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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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## Does God Know How We Feel?

“Daddy, do you think God knows how we are feeling” were the words of my seven year old son after we found our pet dog, Dallas, dead in the backyard on a September morning. It was the first time he had lost any living thing to which he had an emotional attachment. He was crying hard and didn't know how to express his sadness. Yet, it was expressed in a profoundly common way. He wanted to know if God understood and cared that his little heart was breaking. “Yes,” I answered. “God knows exactly what you are feeling.” I wanted to cry along with him and did.

There are so many more tragic things in life than the death of a beloved pet, but that doesn't necessarily mean that the feelings or emotions are any less real. And in many tragic circumstances, people ask the same question, “Does God know how we are feeling? Does He care?” Yes, He does.

It would be a cruel, insensitive, and heartless creator that didn't care about his creation's well being. We have little sympathy for fathers and mothers that have no natural affection toward their own children. So also, a god that didn't care for his creation would be no god at

all. Of course the God of the universe, the Creator and Giver of all life, cares about His creation. We're reminded of God's care for us in Luke 12:6-7 “Are not five sparrows sold for two pence? and not one of them is forgotten in the sight of God. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not: ye are of more value than many sparrows.” In the words of Civilla D. Martin, “His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.”

The Bible also teaches us that we can carry our burdens to God in prayer. Just as we would talk to our earthly father and let him know of our joys, aspirations, and concerns in life, so also we may approach our heavenly Father. It is the privilege of every one of his children to be able to talk to Him in prayer as Father. Galatians 4:6 declares, “And because ye are sons, God sent forth the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, Abba, Father.” When we so approach our Father, we can then, as Peter tells us, cast “all your care upon him; for he careth for you” (1 Peter 5:7).

Perhaps, however, the greatest proof that God does indeed care for us is in the love that He showed us through His Son, Jesus. Does God know what it feels like to lose

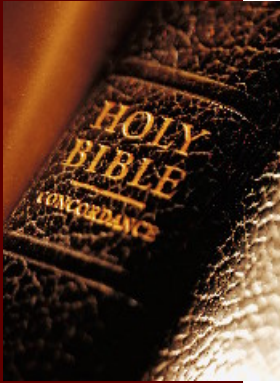
someone dear to Him? Yes, he does, because God gave His only begotten Son to die on the cross. “He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not also with him freely give us all things?” (Romans 8:32).

And Jesus, God Himself, experienced what it was like to live as a man. “For we have not a high priest that cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but one that hath been in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.” He knows what our feelings are like when we are sad, lonely, depressed, aching, despondent, and hurting. And he cares. He also experienced those feelings. Yes, God KNOWS what and how we are feeling.

What is sad, however, is that many will not turn to God's word as the source of true comfort. God knows each of us better than we know ourselves; so, God can tell us what we need to do to appropriately work through our strong feelings without resorting to methods and means that would only deepen our unresolved problems. God's word has all of the answers to life's problems and through our faith in it, we can overcome (1 John 5:4).

Kevin Cauley

## Bible Studies for the Week of March 26th, 2006



AM Sermon.....	The Problems of Preachers
Scripture Reading .....	2 Corinthians 4:5-7
PM Sermon .....	Studies in Genesis—The Fall
Scripture Reading .....	Genesis 3:1-7
Sunday Class .....	The Book of Matthew
Wednesday Class .....	Minor Prophets: Zechariah
Ladies Bible Class .....	The Book of 2 Timothy
Nursing Home Bible Study.....	The Book of Luke

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## Kevin’s Korner

There are so many different things going through my mind this Friday morning as I type this article. This past Monday, Dan Hand, Austin, and I went down to the Buffalo River and did a bit of hiking. It was kind of a dreary day for it, but we made the most of it anyway. The temperatures were in the low 40s so we dressed in layers and stayed warm. We first went to see the Hawksbill Crag. That's perhaps one of the most famous rock formations in Arkansas. It was on the cover of the Rand McNally Atlas not too many years ago. When we arrived at the parking space, there was ice falling off the trees. So it had been a bit colder there that previous evening. That part of the mountain was also in the clouds and so that made it difficult to

see much, but we were able to see the crag, nonetheless.

That was a three mile round trip in and out of there and we went early enough to have plenty of daylight left. So afterwards, we drove over to Erbie. We decided that we would first eat our lunch. After that, since none of us had ever seen the river from Erbie, we decided to hike down to goat bluff. That was quite a pretty picture. We also spent a little time walking around and looking at some of the old Erbie buildings that were still standing. It was pleasant and enjoyable. The day was pretty much spent at that point so we headed home, tired, but pleasantly so from a great day of enjoying the outdoors.

