

WELCOME! TO THE  
BERRYVILLE CHURCH  
OF CHRIST

# Berryville Bible Beacon

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## IMPORTANT INFO

- We are thankful to God for this new Lord's Day. It is the day we honor His Son and the Love that He has shown us through Him. Let us worship in spirit and in truth!
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## Offending and Being Offended (Part 1)

The word "offence" is used in the KJV of the Bible in one form or another some 73 different times. Out of those occurrences, 23 are found in the Old Testament and 50 in the New Testament. In the New Testament, the vast majority of these instances are from a word which means to cause another to stumble. Sometimes the word refers to clear cut cases where sin is involved (cf. Matthew 13:41, Romans 4:25, Romans 16:17). Sometimes the word refers to offences that cannot be avoided due to preaching God's truth (cf. Matthew 13:57, 15:12, John 6:61, Galatians 5:11, 1 Peter 2:8). Sometimes the word refers to matters of personal preference that others believe to be sinful (Romans 14:20,21, 1 Corinthians 8:13, 10:32). Basically, the word means to cause another to be upset or troubled through either our words or our actions whether justified or not. The definition, however, is not the problem; we generally know when we have been offended. The question we need to ask is: what do we need to do when we offend and are offended? In this week's article we will look at the subject of offending others and in next week's article we will look at

being offended by others.

First, it ought to be mentioned that the Christian is going to live his life in a way to try to unnecessarily avoid offending others. This principle is found in Romans 12:18, "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men." The Christian's desire is to be at peace with all so that God's truth may be taught and Christ seen in his life and this involves avoiding any actions or words that would unnecessarily offend others. Paul wrote, "Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed" (2 Corinthians 6:3). This is also the underlying principle behind avoiding actions that cause someone else to do something that they believe is sinful. Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 10:32, "Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God." In the context of these passages the offence is a matter of personal preferences that would cause any individual to sin or reject the gospel. Certainly we never ought to allow our own personal tastes to hinder one from being saved! So, the Christian must live in a way that avoids unnecessary offences.

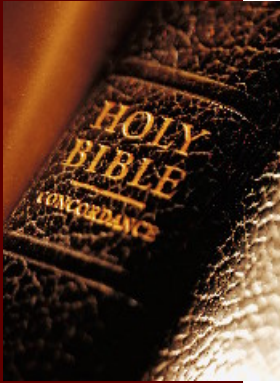
Second, it is quite impossible

to live the life of a Christian and not offend someone by doing that which is right! There is no wholesale prohibition in the scriptures to ever offend anyone regardless of what the circumstance is. In fact, the scriptures presume that many are going to be offended by the teaching and preaching of the gospel. Jesus offended people by telling them the truth (Matthew 13:57, 15:12); Jesus even offended his own disciples (John 6:61)! Yet not once did Jesus apologize for telling the truth. In fact, in Matthew 15:12, after his disciples told him that the Pharisees had been offended by him, he said, "Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch" (Matthew 15:13-14). The Christian ought not to be concerned about offending someone because he is teaching or preaching the truth so long as that truth is being taught in love (Ephesians 4:15).

Third, another cold and hard fact is that we are going to say or do something wrong that causes someone else to be offended. James wrote,

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# Bible Studies for the Week of January 15th, 2006



AM Sermon.....The Beginning of the Church  
 Scripture Reading ..... Acts 2:14-24  
 PM Sermon .....The Feeding of the 5000  
 Scripture Reading .....Luke 9:12-17  
 Sunday Class ..... Financial Report and Budget for 2006 Presentation  
 Wednesday Class ..... Minor Prophets: Zephaniah  
 Ladies Bible Class ..... The Book of 1 Timothy  
 Nursing Home Bible Study ..... The Book of Luke

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## Conditions

There are conditions in God's word,  
 And we must look and see,  
 Just like the little word of "if,"  
 It's used quite frequently.

Christ did some examples give,  
 So here are just a few.  
 "If" you will be a friend to Me,  
 I'll be a friend to you.

And "if" you will abide in Me,  
 Much fruit you then shall bear,  
 And "if" you my commandments keep,  
 You'll know My loving care.

"If" you do not grow weary,  
 And to the Spirit sow,  
 You shall eternal life then reap,  
 God's full salvation know.

--Wilma Morris

Kevin Cauley

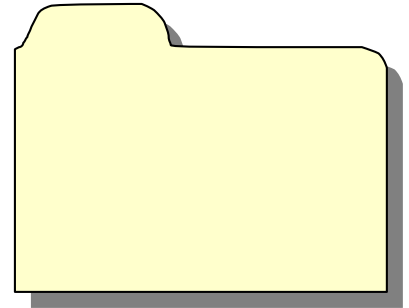
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"For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body" (James 3:2). In this case, when we commit sin and do something wrong, it ought to be obvious that we ought to apologize and ask for forgiveness both from God and the one whom we offended (see 1 John 1:9 and James 5:16).

It ought to be the hallmark of the Christian life that very few are offended with him, even of those who are opposed to the teaching of the gospel. Let us make this our aim and put into practice a life void of offense. When we do offend, let's make sure that we quickly recognize it and make the appropriate corrections.

