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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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## The Need For Brutal Honesty

Attaining heaven requires many sacrifices. The submission of our base desires, yielding control of our destinies, and the focus of our time and abilities are necessary in order to take up the cross of Christ ( Mark 8:34). But, another serious casualty must be mentioned. It is one that is frequently overlooked due to its uncomfortable nature. Brutal honesty is required to enter heaven.

God demands that we submit ourselves to him in all areas of our lives. He knows what is best for us and will guide, protect, and nurture us as a perfect parent. Yet, in doing so, we must submit willingly to him in every way ( 1 Peter 5:6).

Paul wrote, "For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man" ( Ephesians 3:14,15, NKJV).

Submitting to God is something we must decide to do. Once the unwavering decision is made, we turn everything over to Christ and let the strength he provides arm

us to fight Satan ( Ephesians 6:10-20).

First, the process of conversion requires brutal honesty so that we can see our sins as debilitating. Without Christ we will die in our sins ( John 8:24). We must acknowledge our sin condition and admit that without a Savior we will perish ( Isaiah 59:1,2; Romans 3:23).

Repentance will be required of us as we undergo the conversion process ( Luke 13:3-5). We discard all of our sins, even the cherished heirlooms



of our sinful state. Parting with them will be painful. So, we must be brutally honest as we separate the righteous from the unrighteous.

Second, the process of discipleship requires brutal honesty. Emerson said, "Whatever games are played with us, we must play no games with ourselves, but deal in our privacy with the last honesty and truth." We

must stare at ourselves in the mirror of Scripture and see the brutal honesty of its glare ( James 1:23-25). Unflinchingly, we examine our sins and painfully excise the wounds to our souls. While these scars represent losses of will and way, they nonetheless stand as markers on the way to heaven.

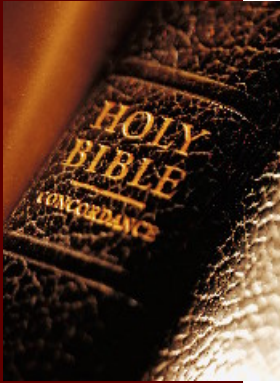
"Honest hearts produce honest actions." (Brigham Young) The honesty with which we approach our sinful condition will determine the success of our endeavors. "Each time you are honest and conduct yourself with honesty, a success force will drive you toward greater success. Each time you lie, even with a little white lie, there are strong forces pushing you toward failure." (Joseph Sugarman)

Third, the condition of our personal relations requires brutal honesty. When we are in a relationship, we must be consistently evaluating ourselves. Are we being fair, patient, loving, and giving? Or, are we presenting only negative qualities? Success in our relationships means that we submit ourselves to others ( Ephesians 5:21).

A man who constantly battles others needs a salient mo-

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# Bible Studies for the Week of December 31st, 2006



AM Sermon.....At The End  
 Scripture Reading .....1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
 PM Sermon ..... Who Am I?  
 Scripture Reading ..... 2 Corinthians 13:5  
 Sunday Class ..... Ethics and Morals  
 Wednesday Class .....The Book of Proverbs  
 Ladies Bible Class ..... The Book of 1 Thessalonians  
 Nursing Home Bible Study..... The Book of John

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ment of brutal honesty so he can see his contributions to the failures around him. God's call for unselfish love is the polar opposite of selfishness ( 1 Corinthians 13:4-8). Therefore, we must endure the difficult self-evaluation process so we can discover the flaws in our character and correct them.

Brutal honesty requires courage that few have. Most would rather succumb to the warm cocoon of self-deception where all is bliss. They can always be right and the best at everything as they wallow in their ignorance. Yet, they never grow and become the beautiful creation God has in mind. What a waste!

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## Execution

As perhaps you have probably heard, early Saturday morning Iraq time, Saddam Hussein was executed for crimes against the Iraqi people and humanity. There have been various responses throughout society to this execution. Some have expressed elation that a brutal dictator has finally been silenced and ultimately deposed. Some have expressed a satisfaction that justice was done. There are some, no doubt, who are upset that he was executed and will cause problems as a result of it.

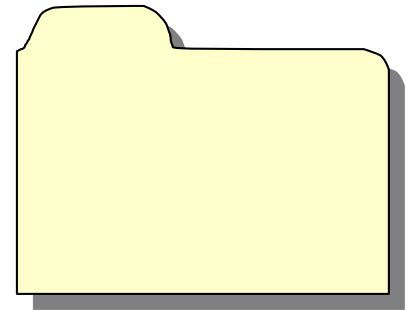
While I am certainly glad that the world has risen up and terminated Saddam's form of leadership, I am also sad that here is a soul that has entered eternity without being properly prepared. Saddam Hussein stood before the court of humanity; now he must

stand before the court of Divinity. Not just a few of his actions will be judged, but his entire life and he will answer for every single sin that he committed in his lifetime, not just those for which we humans, as a race, consider worthy of punishment, but those which God considers worthy.