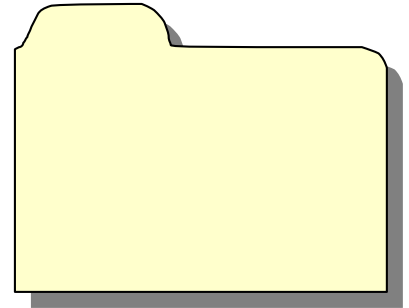
Another item of note was

that my in-laws came up from Texas and they spent three whole days with us. We were able to get in several hands of 42 with them and enjoyed their company immensely. While they were here we visited with Ervin Hand at his place a bit and also Nancy Morrell and her boys. They enjoyed the fine dining of Crystal Mountain and were duly impressed; that was the first time they had eaten there though they had visited us several times prior. We also drank copious amounts of coffee and watched several of the boys' movies. They left this past Friday morning for a little town just east of Pensacola Florida where Foy will be holding a gospel meeting starting today.

One interesting news related story that is catching

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Contribution.....	\$1689.77
Budget.....	\$1743.39



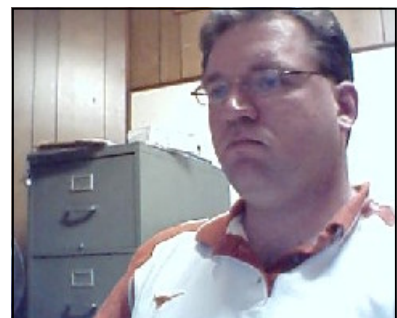
### Kevin's Korner

headlines is this man in Iraq that is going on trial for converting from Islam to Christianity. Many Islamic leaders are calling for his execution, but many other world leaders are putting pressure upon the government of Iraq not to do such. Once again, the point is made that Islam is not a religion of peace, but violence. In contrast, the New Testament never calls for Christians to put someone to death who has left Christianity and gone to some other religion. In fact, the New Testament more or less condemns such thinking. Paul wrote, "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of

Christ..." (2 Corinthians 10:3-5). Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence" (John 18:36). This is a fundamental difference between Christianity and Islam. The Koran stands in stark contrast as a document of violence to those who will not submit. I wish that I could end my "Korner" with some little story of delight, but as many of you know, Matthew Winkler, the son of Dan Winkler (both of whom are gospel preachers), was killed this past week in his home in Selma, TN. This has also been on my mind as I write this morning. It is a tragic situation and one that touches close to home. I would first encourage everyone to pray for this family as these events continue to unfold. One thing that seems obvious, but doesn't

really become so until something like this happens, is that preachers are people too. They are susceptible to all of the tragic problems and circumstances in life as is anyone. Preacher's wives as well undergo burdens that many others don't have to bear. I don't think there is any faithful gospel preacher and his family alive that couldn't use your prayers as we learn more about this tragedy. Certainly, pray for the Winklers, the kids, the mother, the grandparents and the congregation for which Matthew preached.

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## Announcements

- We extend our sympathies to the family of Reba Humbard who passed away a little over a week ago. Her memorial was held this past Monday.
- Please remember in prayer the following: Charlotte Summers, Moises Umana.
- Lisa May is coordinating the publication of a church recipe book. There is a basket on the back table in which to put your recipe. Please remember to include your name on the recipe.
- We have troops from our area that recently shipped out for Iraq. Let's continue to remember these brave young men and women in our prayers.
- The monthly Elders and deacons meeting will be next Sunday evening after services. If you have a business item please see one of these men.
- It is time to start planning for our annual Family and Friends day! Sunday June 4th is beginning to look like an ideal date! Please think about your schedules and let me know if this is good. We need to have everyone's participation this year!
- We will have our weekly Bible study at the nursing home this Thursday at 2:00.
- Our pantry item is: Clothes Softener.

## 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

*March 26th, 2006*

*April 2nd, 2006*

### Sunday Morning

**Songs:**

Ken Smith

Barrett Brown

**Preaching:**

Kevin Cauley

Kevin Cauley

**Opening Prayer:**

Dan Hand

Leon Duncan

**Scripture Reading:**

Ray Duncan

Ray Duncan

**Lord's Table**

Michael Morrell

Bruce Foster

John Gass

Dan Hand

(assist)

Ray Duncan

Brandon Foster

Perry Foster

Jerry Roller

**Closing Prayer**

Rusty Windle

John Gass

### Sunday Evening

**Songs:**

Rusty Windle

Ken Smith

**Preaching:**

Kevin Cauley

Kevin Cauley

**Opening Prayer:**

Ken Smith

Bruce Foster

**Scripture Reading:**

Bruce Foster

Dale Pinkley

**Lord's Table**

Dale Pinkley

John Gass

Brandon Foster

Jack Gentry

**Closing Prayer**

Ervin Hand

Rusty Windle

### Wednesday

**Songs:**

Kevin Cauley

Rusty Windle

**Opening Prayer:**

Glenn Williams

Ken Smith

**Invitation:**

Dan Hand

Rusty Windle

**Closing Prayer:**

Bob Moore

George Eddings

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