## For The Files: January 8th, 2006

Sunday Bible Class.....	52
Sunday AM Worship .....	63
Sunday PM Worship .....	56
Wednesday Night Study .....	60
Contribution.....	\$1397.50
Budget.....	\$1668.00



### Kevin's Korner

It was another memorable week in our life here in the Ozarks. Eddie, our youngest son, turned one year old and we could hardly believe that it has been a year since his birth. Reminds me of the old joke, "Why did the little boy throw the clock out the window. To see time fly!" And it sure has flown by.

This week also marked my fourth anniversary with the church here in Berryville. It was in the middle of January 2002 that I received a call from Clay Bozarth offering me the preaching job, "if you want it." It had been four long months without employment for me at the time and so, I WANTED IT! And I am SO glad that things have worked out the way they have here. I really could not have asked for a better situation for preaching and teaching the gospel. The eldership here has been and continues to be wonderfully support-

tive of my work. And you, the congregation, are, as always, very good to me. It seems like someone is always doing something special for us at just the right time and it is so much appreciated. I thank you so much for being the loving and caring bunch that you are! I love you so much.

It is one of those rare weekends on which both the men's breakfast and the potluck fall. Between Rusty's bacon and eggs and Wilma's chocolate pie, I believe that Monday would not be a good day to have my cholesterol levels checked! We certainly do appreciate them and all of the congregation for your labor of love. Keep up the good work!

I started cleaning out the garage this past Monday in preparations for the upcoming remodeling work that is going to be done on the house. I moved a bunch of stuff out of the garage

and into the shed behind the house and also we are temporarily moving some of our long term storage items into the "bus barn" behind the building. Mary Lynn and I talked about it and we've decided that we want to have an open house AFTER the work is done instead of before. That way everyone can see the finished work during the open house time.

This week I will be heading down south for a lectureship in Pineville, LA. A brother I met on the Internet is the preacher at that congregation and late last year he invited me to come and speak. I will be speaking on Wednesday night at 8:00 PM and attending the lectures during the day on Wednesday. I will be driving down there on Tuesday and back on Thursday so I would appreciate your prayers as I travel forth and back. I will be speaking on the topic, "Set Your Affections on the Things Above!"

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## Announcements

- Please remember in prayer: Ervin Hand, Opal Hull, John Stuckey, Glenn Quigley.
- This morning during our Bible class hour, Bill Fort will present the 2005 financials and also the 2006 budget. If you have questions regarding these items, please write them down and ask at this time.
- Today is our monthly potluck. All are invited to stay and have lunch with us, especially our visitors.
- This evening after services, we will be putting together the House to House and Heart to Heart mail out. Please make your plans to stay and help with this effort.
- On Monday, January 30th, we are expecting the truck from the children's home to arrive. Our pantry shelves have been filling up and that is great! But we still have plenty of space for additional items; so keep on bringing them in!
- Sunday, January 29th is the last Sunday of this month and it is a fifth Sunday. We will on that day at 2:00 PM have our quarterly singing at the nursing home. Then that evening we will have our fifth Sunday congregational singing and scripture reading time. Please make your plans to attend these great quarterly events.
- Our pantry item is: Rice.

## God's Salvation Plan

1. **Hear** the Gospel—Romans 10:17
2. **Believe** on the Lord & His Word—Mark 16:16; John 8:24
3. **Repent** of your sins—Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30
4. **Confess** Christ—Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9
5. **Be Baptized** for the remission of sins—Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27
6. Live a **faithful**, dedicated life—Revelation 2:10; 2 Peter 1:5-10

# Welcome!

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## Times for Worship and Study

Sunday Morning Bible Class: .....	9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship:.....	10:20 AM
Sunday Evening Worship: .....	6:00 PM
Wed. Ladies Bible Class: .....	10:30 AM
Wed. Evening Bible Class: .....	7:00 PM

## Serving Each Other

January 15th, 2006

January 22nd, 2006

### Sunday Morning

<b>Songs:</b>	Ken Smith	Bill Fort
<b>Preaching:</b>	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Bruce Foster	Bob Moore
<b>Scripture Reading:</b>	Leon Duncan	Matthew Morrell
<b>Lord's Table</b>	Dan Hand	Bill Fort
	Rusty Windle	Bruce Foster
(assist)	John Gass	Ray Duncan
	Irving Hand	Jack Gentry
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Dan Hand	John Gass

### Sunday Evening

<b>Songs:</b>	Glenn Williams	Rusty Windle
<b>Preaching:</b>	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Barrett Brown	Ken Smith
<b>Scripture Reading:</b>	Matthew Morrell	Bruce Foster
<b>Lord's Table</b>	Leon Duncan	Dale Pinkley
	Ray Duncan	Perry Foster
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	John Gass	Brandon Foster

### Wednesday

<b>Songs:</b>	Kevin Cauley	Glenn Williams
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Brandon Foster	Ray Duncan
<b>Invitation:</b>	Leon Duncan	Dan Hand
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Barrett Brown	Glenn Williams

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