The sad truth is that many who applaud Saddam's execution will join him in eternity due to their own sins. What a sad thought to have removed a dictator on earth only to rejoin him in eternity. What can we do about that? We can believe and obey the gospel and live according to the truths found therein. The gospel is God's power to save (Romans 1:16). Let's heed it so that by it we may be saved.

## For The Files: December 24th, 2006

Sunday Bible Class.....	49
Sunday AM Worship .....	57
Sunday PM Worship .....	36
Wednesday Night Study .....	42
Contribution.....	\$1464.50
Budget.....	\$1743.39



### Kevin's Korner

Our Christmas vacation time was enjoyable but really seemed to pass quickly. The first leg of our trip was to Hemphill, Texas where we enjoyed time with Mary Lynn's parents, Foy and Mary Forehand. Foy looked really well after his long ordeal with e-coli. He was back into his regular routines and getting around very well. Mary did a tremendous job of preparing meals for us while we were there. Our "Christmas" dinner on the 21st was wonderful. We also enjoyed watching various holiday movies together and a trip to Lufkin, Texas on the 22nd.

Sunday morning I had the privilege of giving a report on my trip to Brazil to the congregation in Hemphill during the Bible class hour. They were one of my supporting congregations for this past year's trip. I was very glad to have that opportunity to tell them more about the work in that part of the world and I

believe that they were glad that I was able to report on it.

Last Sunday afternoon we drove from Hemphill to Austin, Texas where we were able to visit my parents and sister and her family. We had a good Christmas day last Monday. Of all the days that we were gone, that one seemed the longest. Don't know if it was because of all of the events we had packed into that day or what, but it was definitely enjoyable. There was too much food to eat and too many sweets. My grandmother's pecan pie is "to die for," so I had plenty of that. I also ate her fruitcake for breakfast every single morning—lovely! Wednesday afternoon we loaded up all of the kids in the car and took them to see "Night At The Museum" which was quite entertaining. The boys thoroughly enjoyed it. We really enjoyed our vacation time and as always I am deeply thankful to the congregation

and the eldership for allowing us this time to be with our families.

While I was in Hemphill, I mentioned that I will be going to Costa Rica and Panama sometime at the end of this month or the beginning of next month. I'm scheduled to speak in a youth rally February 1-3 in Panama. The elders here in Berryville agreed with me that it would be good that while I am there for that that I should take advantage of that time and go to Costa Rica as well since the countries are next door to each other. In that regard I have begun raising partial support for the trip and have received some. Berryville will be paying for the other expenses for this trip. It has been around 18 months since we've been down there and it will be good to go down and visit for that time. Please pray that everything will come together for this effort.

***"To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here."***



## Announcements

- We extend our condolences to the family of Maxine Whitely whose mother passed away this past week. Memorial services were held yesterday morning at Nelson's.
- Please remember in prayer: Marie Adams, Lois Bales, Shane Blackston, Pat Foster, John Gass, Kim Herring, Opal Hull, Charlene Pinkley, Nadine Smith, Mary Young, Bill and Jane Webb, Nancy Morrell's mother.
- Today is the fifth Sunday of the month. This afternoon at 2:00 we are scheduled to have a singing at the nursing home in the cafeteria. Please make your plans to join us for this quarterly event.
- Tonight after services we will have a potluck and get together to usher in the new year. Please bring a dish and any games that you would like to enjoy while we await the coming of 2007.
- The monthly elders and deacons meeting is scheduled for next Sunday night after services. If you have business for this group please see one of these men.
- Next Sunday morning we will begin an effort to focus more upon the Lord's Supper. We ask those who serve to be prepared.
- The children's home truck is scheduled to come in February.
- Our pantry item is: Bar Soap.

## 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

*December 31st, 2006*

*January 7th, 2007*

### Sunday Morning

<b>Songs:</b>	Bill Fort	Glenn Williams
<b>Preaching:</b>	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Ken Smith	Bill Fort
<b>Scripture Reading:</b>	Jerry Roller	Perry Foster
<b>Lord's Table</b>	Glenn Quigley	Leon Duncan
	Leon Duncan	Michael Morrell
(assist)	Benjamin Windle	Brandon Foster
	Perry Foster	Ray Duncan
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Leon Duncan	Floyd Bills

### Sunday Evening

<b>Songs:</b>	Bruce Foster	Rusty Windle
<b>Preaching:</b>	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Dan Hand	Ervin Hand
<b>Scripture Reading:</b>	Dale Pinkley	Perry Foster
<b>Lord's Table</b>	Ken Smith	Dale Pinkley
	Ray Duncan	Benjamin Windle
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Rusty Windle	Floyd Bills

### Wednesday

<b>Songs:</b>	Kevin Cauley	Clay Bozarth
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Rusty Windle	Dale Pinkley
<b>Invitation:</b>	Bill Fort	Rusty Windle
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Ray Duncan	Brandon Foster

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