cauley... 870-423-6707

- 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!
- Let us remain constant in prayer for the following individuals: Geneva Atchley, Pat Foster, Donna Henderson, Jim McVey, Helen Swink, Patty.
- Art Roberts arrived at his new home safe and sound. An e-mail from Darrel is on the back bulletin board with Art's new address.
- Please remember our shut-ins: Curtis Hull and Edith Mischler
- This afternoon at 2:00 at the nursing home, we will have our quarterly singing! The folks over there especially love to see our young people. Let's go and encourage them.
- Megan Williams arrived in South Korea this past week and completed the first leg of our journey to Australia. The group will be spending a week in South Korea before proceeding.
- Bill and Lucille Fort are also out traveling this week.
- Men's breakfast is back! Saturday, September 11th, at 7:00 AM we will resume monthly men's breakfast for the year.
- Ladies Bible class is also resuming. Now is the time to schedule that activity. We will meet on Wednesday morning at 10:30 AM starting on September 8th. The topic of study will be 2 Peter.
- The monthly elders and deacons meeting is scheduled for next Sunday evening after worship services.
- Seth Gentry turned 1 year the 22nd. Happy birthday Seth!
- The pantry item for this week is Pinto Beans.



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 29th, 2004	September 5th, 2004
Sunday Morning		
Songs:	Brent Stevens	Ken Smith
Preaching:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Glenn Quigley	Leon Duncan
Scripture Reading:	Dan Hand	Jerry Roller
Lord's Table	Bruce Foster	Clay Bozarth
(assist)	Rusty Windle	Bruce Foster
	Jack Gentry	Brent Moore
	Jerry Roller	Rusty Windle
Closing Prayer	Dan Hand	Ray Duncan
Sunday Evening		
Songs:	Brent Stevens	Rusty Windle
Preaching:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Dale Pinkley	Dan Hand
Scripture Reading:	Perry Foster	George Eddings
Lord's Table	Ray Duncan	Brandon Foster
	Brandon Foster	Jerry Roller
Closing Prayer	Bob Moore	Ken Smith
Wednesday		
Songs:	Glenn Williams	Glenn Quigley
Opening Prayer:	Larry Elliott	Clay Bozarth
Invitation:	Kevin Cauley	Dale Pinkley
Closing Prayer:	Bob Moore	Bruce Foster

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